

THE GREAT DEBATERS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

"Be Great! Be a Great Debater!"



Support our Champion Debaters to attend the National Championships!
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NCUDL Debaters Sweep the Westchester Classic last weekend!!!!



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The amazing debaters from PS 161, One World Middle School and IS 230 competing in MS Parli at the Westchester Classic last weekend!

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS EDITION !!!!!

This week's edition salutes our Champion Debaters! The mission of the New York City Urban Debate League is that every school should have a debate team and every student should have access to the best debate education opportunities. This also means that there is no glass ceiling. We work to ensure that our city's top debaters can travel and compete at the most competitive tournaments across the nation and at the end of the year - the National Championships. Last weekend was our last regular season national circuit tournament and again our debaters swept the majority of the awards. And so this week we celebrate our Champions and we also kick off our fundraising campaign to send our top debaters to the National Championships! So please consider donating by [clicking here!](#)

Last weekend our middle school and high school debaters traveled to the Westchester Classic Invitational at Lakeland High School and swept top awards in most of the debate events! Every one of our schools came back with top awards totaling over 20 awards. [Click here](#) for full results! The weekend before that, Maspeth High School and KAPPA High Schools made history in public forum debate at the National Qualifier for Public Forum Debate in New York City and Maspeth High School will be representing New York City at the National Speech & Debate Association's National Championship! And the weekend before that our debaters swept more awards at the Harvard University Tournament than any other league!

Last weekend also concluded the last national circuit tournament of the year as our teams continued to win bids to the [Tournament of Champions](#) - one of the most prestigious debate champions of the year. The New York City Urban Debate League will be sponsoring three of our top teams to attend the Tournament which is held each year at the University of Kentucky. Please consider donating to support our debate teams to travel to the National Championships! Schools can not afford to send their debaters, which is why the NYCUDL is fundraising to support our Greatest Debaters! [Please Click here to donate!](#)

Thank you everyone for supporting our city's Great Debaters!!!! Nothing could be possible without your support - teachers, coaches, students, debaters, volunteers, parents, donors, board members, staff, interns, principals, and everyone out there passionate about providing the most rigorous academic opportunities to all students.

BE GREAT! BE A GREAT DEBATER!

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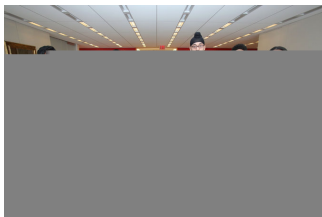
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Support Our City's Debate League!

[Click here to learn more about supporting our Great Debaters and our city's debate league for all ages.](#)

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
PARENTS! STUDENTS! FAMILIES! DEBATERS!
FORMER DEBATERS! EVERYONE!
CLICK HERE TO JUDGE AT OUR
SPRING SEMESTER 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 DEBATER WINS
 NEW YORK TIMES
 SCHOLARSHIP!**

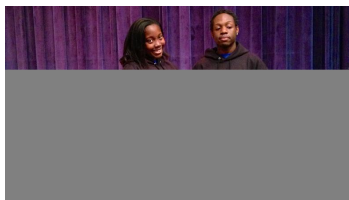
Congratulations to Sorangel Liriano who was named one of the ten New York Times Scholarship recipients!! When Sorangel immigrated to the United States she did not speak English. Today she is Valedictorian of her high school and coaches her middle school's award winning debate team! [Click here for more.](#)

**NATIONAL SLAM
 POETRY CHAMPION
 VISITS THE NYC
 URBAN DEBATE
 LEAGUE!**

We thank Daniel Beaty for visiting us yesterday! Mr. Beaty is a Grand Slam Poetry Champion, Teacher, Professor, Award winning Actor, Singer, Writer, Composer, Yale Grad, Def Poetry Jam, Showtime at the Apollo and more! [Click here](#) to learn more!

**FORBES MAGAZINE....
 DEBATE KEY TO
 LEADERSHIP SKILLS!**

Forbes Magazine last week published a fantastic article on how debate is key to leadership skills in any profession. Communication skills are essential in the workplace, and speech & debate in middle school, high school and college are the best means to achieve the best communication skills. [Click here](#) to learn more!



