

It all started with BEST...



Bulgarian English Speech and Debate Tournaments

Originally being the Bulgarian Forensics League (BFL), the foundation was started by six Fulbright English Teaching Assistants in the winter of 2012. The idea was simple: give Bulgarian high school students a platform for intelligent debate and creative expression, in English.





Instilling Confidence

Through encouragement and pushing students to go beyond their comfort zones.

Students can compete in...

Duo Interpretation

Original Oratory

Prose Interpretation

Poetry Interpretation

World Schools Debate



Providing a Community

BEST provides a community for English language learners to come together in pursuit of personal growth through competition

2016-2017

687 Student Participants

39 School Participants

6 Tournaments between November to April

6 Students Competing in the U.S. in June



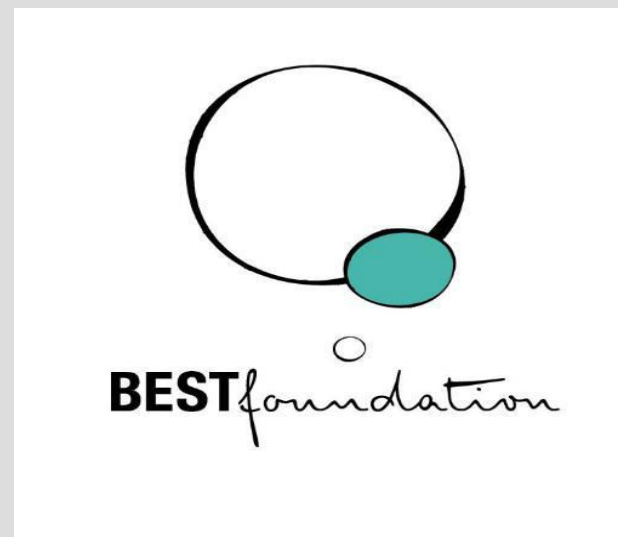
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**STUDENTS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIONS, JUDGE VOLUNTEERS, COACHES & THE
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BULGARIA**



BEST & FLS 'Ekzarh Yossif I' - Lovech





Some facts



2014: BFL has been introduced to FLS 'Ekzarh Yossif I' by Claire Sagstuen (a co-founder of BFL), and she coaches the first forensics school team;

- FLS hosts the BEST tournament in December;

- Niya Docheva is among the very first Bulgarian students (three altogether) who qualified, and were funded, to compete in the NSDA National Finals in Kansas.

2015: FLS wins both events at the U.S. Qualifying Tournament and sends three students to the United States

2016-2017: FLS takes 1st place at Fall Regional Tournament and 15 individual awards during the year.

Hosting the BEST tournament in December 2014



Kardzhali, 2014



Kameliya Gazdova and Maya Todorova - 2nd place in Varsity Duo, 2014



Nia Docheva represents FLS "Ekzarh Yossif I", and Bulgaria, at the 2014 NSDA National Finals in Kansas



Kameliya Gazdova, Maya Todorova and Preslav Valchev – winners of the BEST USA-Qualifying Tournament, 2015



BEST 18th
tournament in
Shumen, 2017

HRISTINA TODOROVA AND KRISTINA
VITANOVA

1st place with their duo

“GOOD MORNING GLORY”

RYAN N. RAY



BEST & ERASMUS +

BEST has long term goals to bring participants outside of Bulgaria to tournaments in order to broaden their reach.



#BESTfoundation

SCHEDULES ARE THERE

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Through the FACT project activities, the Bulgarian pupils' BEST experience has been shared, and successfully adopted, by the partner schools in Italy, Turkey, Romania, Spain and Slovakia.

BEST makes pupils the BEST!

