

# THE GREAT DEBATERS NEWSLETTER!

## THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

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## MANHATTAN DEBATE INSTITUTES BEGIN!

This week we celebrate the beginning of the Manhattan Debate Institute! Nearly two hundred high school, middle school and elementary students of all debate levels will be participating in debate camps over the next two weeks at Hunter College and the Silberman Graduate School of Social Work. Debate topics include high school admissions and the specialized high school examination, national surveillance, and racial justice issues. Thank you to an incredible crew of debate coaches, teachers, interns, alumni, students, parents and volunteers for making the Manhattan Debate Institute possible. This is our fifth year of the Manhattan Debate Institute and we could not do it without the support of the incredible New York City debate community. And this coming Thursday and Friday are Dan's Debates at Hunter College! For the past three years City Council Member Dan Garodnick has made possible our annual summer debate tournaments! This Thursday and Friday feature two full days of elementary school, middle school, and high school debates! Next up ... the Queens Debate Institute! Welcome to the Summer of Debate!

### **Summer Debate Season Calendar**

July 31st - Middle School Summer Tournament #2  
 July 31st - High School Summer Tournament #3  
 July 31st - NYC Elementary School Summer Tournament  
 July 20-24 - Manhattan MSQI Summer 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 Summer 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 Summer Tournament #5  
 August 28th - NYC High School Summer Tournament #4

Sincerely,

### **THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE**

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### **NEW YORK CITY DEBATE NEWS**

All students should have access to the best debate education opportunities

### **DAN'S DEBATES @ Hunter College! JULY 30TH AND JULY 31ST**

Thank you to City Council Member Dan Garodnick for hosting another summer of debates! This is the third consecutive summer of debates at Hunter College made possible by Council Member Dan Garodnick. The annual summer debate tournament will feature a range of debate topics including high school admissions and the specialized science high school examination, racial justice issues, national surveillance, and several additional topics. Dan's Debates will feature a Middle School Debate Tournament this

Thursday and a High School Debate Tournament this Friday at Hunter College from 9:00am-3:00pm.



## **THE BANK OF AMERICA DEBATES! JULY 22ND**

Thank you to Bank of America for hosting the first Bank of America Summer Debate Exhibition featuring some of our city's top middle school debaters. Our debaters had the opportunity to spend the afternoon at the Bank of America Headquarters and were judged by a 7 judge panel of Bank of America attorneys on the national public forum debate topic. Special thanks to Gretchen Garnecho and Yaira Brito for organizing the debates! Thank you to all our debaters for participating! [Click here](#) for more.



## **THE BROWN RUDNICK SUMMER DEBATE TOURNAMENT JULY 9TH**



It was an incredible honor to host the Brown Rudnick Summer Debate Tournament at the Harlem Summer Debate Institute at Columbia University. A panel of lawyers and summer associates of Brown Rudnick law firm judged our middle school students on July 9th. Brown Rudnick also makes our national award winning travel team possible with monthly travel opportunities for New York City's great debaters! We would not have a NYC Urban Debate League without the incredible support of Brown Rudnick. Thank you for your support and providing New York City students with the most rigorous academic opportunities.

[Click here](#) to learn more!

## **THANK YOU TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FOR HOSTING THE HARLEM DEBATE INSTITUTE!**

Thank you to Columbia University and Teachers College for hosting the third summer of the The Harlem Debate Institute (HDI). 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.



## **THANK YOU TO HUNTER COLLEGE FOR HOSTING THE MANHATTAN DEBATE INSTITUTE!**

This will be our final week of the Manhattan Debate Institute (MDI). We wanted to thank Hunter College and the Bella Abzug Leadership Institute for hosting the fifth summer of MDI. MDI is the city's largest summer debate institute 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. Thank you to Hunter College and the Bella Abzug Leadership Institute!



## 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 30th

#### **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

**NYC SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTES!**

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**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. 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!

