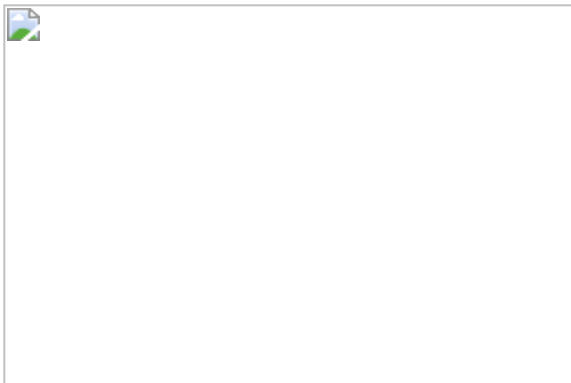
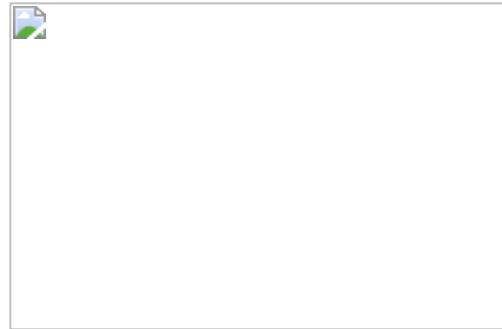
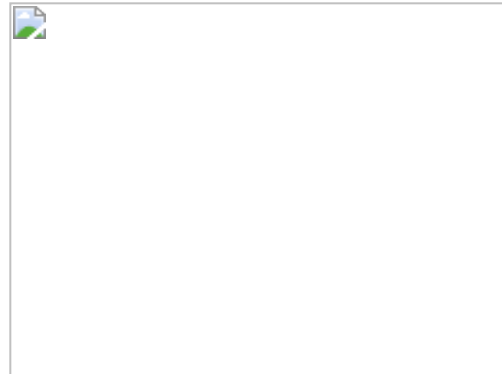
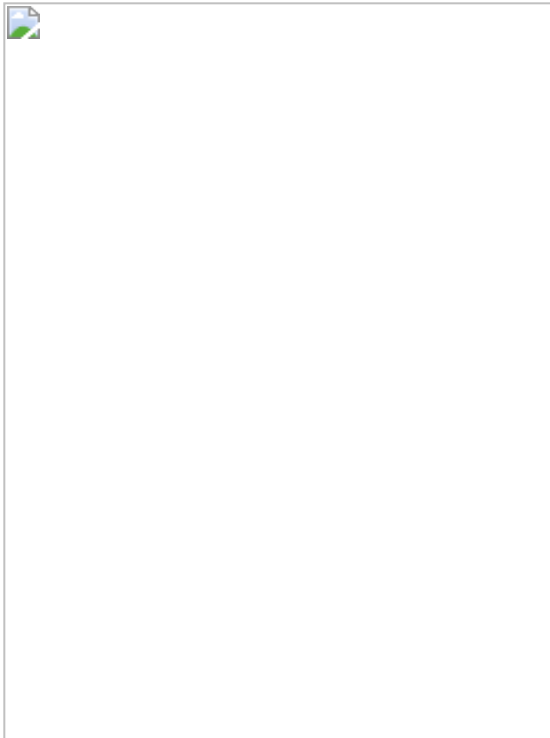


THE GREAT DEBATERS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE
"Be Great! Be a Great Debater!"

COMMUNITY DEBATE NIGHTS EDITION!



Greetings!

Debate classes every day during school.
Debate practices every day after school.
Debate tournaments every weekend.

Debate camps all summer.

And now... Debate Nights!

Our debate nights are community organized debate events where students have the opportunity to network with different organizations and professionals, learn about different careers, learn about college, graduate school and resumes through speed mentoring, and participate in large public debates with community audiences. Debate Nights are also incredible opportunities for law firms, community organizations, financial firms, nonprofits, government - and every other organization to engage employees, make a community impact, mentor youth, and inspire our next generation of leaders.

This year we have partnered with Louis Vuitton, The Bronx Defenders, Kirkland & Ellis, BronxNet, Brown Rudnick, The Institute for World Politics, the New York Historical Society, and Macquarie Group for debate nights each month. And more are upcoming!

