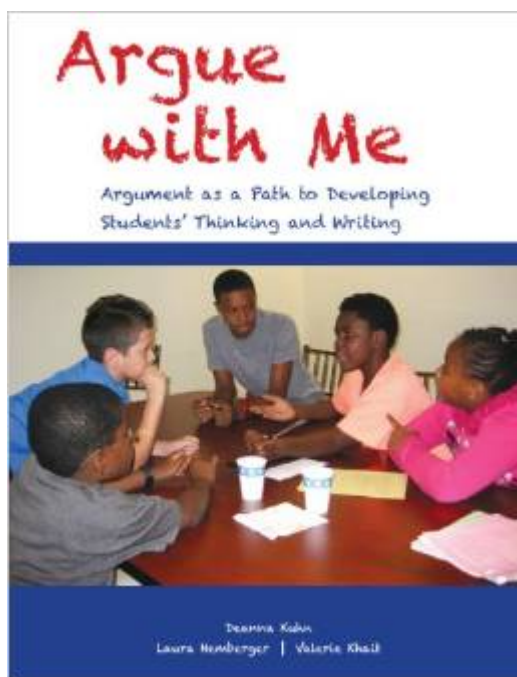


THE GREAT DEBATERS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER THE NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

"Be Great! Be a Great Debater!"

NYCUDL'S HARLEM DEBATE INSTITUTE FEATURED IN NEW BOOK ON ACADEMIC DEBATE!



This week we celebrate the beginning of our August Summer Debate Camps! NYC Summer Debate Camp #6 begins this week in the Bronx! Thank you for everyone's support for our July Summer Debate Camps - The Harlem Summer Debate Institute, The Elementary School Summer Debate Institute, the Manhattan High School Summer Debate Institute, the Manhattan Middle School Summer Debate Institute, and the Brooklyn Debate Institute! Wow!

We especially wanted to shout out our Harlem Summer Debate Institute which was featured in a new book, "[Argue With Me](#)" on the academic impact of debate and argumentation on youth! Thank you to Professor Deanna Kuhn, Teachers College, and Columbia University for an incredible partnership to bring debate education opportunities to NYC youth.

If you haven't signed up for summer debate camp, it's never too late. [Click here](#) to sign up for our year round summer and school year programs. Everything is free for NYC Title I schools that are members of the NYC Debate League!

See you tomorrow at the Bronx Summer Debate Institute!

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AUGUST DEBATE CAMPS START THIS WEEK!

**Bronx Debate Institute (August 11th-15th)
Queens Debate Institute (August 25th-29th)
Columbia University Debate Camp (August 25th-29th)
Teachers Debate Institute (August 25th-29th)**

[Click here to register for Summer Debate Camp!](#)

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Email us at nycudl@gmail.com for scholarship information!

NYC DEBATE WEEKLY NEWS

Celebrating the incredible achievements of our Great Debaters every week.



Congratulations to NYCUDL Debater Sekou Cisse, NYCUDL Debate coach Maria Williams and the incredible Great Debaters of the Harlem Success Academy. Several debaters received full scholarships to attend the University of Texas Debate Institute this summer. Sekou - a middle school debater - won one of the top speaker awards in the Varsity High School Public Forum Debate Division! The day after returning to NYC from Texas, he volunteered to coach debate at our two week Manhattan Middle School Debate Institute and was one of our top lab leaders! Thank you Sekou for sharing your passion for debate!



Ed O'Bannon, who played college basketball, sued the N.C.A.A. after his image as a player was used years later in a video game.



**SPORTS IN THE UNITED STATES
DEBATE TOPIC!**

Thank You Alisa!

Voting Ends on August 14th for the National Public Forum Debate Topic for September & October! Vote Now!

Public Forum Debate is the newest debate format in the United States and has quickly grown to become the largest high school debate format. Topics change monthly based on current events and all students and coaches who are members of the National Speech and Debate Association can vote on the national topics.

