

“The Sir”

A BP Teaching Tournament and Master Class

“Brent for Beginners” & “Marlene’s Master Class”

**Featuring Marlene Pierce, a lady of many talents and awards
...And Brent, less talent, fewer awards, but considerably more experience**

Virtually yours, from the Carroll College Cloud
Sept. 18-19-20

Carroll College invites you to the 9th annual Montana BP Teaching Tournament. Nothing can top the first edition at Rocky in 2012 when Shelby Jo gave a stirring BP lecture and then raced to the hospital to give birth to Ava Joyce, now 8! That weekend ended with debaters in the maternity ward!

The emphasis is teaching, not competition – though we offer a low-key four-round tournament (breaking to two finals, Open and Novice). We offer advanced lectures by Marlene Pierce, who trophied at the world championships and has been chosen to head the Fall National Tournament. But her biggest achievement, by far, was winning the 2015 Teaching Tournament at Carroll. Whoop!

Marlene debated for Northwest University in Seattle. Carroll alum Megan Towles will host the Friday night virtual showcase debate. Megan and Chris Axtman-Barker reached national BP finals in 2013.

We offer “Brent for Beginners” workshop to send tentative newcomers into the tournament with confidence and excitement. I love working with the beginners. And Brent will keep in touch afterwards as a resource and secret consultant. Once I teach you, I am yours forever. Unlimited warranty.

The weekend begins Friday night with “Megan’s Musings,” the showcase debate with Megan.

Fees will be a flat \$10 per person. Judges encouraged. Everything is online. We will use Yaately, the BP program designed by Denise Vaughan, former Carroll debater who greeted me when I arrived in 1989!

We are also recruiting honored judges to provide stellar feedback. Among those we hope might donate a round or two: Mark Schmutzler, Megan Towles, SJ, Becca Poliquin, Tori Hill, Anna Hoerner, Tyler Whitney, Michelle Obama, Vladimir Putin, Kanye West. Stay tuned for updates.

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**A Teaching Tournament for BP
Marlene for the pros; Brent for the ams**
Enter by Sept. 14 on Forensics Tournament

Carroll College, Helena, Montana
Sept. 18-19-20, 2020

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**SCHEDULE, Montana Time,
Mountain Daylight Time**

Friday, Sept. 18

6:30 p.m. Megan's Musings! Featuring Megan Towles, once of Carroll now studying at ASU.

7:30 p.m. Showcase debate

8:45 p.m. Megan critique and general discussion

Saturday, Sept. 19

"Brent for Beginners" Workshop

8:30-10 a.m. & 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Marlene's Master Class, Part I

8:30-10 a.m.

Marlene's Master Class, Part II

10:15-11:30 a.m.

Lunch

11:30-12:30 p.m. Virtual feast!!!

Round 1:

12:30 p.m.

Round 2

2:45 p.m.

Round 3

5 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Round 4

9 a.m.

NOVICE & OPEN FINALS

11 a.m.

Start the virtual fly home

2 p.m.

Typical Tournament munchies...





*"If you'd like to try your hand at understanding Lavender
Then you must be very sure
That life is not a game"
Gordon Lightfoot*

Marlene Pierce

Marlene Pierce is the assistant coach at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. Throughout her debate career she has amassed 52 awards and is proudest of ranking 8th seed at USUDC '16, winning the Public Speaking Championship at Thessaloniki WUDC, and placing in the semi-finals of this year's Masters competition at WUDC Thailand, where she also broke as an adjudicator. Marlene is the upcoming CA of the 2020 USUDC and has CA'd major regional competitions in the West, Midwest, and East coast debating circuits. As an undergrad she debated for Northwest University and has been an ongoing supporter of debate in the Pacific Northwest.

(Brent note: Marlene also won the Teaching Tournament at Carroll in 2016, which towers over the rest.)

**Photo: Marlene on a Lavender farm on the Olympic Peninsula*