**MSQI Student Debate Institute Registration**

<http://debate.nyc/msqi-debate-camp>

**MSQI Teacher Debate Institute Registration**

<http://debate.nyc/msqi-teachers-debate-institute/>

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

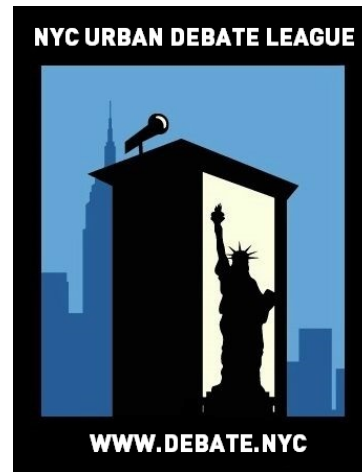


The Queens Debate Institute (QDI) is located at Maspeth High School. Like our other debate institutes, QDI's greatest strengths are derived from the community. Our partnerships with local Queens colleges such as St. John's University which has one of the nation's leading debate programs as well as other 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.](#)

**FALL DEBATE CLUB SIGN UP NOW!**

[Click here to register!](#)

The NYC Debate Club meets nearly every Saturday during the Fall and Spring Semesters for practices and debate tournaments. The Debate Club is open to all grade levels - elementary school, middle school, and high school. Our students have won local, city, regional and national tournaments. Our instructors are among the top debaters and coaches in the city. The Debate Club is free for schools that are members of the New York City Urban Debate League. If your school is not a member, [click here to register](#).



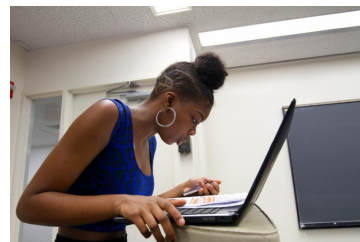
## JOIN THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE FOR THE 2015-2016 DEBATE SEASON!

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.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL NOW!](#)

### 2015-2016 NYC HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

10/24 - NYC High School Tournament #1  
11/21 - NYC High School Tournament #2  
12/12 - NYC High School Tournament #3  
1/23 - NYC High School Tournament #4  
2/6 - NYC High School Tournament #5  
3/12 - NYC High School City Championships  
March- April - NYC Debate March Madness  
May - National Championships  
June - National Championships



### 2015-2016 NYC MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

10/3 - Parli Tournament #1 (Manhattan/Bronx/Harlem Leagues)  
10/10 - Public Forum & Policy Tournament #1 (Manhattan/Bronx/Harlem Leagues)  
10/17 - MSQI Debate #1

- 11/7 - Public Forum & Policy Tournament #2 (Manhattan/Bronx/Harlem Leagues)
- 11/14 - Parli Tournament #2 (Brooklyn/Queens League)
- 12/5 - Public Forum & Policy Tournament #3 (Manhattan/Bronx/Harlem Leagues)
- 12/12 - Parli Tournament #3 (Brooklyn/Queens League)
- 1/9 - Parli Tournament #4 (Manhattan/Bronx/Harlem Leagues)
- 1/16 - Public Forum & Policy Tournament #4 (Brooklyn/Queens Leagues)
- 1/30 - MSQI Debate #4
- 2/13 - Public Forum & Policy Tournament #5 (Brooklyn/Queens League)
- 2/27 - Parli Tournament #5 (Manhattan/Bronx/Harlem Leagues)
- 3/5 - New York City Middle School City Championships
- 3/26 - MSQI Debate #3
- April - March Debate Madness Month
- 5/21-22 - New York State Middle School Championships
- 6/10 - MSQI Debate #4 - MSQI Championships
- June - National Speech & Debate League National Middle School Championships


## 2015-2016 NYC TRAVEL TEAM CALENDAR



- 9/19 - Yale University Debate Invitational
- 9/26 - Georgetown University Invitational
- 10/16 - New York City Invitational
- 10/24 - Capital Classic Invitational
- 1/26 - Lexington High School Invitational
- 2/13 - Harvard University Invitational
- 2/27 - Lakeland Invitational
- 4/9 - National Debate Coaches Championships
- 4/16 - National Urban Debate League Championships
- June - National Speech and Debate Association National Championships

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