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Bella Goh '18
PF Debater, Tennis, Peer Coach—“Debate has improved my confidence in public speaking, as well as fluency in writing. It has taught me the important skills of addressing complicated topics respectfully and effectively, and thinking on the spot. It has provided the skill-set I needed to become a leader and an example to my swimming teammates.”

Joseph Wang '18
PF Debater, Entrepreneur Club—“I transferred to Rowland Hall for debate because I know what it can do for my presentation and critical-thinking skills. I hope to be an engineer or scientist and debate has helped me understand my thinking. Plus, it’s fun!”

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