

THE GREAT DEBATERS NEWSLETTER!
THE NEW YORK CITY DEBATE LEAGUE
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WWW.DEBATE.NYC!

This week we celebrate our new website ... [www.debate.nyc!](http://www.debate.nyc) Huge thank you to Adrian Uribarri (<http://adrianuribbari.com/>) who was a college debater at the University of Florida and helped us get started on WordPress! We cannot express how thankful we are! And definitely let us know any feedback as we continuously improve on our website to provide the best educational opportunities for all our students!

Check out some pretty cool features of the new website (and even more features being added soon) including our [Daily Debate Blog](#), [Summer Debate Programs](#), [New Debate Resources](#), [2015 Debate Brochure](#), special initiatives like [Intelligence Squared](#), [Volunteers Video and Page](#), [Urban Debate Fact Sheet](#), [Middle School Quality Initiative](#) partnership, and much more!

Finally, announcing all our February Events! From Queens to Harvard to the Bronx to Manhattan to Queens - February is one of our busiest months of the year! Good luck debaters! And thank you all for supporting debate in New York City!

Upcoming NYC Debate Events

- February 7th - Middle School Public Forum & Policy Tournament (Queens)
- February 7th - NYC Debate Club (Manhattan)
- February 9th - NYC Debate Night with Intelligence Squared (Manhattan)
- February 13-16 - NYC Travel Team Competes at Harvard University (Boston)
- February 14th - Middle School Parliamentary Tournament (Bronx)
- February 14th - Elementary School Tournament (Bronx)
- February 21st - High School Tournament (Bronx)
- February 21st - NYC Debate Club (Manhattan)
- February 27th-29th - NYC Travel Team Competes at Lakeland HS (New York)
- February 28th - NYC Debate Club (Manhattan)

Sincerely,

THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE
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NYC DEBATE WEEKLY NEWS

**Celebrating the incredible achievements
 of New York City's Great Debaters every week!**

NEW YORK CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE #5 PUBLIC FORUM & POLICY DEBATE at Hunters Point Community Middle School



Yesterday, we celebrated our February Tournament Conference. The Public Forum and Policy Debate divisions were held at Hunters Point Community Middle School in Queens. Thank you so much to Hunters Point for hosting the tournament! Thank you to all attendees! Over 200 debaters, judges, teachers, volunteers and staff participated in tournament on debate topics including: (1) Resolved: On balance, economic globalization benefits worldwide poverty reduction and (2) Resolved: On balance, immigration is beneficial to the United States economy. Thank you to all our judges and volunteers who made this incredible tournament possible! Below are the top award winners. A huge congratulations to all participants! And for complete results please visit our [Tournament Results Page](#).

School Sweepstakes Awards

1st Place - Institute for Collaborative Education

2nd Place - Hunters Point Community

3rd Place - KAPPA VI Eagles

- 4th Place - Frederick Douglas Academy VIII
- 5th Place - The Equity Project Charter School
- 6th Place - PS 278
- 7th Place - MS 297 - Hawtree Creek Middle School
- 8th Place - PS/IS 178
- 9th Place - PS/MS 15 Institute for Environmental Learning
- 10th Place - KIPP AMP

Middle School Policy Debate Team Awards

- 1st Place - Kalanie Best & Davon Collins (KIPP)
- 2nd Place - Hansie Wang & Kenneth Chen (AGAPE)
- 3rd Place - Zola Gray & Kaya Middleton (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 4th Place - Cyan Mumford (KIPP)
- 5th Place - Ke'Asia Smith & Zaria Denson (KIPP)

Middle School Advanced National Public Forum Debate Top Team Awards

- 1st Place - Daniel Fernandez & Jules Walzer-Goldfeld (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 2nd Place - Dylan James & Theo Spaedekke (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 3rd Place - Emily Hur & Claire Buchanan (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 4th Place - Zayaan Shariff & James Harrison (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 5th Place - Stefan Walzer-Goldfeld (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 6th Place - Josie Ingall & Liberty Lehr (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 7th Place - Katrice Ramirez & Genesis Logan (Frederick Douglas Academy)
- 8th Place - Salma Hamed & Zoja Misut (Hunters Point Community)
- 9th Place - Prescilla Narain & Elise Slaughter (KAPPA VI Eagles)
- 10th Place - Sophie Levit & Aayusha Duwadi (Hunters Point Community)

