

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



**PUBLIC DEBATE  
PROGRAM EDITION!**

*"The give and take of debating, the testing of ideas, is essential to democracy. I wish we had a good deal more debating in our institutions than we do now."*

- President John F. Kennedy

This week we celebrate our Public Debate Program! While nearly every weekend we host competitive scholastic debate tournaments, we also host each month public debate events with partnering community organizations. From law firms to Louis Vuitton to Museums to Lincoln Center to public spaces to the upcoming IDEAS City Festival - our students have a unique opportunity to to develop their speech and debate skills in front of large public audiences as well as impact the greater New York City, state and national community with their ideas. This is democracy in action. While there is always discussion of solutions to address the academic achievement gap, there is very little discussion of solutions for our civic achievement gap. When more and more Americans are turned off by the political process, not bothering to vote, as well as study after study showing the lack of basic civic knowledge and skills - we face a problem in our democracy which by definition requires public participation and civic engagement. One of the most effective solutions to this crisis is public debate which was the foundation of the Athenian polis in the world's first democracy. Public debate is essential for our democracy and debate skills are essential for every citizen. We must be fluent in current events and public policy - just as any linguist is fluent in language. We must be public speakers and prepared to speak out to change the world - just as any leader. We must be researchers, readers, writers and thinkers - just as any philosopher. Indeed, everyone can and should be a Debater.

**Upcoming NYC Debate Events**

April 10-11th - [Urban Debate High School Championships \(California\)](#)

April 10-11th - [NDCA High School National Championships \(Las Vegas\)](#)

April 15th - [Intelligence Squared Debate Night \(Manhattan\)](#)  
 April 25 - [High School & Middle School Tournament \(Queens\)](#)  
 April 29th - [Debate Night at Beveridge & Diamond \(Manhattan\)](#)  
 May 2nd - [Middle School Public Forum Debate Tournament \(Brooklyn\)](#)  
 May 15th-16th - [Middle School Debate Championships \(Manhattan\)](#)  
 May 30th - [Rhetoric in the Ring! \(Manhattan\)](#)  
 May 31st - [High School and Middle School Tournament \(Manhattan\)](#)  
 June 12th - [Middle School Quality Initiative Debate Championships](#)  
 June 13th - [Middle School End of the Year Awards Ceremony \(Manhattan\)](#)  
 July 6-10 - [Harlem Summer Debate Institute](#)  
 July 13-17 - [Bronx Summer Debate Institute](#)  
 July 20-31 - [Manhattan Summer Debate Institute](#)  
 July 20th-31st - [Varsity High School Summer Debate Institute](#)  
 July 27-31 - [Elementary School Summer School Debate Institute](#)  
 August 3-7 - [Overnight Summer Debate Institute](#)  
 August 3-7 - [Brooklyn Summer Debate Institute](#)  
 August 17-28 - [Queens Summer Debate Institute](#)

Sincerely,

## THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

[Bronx Debate League](#), [Brooklyn Debate League](#), [Harlem Debate League](#), [Manhattan Debate League](#), [Queens Debate League](#), [Girls Debate League](#)

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

**APRIL 25TH**

**HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TOURNAMENT #6**

Our next tournament is coming up this coming Saturday in partnership with the Queens Debate League at William Cullen Bryant High School. Topics feature Iraq and ISIS, global warming, oceans policy, US military drone policy, and technology. [Click here to learn more!](#) The registration deadline for NYC high schools is this Wednesday! And if interested in judging, please sign up now by [clicking here!](#)



APRIL HIGH  
SCHOOL

## **MAY 2ND** **MIDDLE SCHOOL PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE TOURNAMENT**



MIDDLE SCHOOL

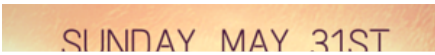
The Brooklyn Debate League and New York City Urban Debate League are hosting the May Middle School Public Forum Debate Tournament at the KIPP Academy AMP. The topic for the tournament is the national public forum debate topic: Resolved: Committing United States ground combat troops to fight ISIL is in the best interest of the United States. [Click here to learn more!](#)

