

# THE GREAT DEBATERS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

### "Be Great! Be a Great Debater!"



## THE POWER OF ACADEMIC DEBATE!

### Why debate is one of the world's most rigorous academic programs since Ancient Greece

So every week another study or article is published on the academic benefits of debate. One of the most recent [articles](#) "Debate Participation as the Ultimate SAT Prep" is how the new 2016 SAT (written by the College Board including the former #2 National Champion debater in the country) is designed to measure debate skills in evidence based argumentation, analysis of evidence and sources, and persuasive essay writing.

And on Friday, June 20th it was actually a text message at the National Debate & Speech Championship that celebrated the benefits of debate! "Spark leaders. Support speech and debate" is now the text message that holds the Guinness World Record title for "Most People Sending a Text Message Simultaneously!"

But this was no surprise because the National Speech and Debate Championship is the **largest** academic competition in the world as well as the **longest** academic competition in the world... 5 days of speech and debate rounds from Monday to Friday from morning to late evening and year round preliminary tournaments every month. 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders each day

writing, reading, speaking, discussing and debating current events! And that's why debate has been one of the most powerful academic programs since Ancient Greece - an academic sport - where students study every day after school, compete every weekend, and attend camps throughout the summer...

*"Those 4 years in debate were the educational foundation of everything I did. And I don't mean that in some simple form...I'm saying the finest education I got from any of the institutions I attended, the foundation of my mind that I got during those 4 years of competitive policy debate." - John Sexton, President of New York University*

*"Anyone who bemoans the state of public education need only spend a weekend at a high school speech and debate tournament to have their faith restored." ~ Curt Stedron*

*"Maybe you could be a mayor or a Senator or a Supreme Court Justice, but you might not know that until you join the debate team." - President Barack Obama*

*"I think debating in high school and college a most valuable training whether for politics, the law, business..." - President John F. Kennedy*

*"Competitive debate is one of the great equalizers of educational opportunity. In a number of respects, competitive urban debate is almost uniquely suited to building what's been called the 'Four C's' of 21st century skills-critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity. And to that list I might add a fifth 'C'- for civic awareness and engagement." - US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan*

*"There is no better activity that will develop essential academic, professional, and life skills than dedicated involvement in speech and debate." - Yale University Professor Minh A. Luong*

So this week we celebrate the academic benefits of debate! And this was crystal clear at the National Championships where all week, Great Debaters from across the country demonstrated every academic skill and every academic subject. We also celebrate the end of the debate season as the National Championships officially closes the season and officially begins Summer Debate Camps! All summer long we host debate camps for all ages. [Click here to sign up!](#)

***BE GREAT! BE A GREAT DEBATER!***

***[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR SUMMER DEBATE CAMP!](#)***

Sincerely,  
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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.](#)

## HARLEM DEBATE INSTITUTE @ COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STARTS IN 2 WEEKS! [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP NOW!](#)



## NEW YORK CITY DEBATE NEWS! Celebrating the academic achievements of NYC youth every week.



### JUNE 11TH CELEBRATE DEBATE!

We would like to thank everyone coming out to support Debate in New York City on June 11th at the Full Circle for an evening of debates,



### BROOKLYN DEBATERS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS TO DARTMOUTH COLLEGE!

Congratulations to two Brooklyn Debaters for winning scholarships to Dartmouth College! Tyler Anderson, ACORN Community High School,



### HUNTER MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE COACH POSITION

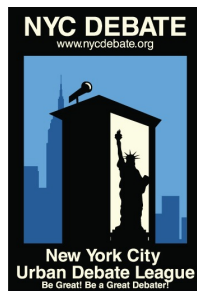
First, a huge shout out to Hunter Debate Coach Ben Crossan. Mr. Crossan has been involved in urban debate in NYC since he was a high school debater at the Institute for Collaborative Education.

Skee-ball, food, drinks, raffles and fun! Thank you Fish & Richardson and Katie Niejadlik for making everything possible as well as sponsoring our City Championships! And thank YOU!!! Thank you to all the debaters, teachers, coaches, judges, volunteers, Board members and everyone for supporting NYC Debate. Every school should have a debate team. Every student should have access to the best debate education opportunities. Thank you for making this possible. [Click here to learn more!](#)

#1 ranked speaker at the National Urban Debate League Championships for being accepted to Dartmouth College this Fall on a full scholarship! Dartmouth also has one of the top college debate teams in the country.

