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USFSP’S ROAD TO THE ETHICS BOWL

USFSP is aiming for its first regional Ethics Bowl win in November, with the goal of competing in the national tournament in Chicago in 2018. To get the team of debate students there and prepared, they are raising money that will help pay for expenses related to travel, coaching and practice, competition fees, scholarships and supplies for the team. A Herdfunder drive is taking place that will run through October 31, and thanks to a generous challenge gift from David and Lisa Hood, the team is already halfway to their goal of $10,000. You can learn more and donate at: https://usffdn.usf.edu/herdfunder/281/

The Ethics Bowl is a debate-style competition in which university teams respond to moral questions arising out of current events. The top four out of 20 teams in each regional competition are invited to participate in the national bowl.

The Ethics Bowl allows students to develop tools that are transferable to all industries, careers and walks-of-life. They learn how to organize, present and defend an argument, analyze a real-world moral dilemma, discuss difficult issues with respect and build confidence in their leadership skills.

“I was terrible at public speaking before being on the Ethics Bowl Team,” said Marcus Rubenstein, a junior accounting major. “Now, I’m better at analyzing moral dilemmas, forming arguments, and presenting them clearly and confidently.”

The USFSP Ethics Bowl Team is sponsored by **USFSP’s Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership**. The Center’s mission is to prepare students for work and life by helping them develop good leadership skills and behaviors.
