

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



**NYC SUMMER DEBATE SEASON BEGINS!**

We hope everyone is having a wonderful summer of sun, beaches, BBQ, and debates!!! Indeed, the summer's hottest activity is debate camp!!! Every summer debaters from across the country travel to debate camps hosted by all the top colleges throughout the United States! New York is no exception - we host the largest and longest summer debate program in the nation. But summer debate camp nor any summer academic program for that matter - is not just about fun - its about providing the best educational opportunities year round. One of the most critical problems in education is the loss of summer learning time. According to a report by the RAND Corporation, the average summer learning loss for underserved students is the loss of two months of reading skills. A study from Johns Hopkins University found that about two-thirds of the achievement gap could be explained by summer learning loss. Additionally, these studies have found that the learning loss is "cumulative, summer after summer. It has a tremendous impact on students' success, including high school completion, post-secondary education and work force preparedness. As a result, no matter how effective other school reforms are, our traditional 180-day school calendar creates an incredibly inefficient system of learning. We cannot afford to spend nearly 10 months of every year devoting enormous amounts of intellect, energy and money to promoting student learning and achievement, and then walk away from that investment every summer."

With the help of all our supporters - our goal this summer and every summer will be to address the summer learning gap through summer long gifted and talented education programming for all. While most "gifted and talented" programs are highly selective and high in tuition rates - we passionately believe that everyone should have access to gifted and talented programs in debate, public speaking, rhetoric, current events, philosophy, civics - these citizenship skills are essential for any democracy.

### **Summer Debate Season Calendar**

July 6-10 - Harlem Summer Debate Institute (Columbia University)  
July 9th - Law Firm Debate Scrimmages (Columbia University)  
July 10th - NYC Middle School Tournament #1 (Columbia University)  
July 10th - NYC High School Tournament #1 (Columbia University)  
July 13-16 - Brooklyn Debate Institute (Borough Hall, Brooklyn)  
July 16th - NYC High School Tournament #2 (Borough Hall)  
July 20-31 - Varsity High School Debate Institute (Silberman Graduate School)  
July 20-31 - Manhattan HS Debate Institute (Silberman Graduate School)  
July 20-31 - Manhattan Middle School Debate Institute (Hunter College)  
July 22nd - Bank of America Debate Scrimmage (Bank of America Headquarters)  
July 31st - NYC Middle School Tournament #1  
July 31st - NYC High School Tournament #3  
July 31st - NYC Elementary School Tournament #1  
July 20-24 - Manhattan MSQI Debate Institute (Hunter College)  
July 27-31 - Manhattan Elementary School Debate Institute (Hunter College)  
August 10-14 - Brooklyn MSQI Debate Institute  
August 14th - NYC Middle School Tournament #4  
August 17-28 - Queens Middle School Debate Institute (Maspeth High School)  
August 17-28 - Queens High School Debate Institute (Maspeth High School)  
August 17-28 - Queens Varsity HS Debate Institute (Maspeth High School)  
August 28th - NYC Middle School Tournament #5  
August 28th - NYC High School Tournament #4

Sincerely,

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# NEW YORK CITY DEBATE SUMMER TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2015

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER DEBATE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

**NYC Summer Middle School Debate Tournament #1**  
Columbia University (Manhattan)  
July 10th

**NYC Summer Middle School Debate Tournament #2**  
Borough Hall (Brooklyn)  
July 16th

**NYC Summer Middle School Debate Tournament #3**  
Hunter College (Manhattan)  
July 31st

**NYC Summer Middle School Debate Tournament #4**  
Brooklyn  
August 14th

**NYC Summer Middle School Debate Tournament #5**  
Maspeth High School (Queens)  
August 28th

## HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER DEBATE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

**NYC Summer High School Debate Tournament #1**  
Columbia University (Manhattan)  
July 10th

**NYC Summer High School Debate Tournament #2**  
Borough Hall (Brooklyn)  
July 16th

**NYC Summer High School Debate Tournament #3**  
Hunter College (Manhattan)  
July 31st

**NYC Summer High School Debate Tournament #4**  
Maspeth High School (Queens)  
August 28th

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEBATE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

NYC Summer High School Debate Tournament  
Hunter College (Manhattan)  
July 31st

# NEW YORK CITY SUMMER DEBATE SEASON 2015 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## JULY 10TH NYC SUMMER DEBATE TOURNAMENT #1 RESULTS COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



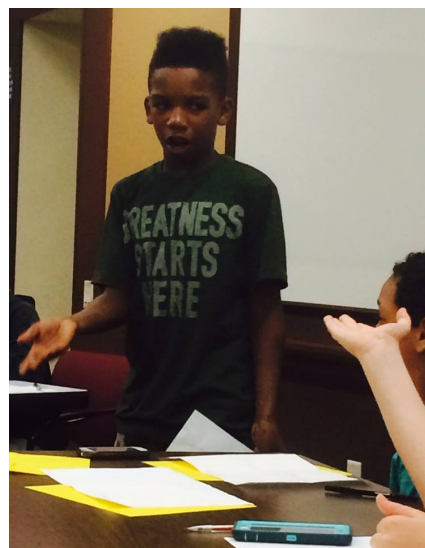
New York City's summer debate tournament season has begun! The first tournament of the summer was held at Columbia University at the end of the Harlem Summer Debate Institute. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Harlem Summer Debate Institute. There were four divisions of the tournament including Beginners Parliamentary Debate, Advanced Parliamentary Debate, Beginners Public Forum Debate, and Advanced Public Forum Debate. Congratulations to our top speakers at Summer Tournament #1: Herbert Espinal (1st Place Advanced Parliamentary Debate), Rajendra Singh (1st Place Advanced Public forum Debate), Isaiah Santana (1st Place Beginners Parliamentary Debate), Preston Ferraiuolo (1st Place Beginners Public Forum Debate). [Click here for full Summer Debate Tournament #1 Results](#). And congratulations to all debaters for participating! For many of our students this was their first debate tournament! For some of our students this was their first high school tournament after years of middle school debate! Thank you everyone for attending!

