

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



**NEW YORK CITY DEBATERS WIN**  
**1ST PLACE IN THE NATION... SECOND**  
**YEAR IN A ROW!**

Happy Spring Break! But no break for debate! Two of our top teams represented New York City at the National Urban Debate League Championships in Washington D.C. this past weekend along with twenty other debate leagues across the country. Last year the New York City Urban Debate League's (NYCUDL) Tyler Anderson from ACORN Community High School won 1st Place Top Speaker and he and his partner Shamella Jeffers won one of the top team awards as well. This year the NYCUDL was represented by Charles Athanasopolous and Geordano Liriano of Bronx Law and Adina Redzic and Alexa Weisberger of Brooklyn Tech. Shout outs to both teams and a huge congratulations to Charles Athanasopolous who won 1st Place Top Speaker in the Nation along with his partner Geordano Liriano who won 4th Place Top Speaker in the United States!

So after the National Championships, we finally have a break? Absolutely not! Our three biggest tournaments for our elementary school and middle school debaters are coming up soon!...

April 26th - The New York City Elementary School Debate Championships hosted at the New York Historical Society!

May 3rd, 4th and 5th - The Fish & Richardson New York City Middle School Debate Championships at the Institute for Collaborative Education and Columbia University!

June 13th - The Middle School Quality Initiative's Middle School Debate Championships at Columbia University!

So sign up to volunteer and judge if you haven't already done so to support our Great Debaters! [Click here!](#) Sign up to debate if you haven't already done so! [Click here!](#) Sign up for Summer Debate Camp if you haven't already done so! [Click here!](#) And finally and most importantly sign up to support our Great Debaters, if you haven't already done so! [Click here!](#) THANK YOU!

***BE GREAT! BE A GREAT DEBATER!***  
***SIGN UP FOR SUMMER DEBATE CAMP!***  
**[CLICK HERE!](#)**

Sincerely,  
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**THE NEW YORK CITY ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
APRIL 26TH!**

**ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL DEBATE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS!  
APRIL 26 @ THE  
NEW YORK  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY**

Thanks to Elementary Schools Director Tyler Beattie and the New York Historical Society, we are pleased to announce the first New York City Urban Debate League Elementary School City Championships on Saturday, April 26th. [Click here](#) for invitation. And if interested in judging and volunteering, please [click here](#).

**NYCUDL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

We cordially invite all New York City Elementary Schools to join us at the first ever NYC Urban Debate League Elementary Debate Championships on Saturday, April 26 at the NY Historical Society, located at 170 Central Park West @77th.

Each school is invited to register individual students on Speechwire.com. If you do not have a speechwire account or are having trouble signing up, please contact [tylergbeattie@gmail.com](mailto:tylergbeattie@gmail.com). There is no maximum or minimum for entries. **Please register your team no later than Wednesday, April 23 at 9:00pm.**

Upper and Lower Elementary will be offered as separate divisions. The Upper division is a competitive (but still friendly to beginners) event geared toward 3rd-5th graders. The Lower division is a non-competitive, fun workshop.

Breakfast and Lunch will be served at the event.

See you there!  
Tyler Beattie  
Tournament Director

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

TOPIC #1: Computers make the world a better place.

TOPIC #2: SURPRISE interactive topic with a museum exhibit

FORMAT: Students are placed randomly on pro or con and given 10 minutes prep time. Alternating 4 minute speeches with 1 minute of questioning.

**SCHEDULE**

9:00-10:00am:	Registration and breakfast
10:00-10:30am:	Welcome and Activity related to "Computers" topic
10:30-11:15am:	Round 1
11:15am-11:45:	Activity related to the "Surprise" topic
11:45am-12:30pm:	Special primary source museum prep time
12:30-1:30pm:	Lunch
1:30-2:15pm:	Round 2
2:15-2:30pm:	Guest speaker
2:30-3:00pm	Awards
3:00pm	Departure

**NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE  
LEAGUE WINS 1ST PLACE IN THE  
UNITED STATES...  
SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!**



The National Urban Debate League Championships featured four days of debates, discussions, workshops, presentations, banquets and more to celebrate the top debaters from across the nation.

The top two debate teams from each city across the United States are invited to participate in the National Championships. This year the NYCUDL was represented by Charles Athanasopolous and Geordano Liriano of Bronx Law and Adina Redzic and Alexa Weisberger of Brooklyn Tech. Congratulations to both debate teams!



Day 1 featured the National Urban Debate League's Annual Dinner at the Four Seasons in Washington, DC. [Maria Elena Salinas](#), an award winning journalist was the evening's emcee and keynote speaker. The evening included inspiring speeches from current and former urban debaters.

Day 2, 3, and 4 featured three days of debate competitions at Georgetown University. [Click here](#) to check out the Tournament Guide! A huge congratulations to Bronx Law's team that had one of the best records of the tournament and captured top speaker awards including 1st Place and 4th Place in the Nation! This is the second time - back to back - that New York City Urban Debaters won the Top Speaker Award of the tournament! Another huge congratulations to Brooklyn Tech's Adina Redzic and Alexa Weisberger who as sophomores were one of the youngest teams at the tournament!

So congratulations to all! Thank you to the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues for hosting and making this incredible tournament

happen. It was so inspiring to meet so many incredible debaters and coaches from across the country.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of debate teams from across the nation competing at the National Urban Debate League's National Championship Tournament.

**THE FISH & RICHARDSON'S  
CITY OF CHAMPIONS  
NEW YORK CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT  
@ THE INSTITUTE FOR COLLABORATIVE  
EDUCATION  
MAY 2ND, 3RD AND 5TH**



**Debate Topics for the  
Fish & Richardson City of Champions!  
The New York City Middle School Debate Championships  
Tournament**

**Public Forum Debate**

Resolved: Prioritizing economic development over environmental protection is in the best interest of the people of India.

