

THE GREAT DEBATERS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

"Be Great! Be a Great Debater!"



NEW YORK CITY HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS EDITION!

Every year the New York City Urban Debate League hosts the City's High School Debate Championships! Every NYC high school is invited. Every school can send their top three teams. The city's top debaters compete over the course of three days at up to three different locations:

Day #1 - Kirkland & Ellis Law Firm and the Institute for Collaborative Education

Day #2 - The Institute for Collaborative Education High School

Day #3 - The United States District Court, Eastern District of New York
The last day culminates with the Final Rounds and end of the year Awards Ceremony!

This week we not only recognize the winners of the City Championships but all our

incredible high school debaters, teachers, coaches and volunteers who made this high school debate season our largest and most successful ever! Additionally, a huge congratulation to all the volunteers, judges, staff, and supporters who made the City Championships possible! A huge shout out to Aubrey Semple, Andrew Geathers, Tiara Moultrie, Christinia Bermudez, Brian Mason, Carrie Hanson, Mr. DiColandrea and so many others who made this tournament possible! And thank you everyone for supporting our city's Great Debaters throughout the entire year!!!! Nothing could be possible without your support!

And while this week's edition celebrates our High School Debaters - don't forget next weekend (April 5th) is our last Middle School Debate Tournament before the Middle School Debate Championships!! Next week our middle school debaters compete at the Bronx High School of Science's Battle of the Boroughs Tournament! Please register at www.speechwire.com!

BE GREAT! BE A GREAT DEBATER!

Sincerely,
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HIGH SCHOOL POLICY DEBATE CITY CHAMPIONS!!!!





**NOVICE POLICY
DEBATE
CITY CHAMPS
TOP SPEAKER
AWARDS**

1. Olivia Cherry, Brooklyn Tech
2. Charlotte Ehrhardt, Institute for Collaborative Education
3. Sylvia Nunez, All City Leadership
4. Tare Suriel, Queens High School of Sciences
5. Nicole Yapojakis, Institute for Collaborative Education
6. Larry Chan, Health Professions
7. Aminata Dieng, Brooklyn Tech HS
8. Joya Hall-Sullivan, Institute for Collaborative Education
9. Olivia Bridges, Institute for Collaborative Education
10. Joran Refol, Institute for Collaborative Education



**VARSITY POLICY
DEBATE
CITY CHAMPS
TOP SPEAKER
AWARDS**

1. Geordano Liriano, Bronx Law
2. Miana Vega, ACORN Community
3. Charles Athanasopoulos, Bronx Law
4. Jeffrey Chui, Brooklyn Tech
5. Zareb Noel, Brooklyn Tech
6. Tyler Anderson, ACORN Community
7. Shamella Jeffers, ACORN Community
8. Isabella Divilova, Brooklyn Tech
9. Alexa Weisberger, Brooklyn Tech
10. Imen Boussayoud, Brooklyn Tech

**POLICY DEBATE
CITY CHAMPS
TOP TEAM
AWARDS**

Novice Policy Debate

Finalists

Larry Chan & Kristen Vinculad, Health Professions

Charlotte Ehrhardt & Jordan Refol, Institute for Collaborative Education

Semifinalists

Olivia Cherry & Brandon Small, Brooklyn Tech

Emily Peguero & Laura Oliveir, Health Professions

Varsity Policy Debate

Finalists

Jeffrey Chui & Zareb Noel, Brooklyn Tech

Charles Athanasopolous, Geordano Liriano, Bronx Law

Junior Varsity Policy Debate

Finalists

Rachel Nadboy & Arnold Arnez, Brooklyn Tech

Cooper Howard & Zander Buswinka, Institute for Collaborative Education

**HIGH SCHOOL
PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE CITY CHAMPIONS!!!**



NOVICE PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE CITY CHAMPS TOP SPEAKERS

1. Sabrina Volponi, Bard HS
2. Oleg Kasianchuk, Brooklyn Tech
3. Shreya Gupta, Brooklyn Tech
4. Gabrielle Rosa-Acosta, Bard HS
5. Karease Quashie, Brooklyn Tech
6. Lucas Chasin, Baruch HS
7. Christopher Demarest, Bard HS
8. Esther Tsvayg, Brooklyn Tech
9. Jessica Nguy, Baruch HS
10. Wai Ho Zhang, Brooklyn Tech

VARSITY PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE CITY CHAMPS TOP SPEAKERS