**NYC DEBATERS SWEEP
BACK TO BACK
TOURNAMENTS AT
HARVARD AND NOW
THE WESTCHESTER
CLASSIC!**

Two weekends ago our Travel Team swept the majority of awards at the Harvard Debate Tournament! Last weekend our Travel Teams for both High School and Middle School swept the majority of awards at the Westchester Classic! [Learn more.](#)

**FUNDRAISING
CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF
TO SEND NEW YORK
CITY'S TOP TEAMS TO
THE NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

Urban Debate was started because debate has been a very exclusionary activity - only wealthy schools and communities could afford debate. Today our urban debaters are sweeping national tournaments and are the most competitive debaters in the city and country. However, schools cannot afford to send their students to National Championships and so we are working to ensure that our top debaters will have the opportunity to compete at the national champions. So please consider donating to support our Champions. [Please donate here!](#)

**OVER 150
PARTICIPANTS IN OUR
SPRING GIRLS DEBATE
LEAGUE
TOURNAMENT!**

On March 7th (Friday) the New York City Urban Debate League in partnership with the Bella Azbug Leadership Institute hosted our Spring All Girls Debate Tournament at Hunter College. Over 100 debaters, over 30 judges, and over 30 parents and volunteers participated in the event! [Click here](#) for more information.

UPCOMING LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

**All students should have the opportunity
to be Great Debaters.**

**CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR
NEW YORK CITY'S
HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE
CHAMPIONSHIPS AND END**

**KIRKLAND & ELLIS VARSITY
POLICY DEBATE
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS
QUALIFIER!**

OF THE YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY!

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 New York City High School Debate Championships! This is a 3 Day Tournament! Friday after school, all day Saturday, Final Rounds on Monday and Evening Awards at the Federal Courthouse in Brooklyn! 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 three teams in each division and each event. [Click here](#) here for more and the invitation.

[Click here to register your teams for the New York City Debate Championships!!!](#)

MARCH 21ST 2014

There are many national championships tournaments. But the most unique, most diverse, and the most accessible national championships for all debaters is the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues National Championship. Every city across the country can only select its top two debate teams to represent the city. So good luck to our debaters at the National Championships Qualifier. And thank you so much to the law firm of [Kirkland & Ellis](#) for their support and hosting our National Qualifier!!!! [Click here to learn more.](#)

[Click here to register your varsity policy debate teams and varsity public forum debate teams!](#)

BRONX SCIENCE'S BATTLE OF THE BOROUGHS 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!

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.**

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 is coming up! All ages! All debate events! [Click here](#) for details.

[Click here to register for the New York State Debate Championships!](#)

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.

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 the

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 most

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

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.

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.

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 Celebrates Women's History Month and All Our Great Debaters!

We can't fit too many names in this box but a small shout out to female great debaters of the late 20th century including Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of Great Britain; Hillary Rodham Clinton, former Secretary of State and former First Lady of the United States; Lady Bird Johnson, former First Lady of the United States... click [here](#) for 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.

NYC COMMUNITY DEBATE NIGHTS!

All students should have the best civics education.

New York Historical Society Elementary School Debate Championships Tournament April 26th

Thank you to our partnership with the New York Historical Society for hosting our end of the year Elementary School Debate Tournament and huge thanks to Elementary Schools Director Tyler Beattie!! 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

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!

of history and its influence on the world of today. It is the oldest museum in New York City. [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 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 24th
End of the Year Awards
Ceremony & Final Rounds of
City Championships @ The
Brooklyn Federal Courthouse

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

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

OTHER HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE RESOURCES

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

High School National Circuit
Team

Middle School Debate League

UPCOMING DATES!

March 7th
NYC Girls Debate League
Tournament @ Hunter College
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March 29th-30th
New York State Debate
Coaches State
Championships
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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)
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 6th
Middle School Quality Initiative
City Championships @
Teachers College, Columbia
University

Elementary School Debate League

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Bronx High School of Science
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE RESOURCES

Elementary School
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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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June 16th-20th
Middle School National Championships

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE RESOURCES

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Middle School Public Forum Debate Resources.

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Middle School Parliamentary Debate Resources.

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