Middle School Beginners National Public Forum Debate Top Team Awards

- 1st Place - Sanford James & Lance James (AGAPE Long Island)
- 2nd Place - Chantal Hernandez & Jessalyn Henriquez (Equity Project Charter School)
- 3rd Place - Dash Advincula & Anabella Advincula (NYC Debate Club)
- 4th Place - Melvin Mercado & Miah Pagan (Equity Project Charter School)
- 5th Place - Yosneidy Peralta & Eryk Rodriguez (Equity Project Charter School)
- 6th Place - Maya Gunasseelan & Venkatesh Gunaseelan (AGAPE Princeton)
- 7th Place - Natalie Mercedes & Joanis Arthur (Equity Project Charter School)
- 8th Place - Eliu Aponte & Gabriel Rosa (Equity Project Charter School)
- 9th Place - Kevin Byu & David Wang (AGAPE Queens)
- 10th Place - Maminah Jamil & Daniel Kim (AGAPE Queens)

Middle School Rookies NYCUDL Public Forum Debate Top Team Awards

- 1st Place - Pamela Velecela & Alicia Cynamon (Hunters Point)
- 2nd Place - Justin Ali & Nathan Cando (MS 297 Hawtree Creek Middle School)
- 3rd Place - Nathaniel Daniel & Alina Shaikh (PS/IS 178)
- 4th Place - Jasmine Jones & Deirdre Spaulding (PS 278)
- 5th Place - Manuela Montoyo & Elizabeth Krekousis (Hunters Point Community)
- 6th Place - Joseph Tasso & Mikaella Loza (Hunters Point Community)
- 7th Place - Kostaninos Kotsakis & Caitlin Bost (Hunters Point Community)
- 8th Place - Adams Sissoko & Faraaz Ali (MS 297 Hawtree Creek Middle School)
- 9th Place - Robert Barbero & Jeremy Aranson (PS 278)
- 10th Place - Dayna-Leigh Hudson & Breyonna Crawford (MS 297)

Middle School Advanced Policy Debate Top Speaker Awards

- 1st Place - Kenneth Chen (AGAPE Long Island)
- 2nd Place - Davon Collins (KIPP)
- 3rd Place - Kaya Middleton (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 4th Place - Zola Gray (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 5th Place - Cyan Mumford (KIPP Academy)
- 6th Place - Theron Jordan (KIPP Academy)
- 7th Place - Hansie Wang (AGAPE Long Island)
- 8th Place - Jenea Taylor (KIPP)
- 9th Place - Ke-Asia Smith (KIPP)
- 10th Place - Zaria Denson (KIPP)

Middle School Advanced National Public Forum Debate Top Speaker Awards

- 1st Place - Claire Buchanan (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 2nd Place - Jules Walzer-Goldfeld (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 3rd Place - Theo Spaedelle (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 4th Place - Genesis Logan (Frederick Douglas Academy)
- 5th Place - Salma Hamed (Hunters Point Community)
- 6th Place - Zayann Shariff (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 7th Place - Daniel Fernandez (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 8th Place - Stefan Walzer-Goldfield (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 9th Place - Dylan James (Institute for Collaborative Education)
- 10th Place - Liberty Lehr (Institute for Collaborative Education)

Middle School Beginners National Public Forum Debate Top Speaker Awards

- 1st Place - Lance James (AGAPE Long Island)
- 2nd Place - Sanford James (AGAPE Long Island)
- 3rd Place - Alba Bryant (Equity Project Charter School)
- 4th Place - Eryk Rodriguez (Equity Project Charter School)
- 5th Place - Yosneidy Peralta (Equity Project Charter School)
- 6th Place - Merra Dasgupta (AGAPE Long Island)
- 7th Place - Maya Gunaseelan (AGAPE Princeton)
- 8th Place - Daniel Kim (AGAPE Queens)
- 9th Place - Venkatesh Gunaseelan (AGAPE Princeton)
- 10th Place - Joanis Arthur (Equity Project Charter School)

Middle School Rookie NYCUDL Public Forum Debate Top Speaker Awards

- 1st Place - Alicia Cynamon (Hunters Point)
- 2nd Place - Justin Ali (MS 297)
- 3rd Place - Liam Dussek (Hunters Point Community)
- 4th Place - Manuela Montoya (Hunters Point Community)
- 5th Place - Jasmine Jones (PS 278)
- 6th Place - Abigail Katzap (PS/IS 178)
- 7th Place - Aya Ismail (Hunters Point Community)
- 8th Place - Ernesto Rodriguez (PS 278)
- 9th Place - Zachary Garmers (Hunters Point Community)
- 10th Place - National Daniel (PS/IS 178)

RECEPTION FOR THE GRAMMY AWARDS OF AFTER SCHOOL EDUCATION RECOGNIZES NYCUDL STAFF MEMBER!