So we thank all of our community partners for supporting our Great Debaters! We thank all our schools and debaters for participating and taking their debate skills to the next level. And if you would like to host a debate night, then you know who to call!

BE GREAT! BE A GREAT DEBATER!

Sincerely,
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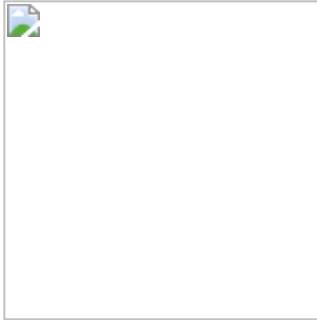
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VOLUNTEERS! HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS!
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TOURNAMENTS!

Help make a difference in our community
and become a Debate Judge!

WEEKLY NYC DEBATE NEWS

Celebrating the academic achievements
of NYC youth every week.



NYC GREAT DEBATERS WIN BIG AT METRO HUDSON DEBATE LEAGUE!

Congratulations to all of our schools who competed in the Metro Hudson Debate League Tournament last weekend at Horace Mann School in the Bronx. NYCUDL teams won the majority of the awards! [Click here](#) to learn more.

DEBATE NIGHT AT KIRKLAND & ELLIS!

Kirkland & Ellis is one of the top litigation firms in New York City, one of the top supporters of the New York City Urban Debate League, and several of their top attorneys are former high school and college debaters! And so it was an honor to visit and debate at Kirkland & Ellis! [Click here](#) to learn more. And we look forward to an incredible partnership to expand legal education and debate opportunities to all NYC youth!

DEBATE NIGHT AT MACQUARIE GROUP!

Macquarie is one of the leading finance firms in the world and also home to many debate alumni! Thank you to Macquarie and the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues for hosting fantastic economic debates on topics including environmental sustainability and Latin American economic policy between several of our schools. [Click here](#) to learn more. We look forward to an incredible partnership to provide financial literacy opportunities to all youth!

WEST HARLEM HOSTS FIRST DEBATE TOURNAMENT!

Harlem is home to some of the nation's greatest orators and debaters but debate has been missing in its schools. This is now changing! Thanks to an amazing partnership with the West Harlem Foundation we hosted West Harlem's first debate tournament this weekend! Up to 2011 there were no competitive debate teams in Harlem. This is now changing!. [Click here for the full article.](#)

JANUARY & FEBRUARY CHEMICAL SCIENCE DEBATES!

Thanks to the Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation for our partnership to bring debates on the chemical sciences to New York City. We kicked off our partnership with a January/February Debate Topic on environmental sustainability versus economic development. Over the next two months - every day and weekend New York City youth will be engaging in debates on the chemical sciences. [Click here to learn more.](#)

THANK YOU TEACH FOR AMERICA!

We are so thankful to Teach for America for partnering up with the NYC Urban Debate League to provide office space for the city's growing debate league! As a 2002 Teach for America Corps Member and 10 year NYC school teacher, I could think of no better place to work in an organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap and providing the best education opportunities to ALL children. Thank You Leslie Leggett and all of Teach for America. [Click here for full article.](#)

UPCOMING LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

All students should have the opportunity
to be Great Debaters.

NEW YORK CITY REGIONALS FEBRUARY 22ND

(QUALIFIER TO THE NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT)

The National Speech and Debate Association hosts the largest academic competition in the world. This year it will be held in Overland Park, Kansas. In order to qualify at the high school level, students have to take top awards at the Regional Tournament. The regional qualifier will be held on February 22nd at Regis High School. There are no qualifications for

GIRLS DEBATE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT, MARCH 7TH

On March 7th (Friday) the New York City Urban Debate League in partnership with the Bella Azbug Leadership Institute will host our Spring All Girls Debate Tournament at Hunter College from 9am-3pm. The day will feature amazing workshops during the morning and inspiring debates on gender issues in the afternoon including the topic of all girls schools versus coed schools. [Click here](#) to learn more.

middle school debaters. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Citizens Committee for New York City's High School Debate Championships March 21-22, 24

Thanks to our partnership with the Citizens Committee for New York City, we have a debate league for the city of New York. And so our signature event of the year for our high school students is the NYC HS Debate Championships! This is a 3 Day Tournament! Friday after school, all day Saturday, Final Rounds on Monday and Evening Awards Pot Luck Banquet! All high school divisions - novice, junior varsity and varsity! All high school debate events - policy debate, public forum debate, and Lincoln Douglas Debate! Every school is invited to send their top two teams in each division and each event. [Click here](#) to learn more and stay tuned for additional details!

