



Happy Valentine's Day

February & March Calendar of Events for New York City Debate

February 7th

Middle School
Tournament #5 (Public
Forum & Policy Debate)

February 11th

Debate Night with
Intelligence Squared

February 14th

The Valentines Day
Debates!
(Middle School
Parliamentary Debate)

February 13th-16th

Travel Team Tournament
at Harvard University

February 21st

NYC High School
Tournament #4

February 21st

NYC Districts Qualifier

February 27th-28th

NYC Travel Tournament

Happy Valentines Day Everyone! This week we celebrate New York City's first Valentines Day Invitational and this weekend we shout out our love to the incredible debate community of New York City! You would think at the beginning of Winter Break weekend with schools out, Presidents Day Weekend, Valentines Day and Snow Alerts that no one would show up for a debate tournament on a Saturday, February 14th. We were wrong. Over 300 participants showed their love for debate and education opportunities! Thank you to all our students, parents, judges, volunteers, teachers, coaches, staff, and everyone for an incredible Valentines Day Tournament! And another shout out to our High School Travel Team, teachers, students, staff, and volunteers at the Harvard Debate Tournament this weekend! And so a Happy Valentines Day thanks for everyone showing their love for debate this weekend and every day in New York City. Happy Valentines Day.

Sincerely,
The New York City Urban Debate League
"Empowering NYC youth to achieve excellence through academic debate."

Email: nycudl@gmail.com
Phone: 917-455-1079
Website: www.debate.nyc
Blog: www.debate.nyc/news/blog
Debate Camp Website: www.debate.nyc/programs/summer
Facebook: www.facebook.com/nycudl
Twitter: www.twitter.com/nycdebateleague

The Valentines Day Debate Invitational Tournament Results!

Huge hugs and shout outs for everyone making our first Valentines Day Debate Invitational such a huge success! Debate topics for the day included: the advantages and disadvantages of the Common Core, whether America is on the decline or not, and whether Police should wear body cameras. Also a huge shout out to our workshop instructors! John Rodda taught a workshop on Points of Information - the largest attended workshop of the year with an auditorium filled with students! Frank Zhao taught an incredible workshop on Case Writing. And NYCUDL Staff directed the Supplemental Debate Division of NYC Youth City Council. And huge shout outs to our first class of NYC Youth City Council Members! [Click here to learn more](#) about the Valentines Day Debate Tournament as well as complete tournament results!



The Brown Rudnick Travel Team at Harvard University This Weekend!

(Middle School & High School)

March 3rd

Debate Night with Beveridge & Diamond

March 7th

Middle School Conference #6

March 14th & 15th

NY State Championships (Middle School & High School)

March 24th

Girls Debate League Spring Tournament

March 24th

NYC National Qualifying Tournament (High School)

March 28th

Middle School Quality Initiative Tournament #3

This weekend our High School Travel Team competes at Harvard University. The Harvard Tournament is one of the largest and most competitive tournaments in the nation. So good luck to our schools at Harvard - Institute for Collaborative Education, Brooklyn Tech, ACORN Community, and Maspeth High School. We would also like to thank Brown Rudnick Law Firm for hosting us on Thursday. Brown Rudnick has sponsored the New York City Urban Debate League since its origins in a single classroom in the South Bronx. We would not have a citywide debate league without Brown Rudnick. Thank You! [Learn more](#) about the Travel Team.



Celebrating Women's History Month: The Girls Debate League Spring Tournament!

Each year the Girls Debate League host several all girls debate tournaments during the school year to encourage young women to participate in debate and celebrate women in debate. Our spring tournament will be hosted by Hunter College on March 23rd. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Girls Debate League Spring Tournament! [Click here](#) to learn more about the Girls Debate League.



New York City Urban Debate League Featured on Debate Talk Show!

Parliamentary Debate is the largest high school and college debate event in the world and now the largest collegiate debate event in the United States. Today, the New York City Urban Debate League has one of the largest middle school parliamentary debate leagues in the country and has supported additional parliamentary debate leagues across the State of New York. Next week we start our high school parliamentary division! And so we were honored to be invited by Professor Llano, Director of Debate at St. John's University as a guest on his radio show on urban debate, debate in New York City and parliamentary debate. [Click here](#) to learn more!



February Debate Night with Intelligence Squared

This year we launched an incredible partnership with Intelligence Squared USA which hosts incredible monthly debate nights at Lincoln Square that are broadcasted internationally. Each month they invite 50 of our debaters and teachers to attend, as well as Program Director Aubrey Semple to judge and flow! This month's topic was on whether America is on the Decline and the debaters featured some of the most prominent experts and bestselling authors on the topic. [Learn more](#) about our Intelligence Squared Debate Program.



Welcome New Schools!

A huge shout out to go to all the new schools signing up to join the NYC Debate League! Thank you so much to the coaches and teachers and principals bringing debate to their school! Welcome to [Tech International Charter School](#), [Urban Assembly Institute for Math and Science for Young Women](#), [Democracy Prep Charter School](#), [Birch Wathen Lenox School](#), [George Washington Carver High School for the Sciences](#), and [Bronx Alliance Middle School](#)!



Welcome to Worlds Debate!

Next Saturday, March 21st we host our next High School Tournament and debut of our new debate event of Worlds Debate! Parliamentary Debate is the largest debate event in the world and this year adopted by the National Speech and Debate Association and New York City Debate! We will pilot a Worlds Debate/Parliamentary Debate Division at each high school tournament as well as a Supplemental Debate

Event after Round 3. [Learn more](#) about Worlds Debate.



Spring Semester NYC Debate Club Sign Ups!

Every Saturday NYC Debate Club meets from 10:00am-12:00pm in midtown Manhattan. Debate Club is open to all schools and students in New York City. Sessions taught by some of NYC top debate coaches, instructors and students. [Learn more](#) about NYC Debate Club and to sign up!



Summer Debate Institute Sign Ups!

The New York City Urban Debate League coordinates the longest and largest summer debate program in the nation. From the first day of summer to the last day of summer are debate education opportunities in each borough. This summer our debate institutes include the Manhattan Debate Institute, Queens Debate Institute, Bronx Debate Institute, Brooklyn Debate Institute, Harlem Debate Institute, International Debate Institute, Girls Debate Institute and more! [Learn more](#) about NYC Summer Debate Camp and to sign up!



Spring Debate Leagues Sign Up!

Our spring semester kicks off with tournaments nearly every weekend! Learn more about our [New York City Debate League](#), [Bronx Debate League](#), [Queens Debate League](#), [Brooklyn Debate League](#), [Harlem Debate League](#), [Girls Debate League](#), and more! To sign up your school for the New York City Urban Debate League, [click here!](#)

[Click here to sign up your school for the Spring 2015 Semester!](#)



Happy Valentines Day Weekend Everyone! Thank you for showing your love to our mission that every school in NYC should have a debate team and every student should have access to the best debate education opportunities. And of course if you would like to show your love even more you can always volunteer ([click here to learn more](#)) or donate ([click here to learn more](#))! We would not have a debate league without the love of all our volunteers, supporters and donors. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

The New York City Urban Debate League