The Great Grad Debate

(Have snacks available at the beginning)

The Rules

The Great Grad Debate will be held with each side assigning one of their team members to defend a position (Pro or Con) for each of 7 resolutions. As we have 13 people to a side, which means that one person will be given a position to go up against the opposition. A panel of Judges will mark each participant based on (a) the substance and (b) presentation of their argument.

The resolutions are all on science topics of popular interest, and each presentation can be no more than 4 minutes in length. The use of five (5) Overheads is allowed.

The Resolutions

1) Manned exploration of outer space is a worthwhile goal for modern society.  
2) Genetically modified foods should be introduced into widespread use immediately.  
3) Hydrogen fueled cars will be a feasible alternative to fossil fuel-based alternatives in the next 10 years.  
4) Unrestricted Mammalian Cloning should be allowed in the U.S.  
5) The United States should more widely implement Nuclear power.  
6) Global warming represents a real and present danger to modern society.

And then one person from each Team A and Team B will present Pro and Con arguments on the resolution:

7) Patenting of genes should be allowed, and globally protected.

The Format

Each speaker will give a presentation in turn, followed by an interval for questions. The order of speakers will be as follows: A break will occur after Round III.

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The Judges
Sean Elliott, Nolan McDougal, and other celebrity guests

The Teams

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Breakdown of Teams and Resolutions

Resolution (1): "Manned exploration of outer space is a worthwhile goal for modern society."

Team A       Pro:  Clinton Becker
Team B  Con:  Ronni Etterman
Team B       Pro:  Jude Schneck
Team A  Con:  Yann Tambouret

Resolution (2): "Genetically modified foods should be introduced into widespread use immediately."

Team B  Pro:  Bill Phillips
Team A  Con:  Breia Lewis
Team A  Pro:  Dongsuk Shin
Team B  Con:  Amal Ting

Resolution (3): "Hydrogen fueled cars will be a feasible alternative to fossil fuel-based alternatives in the next 10 years."

Team A  Pro:  Craig Sergeant
Team B  Con:  Daniel Montemayor
Team B  Pro:  Jeff Shattuck
Team A  Con:  Dawn Pothier

Resolution (4): "Unrestricted Mammalian Cloning should be allowed in the U.S."

Team B  Pro:  Dani Solano
Team A  Con:  Juan Du
Team A  Pro:  Ji Qi
Team B  Con:  Christiane Bode

Resolution (5): "The United States should more widely implement Nuclear power."

Team A  Pro:  Abby Gay
Team B  Con:  Nick Prairie
Team B  Pro:  Hua-Li Qin
Team A  Con:  Jeremy Perry

Resolution (6): "Global warming represents a real and present danger to modern society."

Team B  Pro:  Mike Lowe
Team A  Con:  Zhiyuan Ma
Team A  Pro:  Amandeep Sangha
Team B  Con:  Yinyan Zhao

Resolution (7): “Patenting of genes should be allowed, and globally protected.”

Team A  Con:  Xiaoxiang Zhang
Team B  Pro:  Andy Kleinke