1. Javier Ruiz, Maspeth HS
2. Horia Negru, Maspeth HS
3. Jordy Portugal, Maspeth HS
4. Amala Karri, Hunter
5. Mojique Tyler, Bard HS
6. Andy Gonzalez, Maspeth HS
7. Kasper Moczulski, Bard HS
8. Eliza Fawcett, Bard HS
9. Isaiah Back-Gaal, Bard HS
10. Kia Marie Scott, KAPPA HS

PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE CITY CHAMPS TOP TEAMS

Varsity Public Forum Debate Finalists

Mojique Tyler & Kasper Moczulski, Bard HS

Eliza Fawcett & Isaiah Back-Gaal, Bard HS

Varsity Public Forum Debate Semifinalists

Horia Negru & Jordy Portugal, Maspeth HS

Javier Ruiz & Andy Gonzalez, Maspeth HS

Novice Public Forum Debate Finalists

Oleg Kasianchuk & Karease Quashie, Brooklyn Tech

Sabrina Volponi & Gabrielle Rosa-Acosta, Bard HS

Novice Public Forum Debate Semifinalists

Esther Tsvayg & Anita Pan, Brooklyn Tech

Sabrina Volponi & Gabrielle Rosa-Acosta, Bard HS

HIGH SCHOOL LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE

CITY CHAMPIONS!!!!

LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE CITY CHAMPS TOP SPEAKERS

1. Serena Hansraj, Achievement First
2. John Rodriguez, Achievement First
3. Rae-Anne Clark, Achievement First
4. Denera Ragoonanan, Queens HS Sciences
5. Dana Ragoonanan, Queens HS Sciences

LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE CITY CHAMPS TOP TEAMS

Finalists

- Serena Hansraj, Achievement First
- John Rodriguez, Achievement First

Semifinalists

- Rae-Anne Clark, Achievement First
- Denera Ragoonanan, Queens HS Sciences

THANK YOU TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTS AND SPONSORS!!!



THANK YOU TO THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NEW YORK CITY!

Thanks to our partnership with the [Citizens Committee for New York City](#), we have a debate league for the city of New

THANK YOU TO KIRKLAND & ELLIS FOR HOSTING OUR HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL QUALIFIER AND VARSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS!

THANK YOU TO DEBRA NEWMAN AND THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK!

York! The mission of the Citizens Committee for New York is to help New Yorkers improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. And so thanks to the support of the Citizens Committee - our signature event of the year for our high school students is the New York City High School Debate Championships!

[Kirkland & Ellis](#) is one of the most prominent litigation firms in the nation and also home to so many former debaters! And so it is an honor and inspiration to partner up with Kirkland & Ellis to host our Varsity Championships and Qualifier to the Urban Debate League National Championships!

Thanks to the work of Coach Debra Newman of the Star Academy and incredible staff and judges at the [United States District Court, Eastern District of New York](#) - we were able to host the Final Rounds and Awards Ceremony at the United States District Court in Brooklyn! We could not of dreamed for a better location for our last high school tournament of the year!

SUMMER DEBATE CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN!

New York City Debate Camps provide rigorous summer academic debate education programs for all NYC youth throughout the summer.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR NEW YORK CITY SUMMER DEBATE CAMPS 2014!

Registration Begins for the 2014 Summer of Debate!!!! [CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION!](#) The New York City Urban Debate League hosts debate camps throughout the summer in each of the boroughs for all ages. For more information on our summer debate camp programs, please visit our website by clicking [here](#) or www.nycdebatecamp.org. Dates and locations can also be found on the right.

2014 NEW YORK CITY SUMMER DEBATE CAMP DATES AND LOCATIONS!

Manhattan Debate Institute
@ Hunter College (July 21st-August 1st,
9:00am-1:00pm)

Manhattan Debate Institute Advanced Lab
@ Hunter College (July 21st - August 1st,
9:00am-4:00pm)

Elementary School Debate Institute @
Hunter College (July 28th - August 1st,
9:00am-1:00pm)

Harlem Debate Institute @ Columbia
University (June 30th - July 3rd, 9:00am-
1:00pm)

Why Debate Camp?

Beginner Debaters! Learn the fundamentals of debate, develop public speaking skills, try out your first debate tournament and more!

Advanced Debaters! Train on the upcoming 2014-2015 debate topics!! Learn from top college debaters and debate master teachers!

Teachers, Coaches and Judges! Learn everything about starting a debate team, all the debate formats, beginner and advanced debate coaching techniques, judging, team fundraising, team recruitment, best lesson plans and more!

All Debaters! Weeks of intense debate study by the top debate teachers and coaches! Coaches, classes, electives, debate supplies, breakfast, lunch, awards, scrimmages, law firm visits, mentors, tournaments and more!!