The September/October Public Forum Debate Topic area is "Sports in the United States." And not a more timely topic because this week a federal judge ruled in favor of college athletes suing the NCAA who claimed that the NCAA conspired with schools and conferences to block athletes from getting a share of the revenues generations from the use of their images in broadcasts and video games. This opens the door for college athletes to be paid. [Click here to learn more.](#)

You have until August 14th to vote. Vote now by logging into your account with the National Speech and Debate Association by [clicking here](#). The two topic choices are listed below.

Choice 1 - Resolved: On balance, students in grades 6-12 in the United States benefit when their schools offer interscholastic sports.

Choice 2 - Resolved: On balance, public subsidies for professional athletic organizations in the United States benefit their local communities.

The September/October Public Forum topic will be announced August 15. Online voting ends August 14 at 4 p.m. CT.

We wanted to give a huge shout out to Alisa Selman who has joined us on staff as our Photographer and Videographer.

In the past it was just one of us running around with our phone cameras. But now thanks to Alisa we have an incredible photographer and incredible volunteer who is passionate about capturing the real images of our mission that every single student should be a Great Debater. It is very easy to put that mission into words and very easy to read about that mission. However, it is difficult but critical to actually see this in action. Alisa does an incredible job of this and we thank her for all her work that has started at our summer debate camps and will continue throughout the year. Thank you Alisa!

BRONX DEBATE CAMP BEGINS TOMORROW!

This Monday the Bronx Debate Institute (BXDI) will begin. Thank you for everyone for making our second Bronx Summer Debate Institute possible! And a huge shout out to our Bronx Summer Debate Camp staff!

Shawanda Weems

Shawanda Weems is the 8 grade teacher of English Language Arts at PS/MS 15 in the University Heights section of the Bronx. She began her debate coaching career under the

leadership of her former student Sorangel Liriano and her friends. Her program is unique in that she empowers high school students to teach middle school students public forum debate. It is with this team of coaches that their students won the city championships last year and made it to the semi finals this year. Shawanda also coaches track and has been honored by Michelle Obama as a champion of change for her work under the leadership of NYRR. Most recently, she has been featured in The New York Times as a teacher who makes a difference.

Alina Kulman

Alina Kulman is a rising sophomore at Hunter College High School. She began her debate career with parliamentary debate in 8th grade, and her team placed in the top 5 at every tournament they attended. This led her to immense interest in debate, and this year Alina competed in her novice year of Lincoln Douglas, reaching elimination rounds at the State finals, the Scarsdale Invitational and the Ridge Debates. Outside of debate, Alina plays piano, tennis, and thinks about debating.

Emily Tran

Emily Tran is a rising sophomore at Hunter College High School, and has been debating for three years in Parliamentary and Lincoln Douglas debate, with a brief foray into Policy. Last year, she and her team won the city championships, as well as placing second at the national Middle School Parliamentary Debate Championships. This year, she competed on local and national circuits, becoming a semifinalist and 5th place speaker at the New York State Debate Coaches Championships. Debate has been an incredible adventure, and she hopes to share it with others. Outside of debate, Emily fiddles around with Photoshop and tries to hibernate.

Pablo Blanco

Pablo Blanco is a junior at Stuyvesant High School, who participates in the activity of policy debate. He has 2 years of High school experience and has participated in several national tournaments. Pablo also dedicates some time to volunteer work and spends time in his school's branch of Aspira. Pablo aims to enrich the debate community and hopes that spending time with the UDL makes that possible.

Jason Chen

Jason Chen is a rising junior at the Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice. He comes from a family of debaters and is dedicating the summer to interning at the NYCUDL. Jason is also a member of the ROTC and plans to pursue a career in the military.