And congratulations to Samuel Eluto, Brooklyn Technical High School for winning a full scholarship to attend the Dartmouth College Debate Institute this summer! [Click here to learn more about the Vince Bender Debate Scholarship Program.](#)

Top high school debater, top college debater and now one of the top coaches and tournament directors in the debate league. He built the Parliamentary Debate division into one of the largest and most successful debate events. And his list of accomplishments can go on and on! Congratulations on his new position as Assistant Debate Coach at the University of California at Berkeley. As a result Hunter Middle School has some incredible debate coach shoes to fill! So if interested in applying for a debate coach at Hunter Middle School please [click here for more information.](#) And another huge shout out to Mr. Crossan.



**NYC DEBATE  
ADVISORY  
COUNCIL JULY  
MEETING!**

Attention all alumni, students, supporters, teachers, parents and everyone passionate about debate! We are planning monthly meetings to talk debate and best opportunities! Thank you Matt Ehrer, Samantha Salee, Kristin Shapiro, Pranav



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR NATIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
COMPETITORS!**

The final National Debate Championships has concluded in Kansas! For the past several months our NYC Great Debaters have competed at every National Debate Championship and won top awards including 1st Place Top Speaker at the National Association of



**JUNE 20TH  
CITY UNIVERSITY OF  
NEW YORK & NYC  
DEBATE  
TEAM UP!**

We would like to thank CUNY for hosting us on June 20th so support the New York City Urban Debate League. Many of our students go on to attend CUNY and so many CUNY students volunteer with us as judges, coaches and staff. Expect many incredible programs and

Sachdev for attending our first meeting! Please complete the **Doodle Poll link here** to plan our next meeting! Thanks so much!

Urban Debate Leagues National Championship, (Washington DC), the Tournament of Champions (Kentucky), The National Catholic Forensics League's Grand Championship (Chicago), and the National Speech and Debate Championship (Kansas)!

opportunities this year with CUNY and the New York City Urban Debate League!

Congratulations to all schools competing at these including Hunters Point, Brooklyn Tech, ACORN, Bronx Law, and Maspeth High School.

# SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTE! REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON!

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)



**REGISTER NOW BEFORE SPOTS FILL UP FOR NEW YORK CITY SUMMER DEBATE CAMPS 2014!**

[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

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

- Manhattan Debate Institute
- Bronx Debate Institute
- Queens Debate Institute
- Harlem Debate Institute
- Teachers Debate Institute
- Varsity Debate Institute

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**Harlem Debate Institute**



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. NYC Debate Camp is free for all Title I schools that are members of the NYC Urban Debate League. Non-members the price is \$100.

### 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!!

### **Thank You to Our Sponsors!**

Debate Camps can cost several thousand dollars. We are able to provide free debate camps for Title I schools as well as any student for the fraction of the cost due to incredible supporters that believe in our mission that all schools should have a debate team and all students should have access to the best debate education opportunities. We thank...

***The Arthur Rupe Foundation***

Harlem Debate Institute @ Columbia University, Teachers College, 525 W 120th St, New York, NY 10027 (June 30th - July 3rd, 9:00am-1:00pm)

### **Bronx Debate Institute**

Bronx Debate Institute @ PS/MS 15 School for Environmental Studies, 2195 Andrews Ave New York, New York 10453 (August 11th-15th)

### **Brooklyn Debate Institute**

Frederick Douglas Academy VIII (July 7th- July 11th, 9:00am-2:00pm), 1400 Pennsylvania Ave, Brooklyn 11239

### **Queens Debate Institute**

Maspeth High School, 54-40 74th St, New York, NY 11378 (August 25th-29th, 9:00am-1:00pm)

### **Teachers Debate Institute**

Teachers College Debate Institute for Teachers @ Teachers College, Columbia University, 525 W 120th St, New York, NY 10027 (August 25th-29th, 9:00am-1:00pm)

### **Manhattan Debate Institutes**

Manhattan Debate Institute @ Hunter College, Silberman School of Social Work, 2180 Third Avenue at 119th Street, NY, NY 10035 (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) @ Hunter College, Silberman School of Social Work, 2180 Third Avenue at 119th Street, NY, NY 10035

Elementary School Debate Institute @ Hunter College (July 28th - August 1st, 9:00am-1:00pm) @ Hunter College, Silberman School of Social Work, 2180 Third Avenue at 119th Street, NY, NY 10035

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JUDGE, INTERN, TEACH AT DEBATE  
CAMP!**  
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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!**

June 15th - 20th  
National Speech and  
Debate Association's  
National Championships  
[Click here](#)

**OTHER HIGH SCHOOL  
DEBATE RESOURCES**

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



**Middle School  
Debate League**

**UPCOMING DATES!**

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
DEBATE LEAGUE  
RESOURCES**

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



**Elementary  
School Debate  
League**

**UPCOMING DATES!**

July 21st - July 25th  
Elementary School Debate  
Camp, Hunter College

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