## **MAY 30TH** **RHETORIC IN THE RING! WITH IDEAS CITY!**



Sign up your school's debate team to represent New York City in our debut of *Rhetoric in the Ring* in partnership with IDEAS City and the New Museum! IDEAS City occurs every two years to celebrate ideas, art, culture and rhetoric. The NYC Urban Debate League has been invited to host a series of public debates on May 30th in a boxing ring to demonstrate the importance of rhetoric, public speaking, advocacy, argument, and changing the world with new ideas and public policy proposals. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## **MAY 31ST** **SAVE THE DATE! LAST TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR!**



SUNDAY MAY 31ST

Our last tournament of the school year is on Sunday, May 31st and features all debate events and all debate grade levels in our annual Debate Fest! [Click here to learn more!](#)

## **JUNE 13TH**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE LEAGUE'S END OF THE YEAR AWARDS CEREMONY & POT LUCK!

SATURDAY JUNE 13TH 2015

MIDDLE SCHOOL

End of the Year Awards Ceremony! Pot Luck Lunch! BBQ! Food! Fun! Basketball! Games! Trophies! Come join us to celebrate the end of the NYC middle school debate season with our annual End of Year Awards Ceremony! [Click here to learn more!](#)

## THE INTELLIGENCE SQUARED PUBLIC DEBATE PROGRAM

Shout out to all our schools participating in our monthly debate night with Intelligence Squared! This month featured the topic of abolishing the death penalty and featured the world's foremost experts on the topic including Barry Scheck of the Innocence Project. [Click here to learn more!](#)



## PUBLIC DEBATE PROGRAM

From Intelligence Squared to IDEAS City to Louis Vuitton to Kirkland and Ellis Law Firm, we wanted to celebrate our Public Debate Program. While we host citywide debate tournaments nearly every Saturday, one of the most unique opportunities for our students is to take their debate skills to the general public and participate in our public debate program with a variety of community partners. [Click here to learn more!](#)

## SUMMER DEBATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW YORK CITY YOUTH!

Debaters Ages 14-24 looking for a 6 week summer job teaching debate? We have partnered with Children's Aid Society for the NYC Summer Youth Program!! Application - <https://application.nycsyep.com/>. Make sure you select "Bronx" or "Manhattan" where the Children's Aid Society is located! Make sure you select "The Children's Aid Society." And if accepted by lottery for the program just tell them you are with the NYC Debate League!!! And email us at nycudl@gmail.com or facebook us if any questions!! Or of course we always need summer debate camp volunteers and instructors and so just email us at nycudl@gmail.com or facebook. [Click here to learn more!](#)

## NYC SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTES!

[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, 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!!

## 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.*

**July 6 - 10. Harlem Debate Institute**  
<http://debate.nyc/summer/harlem/>  
 July 6th - 10th, 2015  
 (Columbia University, Middle School only)

**July 13-17. Bronx Debate Institute**  
<http://debate.nyc/summer/bronx/>  
 Bronx Collaborative High School, High School and Middle School Debate)

**July 20-31. Manhattan Debate Institute**  
<http://debate.nyc/summer/manhattan/>  
 July 20th - 31st, 2015  
 (Hunter College, Novice High School, Varsity High School, Middle School)

**July 20-31. Elementary School Debate Institute**  
<http://debate.nyc/summer/elementary/>  
 July 20th - 31st, 2015  
 (Hunter College, Elementary School)

**August 3-7. Urban Debate League Summer Institute (Overnight Camp)**  
 August 3rd - 7th, Monmouth University, New Jersey (High School only)

**August 3-7. Brooklyn Debate Institute**  
<http://debate.nyc/summer/brooklyn/>  
 Location: William E Grady Career and Technical High School

**August 17-28. Queens Debate Institute**  
<http://debate.nyc/summer/queens/>

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!](#)

## NYC DEBATE CLUB! SPRING SEMESTER

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.](#)

## JOIN THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE!

DEBATE TOURNAMENTS EVERY WEEKEND, DEBATE CENTERS EVERY WEEK, DEBATE NIGHTS EVERY MONTH, SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTES ALL SUMMER IN OUR BRONX, MANHATTAN, QUEENS, BROOKLYN, HARLEM AND CITYWIDE DEBATE LEAGUES.

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