William Cheung

William Cheung debated for the City University of New York and coaches debate in New York City. As a debater, Cheung has won numerous debate tournaments and has also made it to elimination rounds in the Cross Examination Debate League's national tournament. As a long time coach for Brooklyn Technical High School and the Urban Debate League, Cheung has been involved in successfully coaching teams to national debate tournaments including (as a first for Brooklyn Tech) qualifying for the Tournament of Champions, a major debate event. Using skills learned from debate, Cheung will be going to Germany on a Fulbright Scholarship in the fall to continue his studies in philosophy, communicate across differences, and learn in a novel environment. Cheung's goal when he returns is to ultimately attend graduate school.

Erik Fogel

Erik Fogel is Director of the New York City Urban Debate League and coach of the Debate Team at the Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice. His debaters have won top awards at every single debate tournament in the Northeast including Harvard, Yale, Georgetown, NYC, Lexington, Manchester, Ridge, Newark, Washington DC and everywhere else!. He coached the first New York City middle school teams to win top awards at the National Championships including Quarterfinalists, Semifinalists, and Third Place Top Speaker. Mr. Fogel received his B.A. in Political Science & History from UC Berkeley, J.D. from UC Hastings College of Law, and M.A. in Education from Pace University.

Erika Marte

Erika Marte is currently a rising senior at Hamilton College majoring in Comparative Literature with a double minor in Chinese and Women Studies. She began debating in 8th

grade at the Bronx School for Law, Government, and Justice and won numerous awards including Semifinalist at the New York State Championships and Second Top Speaker in New York State. She received a full scholarship to college because of debate. Debate has allowed her to express her thoughts and always fight for what she believe in. She hopes to obtain a career in public advocacy or in a field that allows her to help people.

SUMMER DEBATE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Click here to register for debate camp!

All members of the New York City Urban Debate League are eligible for full scholarships to Debate Camp

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There's no summer break for debate! Welcome to our summer debate season with tournaments nearly every weekend! And if interested in volunteering as a judge at any of these tournaments, please email us at nycudl@gmail.com. Thank You!

Summer Debate Institutes

Harlem Debate Institute
Brooklyn Debate Institute
Bronx Debate Institute
Queens Debate Institute
Manhattan Debate Institute
Teachers Debate Institute

Summer Debate Tournament Calendar

July 3 - Harlem Summer Debate Tournament
July 11th - Brooklyn Summer Debate Tournament
July 31st - Manhattan Middle School Summer Debate Tournament
August 1st - Manhattan High School Summer Debate Tournament
August 15th - Bronx Summer Debate Tournament
August 29th - Queens Summer Debate Tournament
August 29th - Teachers Summer Debate Tournament
August 29th - Columbia University Summer Debate Tournament

Policy Debate Topic (2014-2015)

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 (September/October 2014)

Topic Area: Sports in the United States.

Choice 1 - Resolved: On balance, students in grades 6-12 in the United States benefit when their schools offer interscholastic sports.

Choice 2 - Resolved: On balance, public subsidies for professional athletic organizations in the United States benefit their local communities.

International Public Policy Forum Topic (2014-2015)

Resolved: Mass surveillance is not a justified method of governmental intelligence gathering.

Parliamentary Debate Topics



Student selected!

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Debate Camps can cost several thousand dollars. We are able to provide full scholarships to all Title I schools and students that are members of the New York City Urban Debate League, as well as all students for a fraction of the cost thanks to our incredible sponsors who are passionate about providing the most rigorous educational opportunities to all students. We thank...

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New York City High School Debate Calendar 2014-2015

10/4 - HS Tournament #1
The Bingham Debate Season Opener

11/1 - HS Tournament #2
The Metro Hudson Tournament

11/22 - HS Tournament #3
The Horace Mann Invitational
(PF Only)

12/13 - HS Tournament #4
The Fried Frank Invitational

12/20 - HS Tournament #5



The Brown Rudnick New York City Travel Team Debate Calendar 2014-2015

9/19-9/21 - Yale University (CT)
9/26-9/28 - Georgetown University (DC)
10/10-10/11 - Monticello (NY)
10/18 - NYC Invitational (NY)
10/24-10/26 -Capital Beltway Classic (MD)
10/24-25 - Manchester (MA)
11/22- Horace Mann Invitational (NY)
12/5-7 - Princeton University (NJ)
12/12 - Ridge High School (NJ)
12/20 - Regis Holiday Classic (NY)
1/9-1/11 - Newark Invitational (NJ)
1/16-1/18 - Lexington (MA)
1/23-1/25 - Columbia University (NY)