Teachers College Debate Institute for Teachers @ Teachers College, Columbia University (August 25th-29th, 9:00am-1:00pm)

Bronx Debate Institute @ PS/MS 15 School for Environmental Studies (August 11th-15th)

Queens Debate Institute (August 25th-29th, 9:00am-1:00pm)

Brooklyn Debate Institute (TBA)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! JUDGE AT OUR LAST 3 TOURNAMENTS OF THE YEAR AND SUMMER DEBATE CAMP!

April 5th
Battle of the Boroughs
[Click here.](#)

May 2nd, 3rd, 5th
Fish & Richardson's Middle School Championships
[Click here.](#)

June 13th
Middle School Quality Initiative Championships

[Click here.](#)

**July & August
Summer Debate Camp Volunteers Needed!**

[Click here.](#)

UPCOMING LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS!

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

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

THE NEW YORK STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 29TH-MARCH 30TH

New York State's most prestigious tournament - the New York State Debate Coaches Association State Championships Tournament was last weekend! Stay tuned for tournament results and good luck to all our debaters! [Click here](#) for details.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF URBAN DEBATE LEAGUES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP APRIL 10th - APRIL 13th

There are many national debate championships. But the most competitive, the most accessible, the most diverse, the longest and the only championships located every year in our nation's capital where regularly the top champions meet the President of the United States is the National Association of Urban Debate League's National Championship. No

organization has done more to make debate accessible and has contributed to the renaissance of debate in American public schools - and all schools - elementary, middle and high schools. Click [here](#) for more information.

**BRONX SCIENCE'S
BATTLE OF THE
BOROUGH
S
MIDDLE SCHOOL
DEBATE TOURNAMENT
APRIL 5TH**

April 5th will be our last all city middle school debate invitational. We thank our sponsor, the [Bronx High School of Science](#) which will be hosting the tournament! This will be the largest middle school tournament in New York State history with hundreds of debaters and every debate event and featuring workshops on the High School Admissions process and specialized high school examination! [Click here](#) to learn more!

**FISH & RICHARDSON'S
CITY OF CHAMPIONS
NEW YORK CITY
MIDDLE SCHOOL
DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
MAY 2ND, MAY 3RD, MAY
5TH**

This will be our first year hosting New York City's First Middle School Debate Championships!! And we have all to thank to [Fish & Richardson](#) law firm which is making this historical event happen! The Fish & Richardson City of Champions will feature all middle school debate events and the top two teams from every school from NYC are invited to attend!

**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.

Middle School Debate Topics

March Public Forum Debate Topic

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

March/April Parliamentary Debate Topics

1. This House believes that (THBT) marriage is an outdated institution.
2. THBT the U.S. should end its military aid to Israel.
3. THBT single-gender classrooms would improve the quality of education in American public schools.

Policy Debate Topic

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

High School Debate Topics

March Public Forum Debate Topic

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

March/April Lincoln Douglas Debate Topic

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

Policy Debate Topic

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

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

Legal Debate Topic - MARRIAGE!

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 law of marriage which is one of the

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

the NYC legal community to celebrate careers in law.

For the month of March we bring together our Great Debaters with the Great Law Firm of [Kirkland and Ellis](#) which is one of the nation's top litigation firms.

most critical legal topics of our day. In every state, marriage laws are being challenged. And so our debaters will be researching, writing, discussing and debating the law on marriage.

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.

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.

Girls Debate League Workshop, May 3rd

Each month the Girls Debate League hosts workshops and debates! Our May 3rd workshop series includes workshops on high school debate opportunities and panels of high school debaters and alumni!

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

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

incredible summer
experience!!! Click here for
more information!

they need to be successful
debaters. Click here to
learn more.

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!

March 29th-30th
New York State Debate
Coaches State
Championships
www.tabroom.com

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

OTHER HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE RESOURCES

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High School Policy Debate
Resources.
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High School Public Forum
Debate Resources.
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High School Lincoln
Douglas Debate
Resources.
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Middle School Debate League

UPCOMING DATES!

April 5th
The Battle of the Boroughs
Middle School Debate
Tournament @ The Bronx
High School of Science
(featuring workshops on HS
admissions and the
specialized HS
examination)
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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 6th
Middle School Quality
Initiative City
Championships @
Teachers College,
Columbia University

June 16th-20th
Middle School National
Championships

Elementary School Debate League

UPCOMING DATES!

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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May 2nd-3rd
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE RESOURCES

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

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL
DEBATE LEAGUE
RESOURCES**

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Debate Resources.
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Middle School Public Forum
Debate Resources.
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Middle School
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