The Grammy Awards are tonight, but the NYC After School Awards Reception was this week! NYCUDL Program Director, Aubrey Semple was recognized at a special reception of current and past award recipients of NYC's Top After School Educator Awards! The main event is February 26th at the famous Cipriani! [Click here to learn more!](#)



NYC DEBATE CLUB! SPRING SEMESTER STARTING IN FEBRUARY!

Click here to sign up for NYC Debate Club!

Meets nearly every Saturday to develop debate and public speaking skills!



NYC Elementary School Debate Club

The NYC Debate League started one of the first elementary school debate leagues in the nation. Our Elementary Debate Club meets 2-3 times a month and competes once a month in elementary school tournaments. [Click here to learn more.](#)



NYC Middle School Debate Club

The NYC Debate League is the largest middle school debate league in the nation. For students who do not have debate teams at their school or who would like additional practices, the NYC Middle School Debate Club meets nearly every Saturday and competes monthly at Middle School Debate Tournaments. [Click here to learn more.](#)



NYC High School Debate Club

NYC high school debaters are among the top debaters in the country. If you do not have a team at your school or if you would like additional practices, then join the NYC High School Debate Club! [Click here to learn more.](#)

NYC SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTE SIGN UP NOW OPEN!

[Click here to register!](#)



ABOUT NYC SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTES

Applications now open for New York City 2015 Summer Debate Institutes!

[Click here to register now!](#)

The New York City Urban Debate League hosts the longest and largest summer debate program in the nation with debate institutes throughout the summer in each of the boroughs. Our summer program is free for all schools and students that are members of the NYC Debate League,



INTRODUCING THE 2015 NEW YORK CITY SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTES!

Click below for more details on each of our community debate institutes. Note - locations and dates are still being finalized. [Learn more](#) about Summer Registration. See below for more information on each camp.

Queens Debate Institute

<http://debate.nyc/summer/queens/>

August 17th - 28th, 2015, Maspeth High School (Novice High School, Varsity High

thanks to the incredible support of the Arthur Rupe Foundation.

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 2015-2016 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, 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!!

School, Middle School)

Manhattan Debate Institute

<http://debate.nyc/summer/manhattan/>

July 20th - 31st, 2015

(Hunter College, Novice High School, Varsity High School, Middle School)

Elementary School Debate Institute

<http://debate.nyc/summer/elementary/>

July 20th - 31st, 2015

(Hunter College, Elementary School)

Bronx Debate Institute

<http://debate.nyc/summer/bronx/>

Brooklyn Debate Institute

<http://debate.nyc/summer/brooklyn/>

Harlem Debate Institute

<http://debate.nyc/summer/harlem/>

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

DEBATE NIGHTS!

Empowering NYC youth to achieve academic excellence through academic debate.

BEVERIDGE & DIAMOND DEBATE INVITATIONAL MARCH 3RD!



Thank you to [Beveridge & Diamond](#) for hosting the Beveridge & Diamond Debate Invitational on January 28th for our top public forum debate teams! Beveridge & Diamond, which specializes in environmental law, will also be sponsoring our first April Environmental Debate Month to celebrate

BANK OF AMERICA DEBATE INVITATIONAL



Thank you to [Bank of America](#) for hosting our first Bank of America Debate Invitational in January for our top teams in public forum debate. Thank you to Yaira Brito, Gretchen Garnecho, and Bank of America for making this possible! And thank you

MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE SQUARED DEBATE NIGHT!



Intelligence Squared (IQ2) and the New York City Urban Debate League have teamed up every month for an incredible Debate Night for NYC youth! The next Debate Night is February 11th and the topic is "Declinists be Damned: Bet on America." Debaters include Chrystia Freeland

Earth Day as well! Thank you so much to Nadia Wagner and Paula Schauwecker and everyone at Beveridge & Diamond for making this possible!

for offering an inspirational evening for our debaters to not only debate but learn about careers in finance as well as personal financial education.

(Member, Parliament of Canada & Journalist), Peter Zeihan, Geopolitical Strategist and author of the "Accidental Superpower," Joseph Joffe, Publisher-Editor of Die Zeit, and James Rickards, Economist, Investment Banker and Author of Currency Wars! [Click here to learn more.](#)

DEBATE TOURNAMENTS COMING UP!