**Parliamentary Debate**

1. This House would ban any new cars that use gasoline emissions
2. This House would ban corporal punishment in the home.
3. This House would make English the official language of the USA.

**Policy Debate**

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

Cuba.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY #1 (May 2nd) @ The Institute for Collaborative Education**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY #2 (May 3rd) @ The Institute for Collaborative Education**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS DAY #3 (May 5th) @ Teachers College, Columbia University**

**Schedule for Day #1**

- 3:00pm - Arrival
- 3:30pm - Registration due
- 3:30pm-4:00pm - Dinner
- 4:00pm-4:15pm - Opening Ceremony
- 4:15pm-5:15pm - Round 1
- 5:15pm - 6:15pm - Round 2
- 6:30pm - Departure

**Schedule for Day #2**

- 8:30am-9:00am - Breakfast
- 9:00am - Registration Due
- 9:30am- Round #1
- 10:30am - Round #2
- 11:30am - Round #3
- 12:30pm - Lunch
- 1:30pm - Octafinals
- 2:30pm - Quarterfinals
- 3:30pm - Semifinals
- 4:30pm - Departure

**Schedule for Day #3**

- 4:00pm-5:00pm - Finals
- 5:00pm-7:00pm - Awards Ceremony

**THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS!  
APRIL 25TH - APRIL 29TH**



The Tournament of Champions is the equivalent of the Olympics for scholastic debate. Only the top few teams from across the country are invited. Debate Teams have to win "bids" at major national debate tournaments ie "1st Place" at the Harvard University Debate Invitational. This year the New York City Urban Debate League made history by having not 1, not 2 but 3 different debate teams from NYC qualify for the National Championships. Congratulations and Good Luck to Brooklyn Tech, Bronx Law, and ACORN Community High School. All three teams are graduating seniors and their passion, skills, experience and support for debate as well as beginner and younger debaters are inspiring and its only the beginning of their debate and advocacy careers. Congratulations Everyone.



**Congratulations ACORN Community High School!**

ACORN Community High School is one of the most historic schools in the NYCUDL and Tyler Anderson and Shamella Jeffers are one of its most historic teams. They have not only reached elimination rounds at every single tournament they have competed in but they have critiqued and changed debate itself. Another shout out to the incredible ACORN HS Debate community of Lee Sharmat, Shana Bryce, Jen Johnson, Ben Honoroff and the entire ACORN Debate Team.



**Congratulations Brooklyn Tech High School!**

Congratulations to Jeffrey Chui and Zareb Noel for making history at Brooklyn Tech High School as the first debate team to qualify for the Tournament of Champions. And a huge congratulations to the Brooklyn Tech Debate Team, Caoches Adam Stevens, Aubrey Semple, Andrew Geathers and William Cheung for building one of the largest and most successful debate teams at Brooklyn Tech in only a few short years.



**Congratulations Bronx Law High School!**

Charles and Geo have been debating together since middle school ... and winning tournament after tournament together since middle school. As a former teacher at Bronx Law, I can easily say they have coached and taught me more in debate than the other way around! Their advocacy and passion for debate is unmatched and even today advocating for changes in the debate community including the TOCs.

## **SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTE 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](http://www.nycdebatecamp.org). Dates and locations can also be found on the right.

### 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

## 2014 NEW YORK CITY SUMMER DEBATE CAMP DATES AND LOCATIONS!

### Arthur N. Rupe Foundation Public Debate Summer Camps

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

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

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

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

Queens Debate Institute (TBA)

Brooklyn Debate Institute (TBA)

### West Harlem Development Corporation Summer Debate Institutes

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

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

### New Yankee Stadium Community Benefits Fund, Summer Debate Program

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

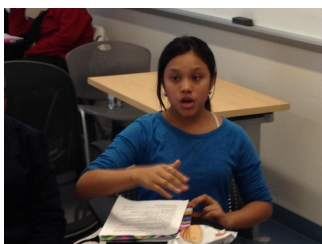
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classes, electives, debate supplies,  
breakfast, lunch, awards,  
scrimmages, law firm visits,  
mentors, tournaments and more!!

## 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 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.

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! JUDGE AT OUR LAST 3

# TOURNAMENTS OF THE YEAR AND SUMMER DEBATE CAMP!

April 26th  
Elementary School Championships  
[Click here.](#)

May 2nd, 3rd, 5th  
Fish & Richardson's Middle School Championships  
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June 13th  
Middle School Quality Initiative Championships  
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July & August  
Summer Debate Camp Volunteers Needed!  
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## 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!**

April 25th-29th  
Tournament of Champions  
[Click here](#)

June 15th - 20th  
National Speech and  
Debate Association's



### Middle School Debate League

**UPCOMING DATES!**

May 2nd-3rd  
New York City Middle  
School Debate  
Championships  
@ The Institute for  
Collaborative Education  
[Click here for invitation](#)



### Elementary School Debate League

**UPCOMING DATES!**

April 26th Elementary  
School Debate  
Championships  
[Click here for invitation](#)

National Championships  
[Click here](#)

**OTHER HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE RESOURCES**

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

High School National Circuit Team  
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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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Registration  
[www.speechwire.com](http://www.speechwire.com)

May 5th  
End of the Year Awards Banquet for Middle School  
[Click here for invitation](#)

June 6th  
Middle School Quality Initiative City Championships @ Teachers College, Columbia University

June 16th-20th  
Middle School National Championships  
[Click here](#)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE RESOURCES**

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

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Middle School Public Forum Debate Resources.  
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Middle School Parliamentary Debate Resources.  
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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE RESOURCES**


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