The Regis Holiday Classic
 1/10 - HS Tournament #6
 The Brooklyn Debate Invitational
 2/21 - HS Tournament #7
 The Metro Hudson Debate Blowout
 3/20-3/23 - HS Tournament #8
 The NYC High School Championships
 & Kirkland & Ellis National Qualifier
 4/25 - HS Tournament #9
 The Beveridge & Diamond Environmental
 Debate Fest!
 5/TBA - HS Tournament #10
 The Donors Choose Early Bird Tournament
 6/TBA - HS Tournament #11
 The Girls Debate Championships

2/6-2/7 - Scarsdale Invitational (NY)
 2/15-17 - Harvard University (MA)
 2/15-17 - University of Pennsylvania (PA)
 2/27 - Lakeland High School (NY)
 4/9-4/12 - Urban Debate National
 Championships (University of Southern
 California) (CA)
 4/11-4/13 - National Debate Coaches
 Association National Championships (NV)
 6/14-20 - National Speech & Debate
 Association's National Championships
 (TBA)



New York City Middle School Debate League Tournament Calendar 2014-2015

**9/20 - Middle School
 Debate Camp!**

10/11 - Conference #1
 The West Harlem
 Foundation Debate
 Invitational

11/8 - Conference #2
 The McCarthy Dressman
 Debate Invitational

12/6 - Conference #3
 The Citizens Committee
 Debate Invitational

1/10 - Conference #4
 The Donors Choose
 Invitational

**2/27-28 - Conference #5 -
 Travel Tournament**
 (The Westchester Classic)



New York City Middle School Quality Initiative Tournament Calendar 2014-2015

10/18 - Tournament #1
 @ MS 45 (Bronx)

*Topic: Do professional
 athletes deserve multi-
 million dollar salaries?*

1/10 - Tournament #2
 @ Brooklyn Tech High
 School (Brooklyn)

*Nuclear power: Our energy
 future, or danger to society?*

3/28 - Tournament #3
 @ Bronx High School of
 Science (Bronx)

*Violence and media: are
 ratings systems necessary?*

6/12 - Tournament #4
 The MSQI Championships
 @ Columbia University



New York City Elementary School Debate League Tournament Calendar 2014-2015

10/11 - Tournament #1
 The West Harlem
 Foundation Debate
 Invitational

11/7 - The Sesame Street
 Debates! @ Sesame
 Street!

11/8 - Conference #2
 The McCarthy Dressman
 Debate Invitational

12/6 - Tournament #3
 The Citizens Committee
 Debate Invitational

1/10 - Tournament #4
 The Donors Choose
 Invitational

2/7 - Tournament #5

3/7-3/8

The New York State Middle School Championships

(Manhattan)

Should middle and high schools use academic tracking?

The Brown Rudnick Invitational

3/7-3/8

The New York State Elementary School Championships

3/20 - Speech Tournament!

3/28 - Conference #6

The Bronx Science Battle of the Boroughs Middle School Tournament

3/28 - Tournament #6
The Bronx Science Battle of the Boroughs

4/25 - Conference #7

The Beveridge & Diamond Environmental Debate Fest!

4/25 - Tournament #7
The Beveridge & Diamond Environmental Debate Fest!

5/16 - Conference #8:

The Fish & Richardson City of Champions: New York City Middle School Championships

5/9 - Tournament #8
The Elementary School Championships @ The New York Historical Society

6/TBA - The Girls Debate Championships


6/TBA - Tournament #9
The Girls Debate Championships

6/14 - The National Middle School Championships

The National Speech & Debate Association

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