The New York State Debate Championships Tournament March 28th-29th

Attention all New York City Great Debaters! Elementary School! Middle School! High School! Policy Debate! Public Forum Debate! Parliamentary Debate! Lincoln Douglas Debate! Elementary School Debate! Speech! The New York State Debate Championships for ALL DEBATERS IN NEW YORK will be held at the Bronx High School of Science on March 28th-29th. [Click here](#) to learn more!

Middle School Debate Topics

February Public Forum Debate Topic

Resolved: The Supreme Court rightly decided that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act violated the Constitution.

March Public Forum Debate Topic

Resolved: Single-gender classrooms would improve the quality of education in American public schools.

February Parliamentary Debate Topics

1. The house would impose a maximum salary for professional athletes.
2. This house would ban all media (such as music, films and videogames) which glorify misogyny

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March Public Forum Debate Topic

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February Policy Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward Cuba, Mexico or Venezuela.

February Lincoln Douglas Debate Topic

3. This house believes that the rent is too damn high.

February Policy Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward Cuba by ending its embargo on Cuba.

Resolved: Developing countries should prioritize environmental protection over resource extraction when the two are in conflict.

March/April Lincoln Douglas Debate Topic

Resolved: Placing political conditions on humanitarian aid to foreign countries is unjust.

THE GIRLS DEBATE LEAGUE

The New York City Urban Debate League founded the nation's first all girls debate league in 2011 to close the gender gap and empower young women to become our next generation of leaders.

SHOUT OUTS TO OUR FIRST GIRLS DEBATE LEAGUE WORKSHOP OF THE NEW YEAR!

Our first Girls Debate League Workshop of the new year kicked off yesterday at ACORN Community High School. Thank you so much to our Girls Debate League Board Members for organizing! This marks a historical milestone for New York City with year round leadership programming in the nation's first all Girls Debate League! [Click here](#) to learn more.

Girls Debate League Tournament March 7th @ Hunter College. Topic: Single Sex Schools versus Coed Schools!

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Free High School Girls Summer Leadership and Debate Institute with the Bella Azbug Leadership Institute. Apply Now!

The New York City Urban Debate League's Girls Debate League and the Bella Azbug Leadership Institute have had a very long and close partnership in providing the best education opportunities to New York City young women. And we are proud to announce the BALI Summer Leadership and Debate Program for 2014! All high school young women should apply to this incredible summer experience!!! [Click here](#) for more information!

Scholarships available for High School Debaters to the Women's Debate Institute! Apply Now!

The Women's Debate Institute is a tuition-free camp that provides young women the opportunity to be a part of a strong community of women who love debate. At the WDI, high school girls have the opportunity to learn policy and Lincoln-Douglas debate skills from some of the top female debaters in the country. Working one-on-one with former NDT and CEDA winners gives girls the competitive edge they need to be successful debaters. [Click here](#) to learn more.

UPCOMING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS!

[Click here to learn more about our Travel Team](#)

All students should have access to the most rigorous academic opportunities.

**February 15th - 17th
Harvard University Debate
Tournament**

The Harvard National High School Invitational Forensics Tournament (February 15th-17th), held in Cambridge each Presidents' Day Weekend, is the largest and most prestigious high school

**February 28th - March 1st
The Westchester Classic Debate
Tournament @ Lakeland High
School**

The Westchester Classic is one of the most popular and competitive tournaments of the year - it is also the last national

debate tournament in the country, providing opportunities for students to compete in Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Student Congress, and a variety of individual and duo speech events. Information on the tournament, registration, and past results can be found at [Joy of Tournaments](#).

circuit tournament to qualify for the Tournament of Championships. It is also the first national circuit to host debate events for all ages. The tournament is hosted annually by Lakeland High School [Click here](#) to sign up!

LEGAL EDUCATION FOR ALL PROJECT

All youth should have access to the best law education opportunities. LEAP (Legal Education for all Project) is the city's only program to bring law education opportunities to every student, every school and every grade in NYC.

Legal Career Nights!

Our debate and legal education programs are New York's largest effort to address the law diversity pipeline by engaging all youth to pursue careers in law.