## NYC SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTES!

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## JULY 6TH - JULY 10TH HARLEM DEBATE INSTITUTE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

The Harlem Debate Institute (HDI) takes advantage of the incredible academic, artistic, and political community of Harlem from top colleges to top libraries to top cultural institutions to offer a summer debate camp for all ages. Students study with some of the great debaters, great debate coaches, and great debate teachers of today. And that is just the beginning! Students continue debate throughout the school year with weekly practices and monthly tournaments in the Harlem Debate League and the New York City Debate League. [Click here to learn more.](#)



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## **JULY 13TH - JULY 16TH** **BROOKLYN DEBATE INSTITUTE** **BOROUGH HALL**



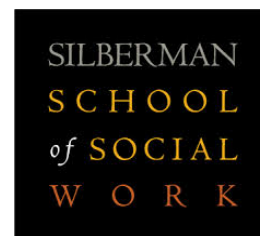
The Brooklyn Debate League is year round with monthly debate tournaments during the school year and the Brooklyn Debate Institute (BKDI) during the summer. Brooklyn is home to more debate teams than any other borough of New York City. In fact, Brooklyn is home to the top speaker in the nation and the New York State Champion. Students at the Brooklyn Debate Institute prepare for the upcoming year's debates in the Brooklyn Debate League and the New York City Debate League. The Brooklyn Debate Institute (BKDI) culminates with a Debate Tournament at the end of the debate camp featuring trophies, awards and prizes! [Click here to learn more.](#)

## **JULY 20TH - JULY 31ST** **MIDDLE SCHOOL** **MANHATTAN DEBATE** **INSTITUTE** **HUNTER COLLEGE**



The Manhattan Debate Institute (MDI) is our largest and longest summer debate institute. The Debate Camp is hosted by our Manhattan Debate League and staffed by New York's top middle school and high school debate coaches, teachers, alumni and debaters. Tracks are available for beginners as well as advanced debaters. Skills include public speaking, cross examination, critical thinking, research, argumentative writing, public forum debate, and policy debate. Subjects include the current policy debate resolution, philosophy, political science, critical theory, economics, history, geography, international politics and more. Students will gain a competitive edge for the upcoming debate season in the Manhattan Debate League and the New York City Debate League. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## **JULY 20TH - JULY 31ST** **HIGH SCHOOL MANHATTAN DEBATE INSTITUTE** **SILBERMAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL** **WORK**



The High School Debate Institute is open to high school debaters in public forum debate and policy debate. Students can be in any level of high school debate from beginner to varsity. The High School Debate Institute is focused on in depth skill building in numerous practice debates as well as a particular focus on research. Thanks to our partnership with Hunter College, students will have full access to library, computer and internet resources to maximize debate research opportunities. In policy debate students will work in small labs to prepare files to prepare on the annual debate topic. In public forum debate, students will be researching and writing on the topic areas of the September/October public forum debate resolution. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## **JULY 20TH - JULY 31ST** **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MANHATTAN** **DEBATE INSTITUTE** **HUNTER COLLEGE**



The New York City Urban Debate League founded the nation's first elementary school debate institute. The Debate Camp is staffed by New York's top middle school and high school debate coaches, teachers, alumni and debaters. Skills include public speaking, cross

examination, critical thinking, research, argumentative writing, public forum debate, and policy debate. Subjects include the current policy debate resolution, philosophy, political science, critical theory, economics, history, geography, international politics and more. Students will gain a competitive edge for the upcoming debate season. [Click here to learn more.](#)

## **AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 17TH MIDDLE SCHOOL QUALITY INITIATIVE DEBATE CAMP**



The New York City Urban Debate League and the New York City Department of Education partnered up to bring curricular debate and after school debate programs to over 100 New York City middle schools to close the achievement gap. The MSQI debate initiative uses an evidence based argumentation curriculum to increase student literacy, writing, public speaking, and critical thinking skills. The NYCUDL team provides schools with on site teacher training, debate resources, workshops, and monthly debate opportunities for MSQI students. Preliminary results show substantial gains in literacy for students participating in debate versus their peers who do not participate in debate. This summer will be our first debate camp for MSQI teachers and students! [Click here to learn more.](#)

## **AUGUST 17TH - AUGUST 28TH QUEENS DEBATE INSTITUTE MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL MASPETH HIGH SCHOOL**



The Queens Debate Institute (QDI) is located at Maspeth High School. Like our other debate institutes, QDI's greatest strengths are derived from the community. Our partnerships with local Queens colleges such as St. John's University which has one of the nation's leading debate programs as well as other college debate teams - bring some of the greatest debate instruction and coaching. QDI offers all forms of debate and is the perfect place for debaters to jump start the upcoming debate season! So join us at QDI! [Click here to learn more.](#)


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