NEW YORK CITY'S MOST RIGOROUS ACADEMIC PROGRAM - EVERY DAY, EVERY WEEKEND, EVERY SUMMER - YEAR ROUND.

[NYC High School Debate Calendar](#)

Upcoming High School Tournament

Date

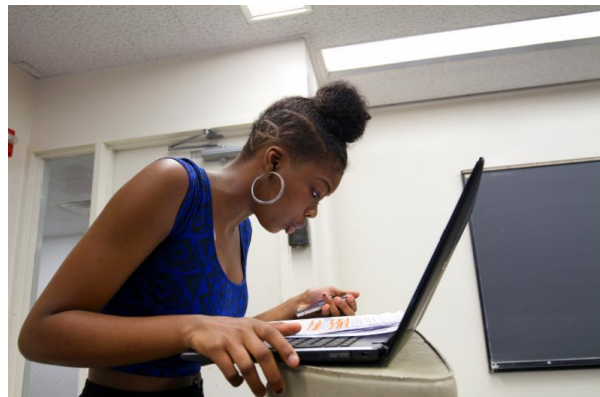
February 21st

Location

Bronx Collaborative

Policy Debate Topic

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

Resolved: On balance, economic globalization benefits worldwide poverty reduction. (138 schools and 457 students voted for the resolution. The winning resolution received 67% of the school vote and 59% of the student vote.)

Worlds Debate Topics

1. This House believes the Common Core does more harm than good.
2. This House believes that police officers should be required to wear body cameras.
3. (Intelligence Squared Community Topic) This House believes that America is on the decline.

Judge Sign Up Form

TBA!

About the High School Division

The New York City High School Debate League is one of the most successful debate leagues in the nation. Our debaters have won city, state, regional and national championships. Our debaters have reached the elimination rounds at every majority national debate tournament including Harvard University, Yale University, Georgetown University, Dartmouth University. Between 95% - 100% of our high school debaters graduate and are accepted to college - many receiving full or partial scholarships because of debate.

[Click here for the NYC High School Debate Calendar!](#)

[NYC Middle School Debate League Tournament Calendar](#)

Upcoming Middle School Tournaments:

Dates

2/7/15

Public Forum Debate
Tournament

Location: Hunters Point
Community Middle School
(Queens)



2/14/15

Parliamentary Debate Tournament: The Valentines Day Debate Invitational!

Location: One World Middle School (Bronx)

Policy Debate Topic

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

February National Public Forum Debate Division (Beginners and Advanced Divisions - all schools)

Resolved: On balance, economic globalization benefits worldwide poverty reduction.

February NYCUDL- NYCDOE Public Forum Debate Division (One division, NYCDOE schools)

Resolved: On balance, immigration is beneficial to the United States economy.

Parliamentary Debate Topics

1. This House believes the Common Core does more harm than good.
2. This House believes that police officers should be required to wear body cameras.
3. (Intelligence Squared Community Topic) This House believes that America is on the decline.

Judge Sign Up Forms

[Click here](#) for the February 7th Judge Sign Up Form

About the Middle School Division

The New York City Middle School Debate League is the largest citywide middle school debate league in the country and features nearly every national debate style including Public Forum Debate, Parliamentary Debate, and Policy Debate. Advanced middle school debaters can also participate in our high school league. [Click here for the NYC Middle School Debate League Tournament Calendar!](#)

[NYC Elementary School Debate Tournament Calendar](#)

Upcoming Elementary School Tournament

Date

2/14/15: The Valentines Day Invitational

Location

One World Middle School (Bronx)

Debate Topic

Resolution: School suspensions should be banned.

Judge Sign Up Form

TBA

About the Elementary School Division

The New York City Urban Debate League founded one of the first Elementary School Debate Leagues in the nation and the first Elementary School Debate Championships! [Click here for the NYC Elementary School Debate League Tournament Calendar!](#)



The Brown Rudnick Travel Team Calendar

[The Brown Rudnick Travel Team](#) provides regional and national travel opportunities to top debaters. Our Travel Team competes at every national circuit tournament on the East Coast including Harvard, Georgetown, Princeton, Yale and many others! [Click here for the NYC Travel Debate Team Calendar!](#)



Upcoming Tournament Dates:

February 13th - 16th
Harvard University

February 27th - 28th
Lakeland Tournament (NY)

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