Every month we bring together NYC youth and the NYC legal community to celebrate careers in law.

Legal Debate Topic - The Supreme Court's decision to invalidate Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act

Each month, NYC students across all grade levels engage in debate, discussion, research and critical inquiry of different legal topics.

This month our legal debate topic is on the Voting Rights Act. The Public Forum Debate Topic Area for the month of February is on the Supreme Court and Individual Rights. "Resolved: The Supreme Court rightly decided the Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act violated the Constitution." To learn more about the topic area, [click here](#).

Legal Skills 101: Public Speaking

You don't need to be a lawyer to have legal skills. Our mission is that all students should have access to law education opportunities. Legal skills - writing, researching, critical thinking, public speaking, questioning - to name a few - are essential skills for all students and all adults.

This month's legal skill topic is on Public Speaking. Public speaking is considered one of the greatest fears of people. But it is one of the most essential skills.

[Click here](#) for Debate Camp
(www.nycdebatecamp.org)

lecture on the "Pathos, Logos, Ethos: The Art of Public Speaking." Our top debate and law coaches address the skills of a public speaker.

NYC COMMUNITY DEBATE NIGHTS!

All students should have the best civics education.

New York Historical Society Elementary School Debate Tournament

Thank you to our partnership with the New York Historical Society for hosting our end of the year Elementary School Debate Tournament! The New York Historical Society is one of America's pre-eminent cultural institutions, is dedicated to fostering research, presenting history and art exhibitions, and public programs that reveal the dynamism of history and its influence on the world of today. It is the oldest museum in New York City. Click here to learn more.

Citizens Committee Debate Night

We would not have a debate league for New York City without the Citizens Committee for New York City! For several years we have been proud partners and this year we are planning for a debate night where our students will learn about the incredible work of Citizens Committee and Citizens Committee will have the opportunity to judge one of our debates. Thank you again for all your support!

OUR NYC DEBATE LEAGUE PROGRAMS

**NEW YORK CITY'S MOST RIGOROUS ACADEMIC PROGRAM -
EVERY DAY, EVERY WEEKEND, EVERY SUMMER - YEAR ROUND.**

High School Debate League

UPCOMING DATES!

February 15th-17th
Harvard University High School Invitational
www.joyoftournaments.com

February 22nd
NYC District Qualifier to the Nationals
www.joyoftournaments.com

February 22nd
Metro Hudson Debate League Tournament at The Bronx HS of Science
www.tabroom.com

February 29th - March 1st
Westchester Classic Invitational
www.tabroom.com

March 7th
NYC Girls Debate League Tournament @ Hunter College
www.speechwire.com

March 21st-22nd
New York City High School Debate Championships @ The Institute for Collaborative Education,
www.tabroom.com

March 23rd
End of the Year Awards Banquet

March 28th-29th
New York State Debate Coaches State Championships
www.tabroom.com

High School Tournament Calendar. [Click here.](#)

OTHER HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE RESOURCES

Middle School Debate League

UPCOMING DATES!

February 29th - March 1st
Westchester Classic Invitational
www.tabroom.com

March 7th
NYC Girls Debate League Tournament @ Hunter College
www.speechwire.com

March 28th-29th
New York State Debate Coaches State Championships
www.tabroom.com

April 5th
The Battle of the Boroughs Middle School Debate Tournament @ The Bronx High School of Science (featuring workshops on HS orientation and the specialized HS examination)
www.speechwire.com

May 2nd-3rd
New York City Middle School Debate Championships @ The Institute for Collaborative Education
www.speechwire.com

May 5th
End of the Year Awards Banquet for Middle School
June 16th-20th
Middle School National Championships

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE RESOURCES

Middle School Tournament Calendar. [Click here.](#)

Elementary School Debate League

UPCOMING DATES!

March 28th-29th
New York State Debate Coaches State Championships
www.tabroom.com

April 5th
The Battle of the Boroughs Debate Tournament @ The Bronx High School of Science (featuring workshops on HS orientation and the specialized HS examination)
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE RESOURCES

Elementary School Tournament Calendar. [Click here.](#)

Elementary School Debate Resources. [Click here.](#)

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High School National
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Middle School Public
Forum Debate
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Middle School
Parliamentary Debate
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High School Public Forum
Debate Resources. [Click
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High School Lincoln
Douglas Debate
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