

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



CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

So this week we celebrate our high school seniors graduating from high school and attending college. Over 100 Great Debaters graduated from high school last week and over 90% will be attending 4 year colleges and universities this coming Fall! Our debaters have also won over \$1 million in scholarships this year including nearly every national and regional scholarship available including the Gates Foundation (pays for all graduate and undergraduate expenses), Posse Foundation (pays for all undergraduate expenses), as well as full scholarships from universities and colleges including Columbia University, Dartmouth University, University of Iowa, Wake Forest University, Fordham University, nearly

every CUNY and SUNY, and the list goes on and on! Many of our debaters will continue on college debate teams, and all of our debaters will stay involved as coaches, volunteers, interns, judges and alumni of the New York City Urban Debate League!

Indeed, academic debate since Ancient Greece has been critical to success in higher education. Urban Debaters have over 90% high school graduation rates (citywide its only 60%), over 85% of urban debaters enroll in college, and urban debaters are 80% more likely to graduate from college (<http://urbandebate.org/Our-Results>).

However, not all schools and students have the opportunity to participate in debate and year round rigorous study of public speaking, rhetoric, argumentation, logic, critical thinking writing, listening, notetaking, current events, civics, and more. As a result, we face an education crisis. In 1970, the United States had the highest rate of high school graduation. Today we are 21st. For the past 30 years we have had no increase in the percentage of adults who have received a college degree - despite every other industrialized country experiencing increases. Nearly 7000 students drop out each day, and a study from the Alliance for Excellent Education predicts that 12 million students will drop out in the next decade.

So while we celebrate the incredible achievements of the Class of 2014, we must also promise ourselves to work even harder for the Class of 2015 to ensure that no students are left behind. That means every school must have the highest opportunities for all students during school, after school, weekends and summers. And that doesn't just mean debate programs in every school - it also means that from art to music to sports to robotics to chess - learning, passion, and the mind must be celebrated.

So congratulations again to our incredible Great Debaters of 2014! Your accomplishments are historic and only just beginning.

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Sincerely,
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2014 SUMMER DEBATE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

There's no summer break for debate! Welcome to our summer debate season with tournaments nearly every weekend! And if interested in volunteering as a judge at any of these tournaments, please email us at nycudl@gmail.com. Thank You!

Summer Debate Tournament Calendar

July 3 - Harlem Summer Debate Tournament

July 11th - Brooklyn Summer Debate Tournament

July 31st - Manhattan Middle School Summer Debate Tournament

August 1st - Manhattan High School Summer Debate Tournament

August 15th - Bronx Summer Debate Tournament

August 29th - Queens Summer Debate Tournament

August 29th - Teachers Summer Debate Tournament

Policy Debate Topic (2014-2015)

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its non-military exploration and/or development of the Earth's oceans.

Public Forum Debate Topic (September/October 2014)

Topic Area: Sports in the United States.

International Public Policy Forum Topic (2014-2015)

Resolved: Mass surveillance is not a justified method of governmental intelligence gathering.

Parliamentary Debate Topics

Student selected.



HARLEM DEBATE INSTITUTE @ COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STARTS TODAY!



Welcome to the 2nd Annual Harlem Summer Debate Institute at Teachers College, Columbia University. We would like to thank the incredible staff of Teachers College for having us including Professor Kuhn, for it would not be possible to have this program without her, as well as the incredible support of the West Harlem Development Corporation to bring debate back to Harlem. We would also like to thank all the volunteers and staff that make this program possible. Finally, we would like to thank all our participants, students and parents for joining us this summer!

Harlem Debate Institute Summer Debate Staff

Geordano Liriano

Geordano Liriano attended the Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice and will be entering the University of Iowa in the fall in the Pre-Law track as a communications major. Geordano has been debating for six years and has been in the top ten percentile of the Policy Debate national ranks since the fall of 2013. His awards include Semi Finals of the Wake Forest Debate Tournament, winner of the New York Invitational Round Robin, finals of the Harvard Invitational and Octo-Finals of the Tournament of Champions (2013). Geordano hopes to use the skills he learned in debate to become an attorney or just chill person.

Tyler Beattie

Tyler Beattie is a teacher, writer and composer originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has taught forensics, drama and music at numerous schools and camps throughout the country. Along with collaborator Emma Lively, he is the creator of ten original musicals, and he is currently developing Bliss with Tony nominee Kelly Devine. A two-time state champion and three-time national finalist in high school speech, he is delighted daily to share his passion for forensics as the coach of the middle school debate team at PS 161.

