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TO SUPPORT NEW YORK CITY'S DEBATE LEAGUE!



**#GivingTuesday,
Fundraising Update!**
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60% and climbing

We're close to our target goal of 100 new donors in our annual fund drive. So if you have already donated, thank you, we appreciate your generosity. And if you've been meaning to make a contribution, then today is the day!

The NYC Urban Debate League is a proud partner of #GivingTuesday, a national day of giving to kick start the holiday giving season. We hope you consider making a donation today to support our mission that every school should have a debate team and every student should have the opportunity to be a Great Debater.

*We need your support to make this happen.
Online Donation: Make a gift online! [Click here](#) or visit us at <http://www.nycudl.org/#!/donate/c23jt>*

Mailing a Check: Checks should be payable to "The New York City Urban Debate League" and mailed to "Attn:

*Erik Fogel, NYC Debate, 315 W. 33rd St., #31C, NY,
NY 10001.*

Call us at anytime - 917-455-1079 or nycudl@gmail.com

*Thank You and Happy Holidays!
Erik Fogel, League Director*

WHY DEBATE?

"I was recruited to join a policy debate team. Not the most popular activity to do, I stayed on the team simply because I was afraid of what would become of me if I didn't. With a pregnant best friend at 13 and gangs controlling many Bronx neighborhoods, I thought it was a matter of time until something would go wrong in my life. Through debate, I decided I wanted to go to college at fifteen, and once I wanted it, passion took over.... Debate proved to be the platform of my education. Not only did it build a confident woman in me, it put me in a setting that allowed me to meet remarkable people that have continued to shape my life for the better. I am indebted with the LGJ debate team..."



- Maribel Vaquez (Posse Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Fulbright Scholarship Recipient, and currently Fellow at the United States Department of State)

"Due to my involvement in debate I received a full scholarship to Hamilton College. In the letter they said they were most impressed with my debate achievements and being captain on the debate team! Debate has given me so many skills and knowledge. We learn about things we do not learn in class and we compete against the best in the nation. I would not be valedictorian of my school if it wasn't for debate!"



- Erika Marte (Junior at Hamilton College, 2011 Gates Millennium Scholarship Recipient)

"One of the top arts and humanities based programs in the country."

- First Lady, Michelle Obama

"The New York City Urban Debate League is a program that empowers underserved students while immersing them in public speaking, research techniques, civics, law and ethnic studies. Along with countless debating trophies, the program boasts 10 years of data showing that their alums have higher grade point averages, high school graduation rates, college acceptances and number of scholarships than their peers."

- Chairman Jim Leach of the National Endowment for the Humanities, honoring us with the National Arts and Humanities Award for one of the top after school programs in the nation in the arts and humanities

"...in our urban high schools, competitive debate is one of the great equalizers of educational opportunity."

- Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan

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