

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



**#2 AT THE NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

Greetings!

This week we celebrate our Debate Champions! Last week history was made at the National Speech and Debate Championships when NYC debaters from the Institute for Collaborative Education reached the Semifinals of Public Forum Debate and won Second Top Speaker overall at the tournament. In addition, huge shout outs to Maspeth High School, Hunters Point Community School, Bronx Science, Stuyvesant High School, and many other NYC schools who qualified for the National Championships and their incredible accomplishments at the National Tournament. Also, a huge shout out to NYC middle school debate. Nearly every year our top teams win some of the top awards of the tournament including Semifinalist, Quarterfinalist, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place team and speaker awards. So while we are the largest middle school debate league in the nation, we are also one of the most successful middle school debate leagues in the nation. And so congratulations again to all our high school and middle school national champion participants, winners, schools, students and coaches. To learn more about the largest academic competition in the world, [click here](#).

Our Champions do not end there! The week before the National Championships, the top debaters from the NYC Department of Education's Middle School Quality Initiative debated in our citywide championships on the topic of undocumented immigration. And so another huge shout out to all the schools, students and teachers participating in the MSQI City Championships! The MSQI Debate

Program has become one of the top literacy reform initiatives with citywide and national implications.

Finally, thank you to all our Champions of Debate! Thank you to all the volunteers, teachers, parents, students, alumni, principals, schools - and everyone who makes debate possible. Trophies, titles, and tournaments are all nice, but in the end thank you for making the most rigorous academic program - debate - available to all students. Debate is one of the most powerful programs to prepare students for college, career, and civic success. So thank you for making debate possible. And on that note, for all our volunteers, judges, coaches and teachers, please join us for our [Volunteer Appreciation Night](#) this coming Wednesday, June 24th at our office at Teach for America. Please RSVP by the Monday deadline! Thank you again to all of our Champions of Debate!

Upcoming NYC Debate Events

June 24 - [Volunteer Appreciation Night!](#)
 July 6-10 - [Harlem Summer Debate Institute](#)
 July 6-9 - [Brooklyn 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 17-28 - [Queens Summer Debate Institute](#)

Sincerely,

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New York City Debate News
All students should have the best debate education opportunities.

JUNE 24TH **VOLUNTEER** **APPRECIATION NIGHT!**

Over 10,000 debate rounds, over 30 tournaments, and over 1200 students - we had a historic year thanks to a historic record of volunteers supporting debate. While it was remarkable to host tournaments nearly every weekend - it was even more remarkable that we had over 50



volunteers, teachers, parents, and staff at each tournament supporting our debaters! So thank you to everyone for supporting debate in NYC. And so we hope you can join us for an evening of thanks at our office at Teach for America. Celebrate the end of the debate season with food, drinks and fun. The event is free for all our volunteers! Make sure you RSVP by the Monday deadline by [clicking here](#).

JUNE 14TH-19TH **#2 IN THE NATION!** **NATIONAL SPEECH** **& DEBATE** **CHAMPIONSHIPS** **(DALLAS, TEXAS)**

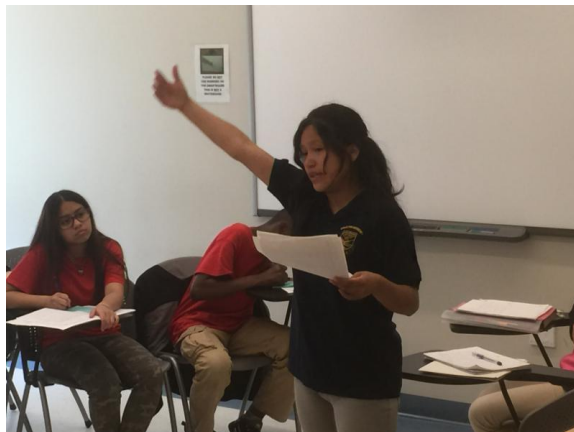
#2 IN THE NATION

2015 NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
DALLAS, TEXAS

Urban Debate history was made last week when the Institute for Collaborative Education reached Semifinals in Public Forum Debate at the National Speech and Debate Championships in Dallas, Texas. The Institute for Collaborative Education also won the Second Place Top Speaker Award! Huge shout outs to all our other participating schools including Maspeth High School, Hunters Point Community School, Bronx Science, Stuyvesant High School, and many other NYC schools that qualified for the National Championships. The National Speech and Debate Championships is the largest academic competition in the world. To give you a general sense of how large the tournament is - you can combine all the next largest academic national championships like the National Spelling Bee and the National Chess Championships - and the National Debate and Speech Championships would still be the largest academic tournament! And so a huge congratulations to the Institute for Collaborative Education as well as all our schools that qualified and competed at the National Championships. [Click here to learn more!](#)

JUNE 12TH **MIDDLE SCHOOL** **QUALITY INITIATIVE** **DEBATE** **CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

Our last tournament of this school year was the Middle School Quality Initiative's Debate Championships. The topic was "Resolved: The US federal government should provide amnesty to all undocumented immigrants." The Championships featured three rounds of debate, guest speakers on the immigration topic, a Coaches debate round, and the Student Final Round. We thank the NYC Department of Education and the Middle School Quality Initiative for making everything possible. [Click here to learn more!](#)



JUNE 1ST - 5TH

NATIONAL DEBATE CONFERENCE (CHICAGO, ILLINOIS)

The first week of June featured the annual Urban Debate League Directors and Staff Conference in Chicago, Illinois. The week featured meetings, workshops and best practices from across over 20 urban debate leagues across the nation. [Click here to learn more!](#)



NYC SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTES!

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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 and the Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest.

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!



INTRODUCING THE 2015 NEW YORK CITY SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTES! REGISTER BY JUNE 1ST 2015!

Click below for more details on each of our community debate institutes. [Learn more](#) about Summer Registration. See below for more information on each camp.

Application deadline for July camps is June 1st, 2015. Application deadline for August camps is July 1st.

July 6 - 10. Harlem Debate Institute

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

July 6th - 10th, 2015

(Columbia University, Middle School only)

July 6-9. Brooklyn Debate Institute

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

Location: Urban Assembly Institute for Math and Science for Young Women

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

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!!

<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 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)

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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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