Kaley Pillinger

Kaley has three years of experience in Parliamentary and Public Forum Debate. In middle school parliamentary, she won the national Middle School Parliamentary Debate Championships Tournament and was awarded top speaker in the city. This year she has competed in both the local and national circuits in varsity public forum debate. Debate has been an amazing experience for her and she hopes she can share it with others.

Erik Fogel

Erik Fogel is Director of the New York City Urban Debate League and coach of the Debate Team at the Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice. His debaters have won top awards at every single debate tournament in the Northeast including Harvard, Yale, Georgetown, NYC, Lexington, Manchester, Ridge, Newark, Washington DC and everywhere else!. He coached the first New York City middle school teams to win top awards at the National Championships including Quarterfinalists, Semifinalists, and Third Place Top Speaker. Mr. Fogel received his B.A. in Political Science & History from UC Berkeley, J.D. from UC Hastings College of Law, and M.A. in Education from Pace University,

Sarah Cogan

Sarah Cogan is a rising senior at Hunter College High School, where she has been debating since the 8th grade. In middle school she competed in parliamentary debate and in high school has competed in Lincoln Douglas debate and Public Forum Debate. As a freshman and sophomore she assisted her school's middle school parliamentary

debate team and high school Lincoln Douglas debate team. As a debater, Sarah has made finals and top speaker of the New York State Debate Coaches Championship Tournament in Varsity Lincoln Douglas debate. She has reached Varsity Lincoln Douglas elimination rounds at numerous national circuit tournaments including Yale, Bump, Princeton, Newark, Columbia and Harvard. She hopes to continue debate in college and possibly pursuing philosophy as a major. Outside of debate, she writes for the school newspaper, sings, and... wishes she was debating.

Stephany Castillo

Stephany Castillo graduated from Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice. She will be attending Alfred University on a full scholarship. She will be majoring in history and education and minoring in art. She has been a coach for 2 years at PS/MS 15 which won last year's city championship for public forum and reached the quarter finals this year. She has also taught public forum debate and policy debate at her school in the Bronx. Stephanie debated two years in high school and won city championships as a policy debater while coaching a middle school team. After college she hopes to join the Red Cross.

Ryan Bourque

Ryan Bourque is a senior at Ridgewood High School. He has debated in varsity Public Forum Debate for three years and served as co-captain in his junior and senior years. He attended the Stanford National Forensics Institute and the Dartmouth Debate Institute. He is interested in both law and finance, reading books and playing lacrosse.

Gabriel Voorhis-Allen

Gabriel Voorhis-Allen is a senior at Ridgewood High School, interested in technology and computer science. He has debated in Public Forum Debate and participated in the Harvard Debate Tournament. He would like to work at a major technology company like Google and his hobbies include baseball.

Erika Marte

Erika Marte is currently a rising senior at Hamilton College majoring in Comparative Literature with a double minor in Chinese and Women Studies. She began debating in 8th grade at the Bronx School for Law, Government, and Justice and won numerous awards including Semifinalist at the New York State Championships and Second Top Speaker in New York State. She received a full scholarship to college because of debate. Debate has allowed her to express her thoughts and always fight for what she believe in. She hopes to obtain a career in public advocacy or in a field that allows her to help people.

Sorangel Liriano

Sorangel Liriano is a graduating senior at the Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice. She received multiple scholarships her senior year including the Gates Scholarship (pays for all undergraduate and graduate school), Coca Cola Scholarship (college scholarship and free beverages for life), the New York Times Scholarship and several others. For four years she participated in debate and founded and served as coach of the PS/MS 15 debate team that went on to win the city championships.

And Many More!.....

We have several other volunteers and staff members joining us this summer in Harlem! Thank you everyone for your support!

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Bronx Debate Institute
Queens Debate Institute
Harlem Debate Institute
Teachers Debate Institute
Varsity Debate Institute

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Harlem Debate Institute

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

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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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June 15th - 20th
National Speech and Debate Association's National Championships
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Middle School Debate League

UPCOMING DATES!

June 16th-20th
Middle School National Championships
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MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE RESOURCES

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

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Elementary School Debate League

UPCOMING DATES!

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

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE RESOURCES

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

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