

OCTOBER 1ST DEBATE SEASON BEGINS! TOURNAMENT #1 WORKSHOP #1

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Sekou Cisse (Success Academy) wins big at Yale University!

1st Place Top Speaker!

2nd Place Top Debater!

Undefeated and Top Seed in Preliminary Rounds!

Bid to the Tournament of Champions!

Welcome to the 2016-17 Debate Year! We are so excited to start another great year of debate. As you know, the NYCUDL has grown exponentially over the last few years. This growth is fantastic for debate, and of course,



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it also requires some adjustments to our programming and policies to make sure that we can give every participant an amazing debate experience. In addition to welcoming you, we wanted to let you know about some new practices that we are unrolling to facilitate great debate. We are here to work with you, and so if you have any questions or need any help, please reach out to us.

But first we give our regular weekly shout out! For some the tournament season has started already! A huge congratulations to our debaters who have already competed at Yale University and Wake Forest University! Huge shout outs to NYCUDL middle school alumni, Summer Debate Camp Instructor and Success Academy Debater, Sekou Cisse, who in a field of 150 Varsity Debaters at Yale University - one of the most competitive and prestigious tournaments in the country - was undefeated in Preliminary Rounds, Top Seed in Preliminary Rounds, Top Speaker of the entire Tournament, Finalist of the entire tournament, and earned a bid to Tournament of Champions - top tournament in the nation!... Congratulations!!!!!!!

Finally, don't forget to watch the first US Presidential Debate between Candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump on Monday!

Checklist for the New Debate Season!

1. Register Your School! (New and Returning Schools)

[Click here for school registration!](#)

2. Student Permission Slips.

[Click here for High School Student Permission Slip](#)

[Click here for Middle School/Elementary Student Permission Slip](#)

Permission Slips are for the entire school year. However, each student by the Wednesday registration deadline must have a completed permission slip on file, or cannot debate. So please complete this as soon as possible. If you do not see your school on the list please let us know so that we can add (erik@debate.nyc). So for example our first middle school tournament is October 1st and so all permission slips should be turned into the NYCUDL by Wednesday, September 28.

2. Create a Team Account on Tabroom.com

[Click here to register for Tabroom.com](#)

This year instead of Speechwire we are using Tabroom.com for tournament registration. There are helpful resources in creating a Tabroom account and Student Roster [on our website](#). Students will receive honor points and other resources as a member of the National Speech and Debate Association with a tabroom.com account!

3. Sign Up Your Students and Judges for Tournaments on Tabroom.com!

Wednesday is the deadline for each Saturday's tournament. Registration and Permission Slips we need to have by Wednesday evening. Each school should also bring 1 judge per 3 debate teams. Please let us know if any issues on judge recruitment. Our High School calendar is the same this year with monthly citywide high school tournaments. Our Middle School calendar is based on geographic preference in case we reach capacity. Preference for borough tournaments goes to schools in that respective borough. This is balanced by both citywide and community tournaments.

October 1st - Manhattan Middle School Tournament

<http://manhattanms.tabroom.com>

October 8th - High School Tournament

<http://nycudlhs1.tabroom.com>

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October 15th - Harlem/Bronx Middle School Tournament
<http://nycudlharlemms.tabroom.com>



October 22nd - Queens/Brooklyn Middle School Tournament
<http://nycudlmsbkqns1.tabroom.com>

4. Tournament Day! Arrive by 8:30am, 9:00am at the latest!
Registration closes at 9:00am! It is essential for tournaments to start on time in order for all participants to maximize their debate experiences. As a community, we have to be mindful of the importance of predictable timing for the families of our participants. We all know that the subways are often rerouted on the weekends and generally run slower. We are asking that we all make an effort to incorporate a little extra time into our schedules so that our tournaments begin and end on time.

Thank you again for all of your support and your participation in the NYCUDL! We know that this is going to be a fantastic year, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Debate League
Websites

Bronx Debate League

Brooklyn Debate League

Harlem Debate League

Manhattan Debate
League

Queens Debate League

As always, please feel free to reach out to Aubrey Semple (aubrey@debate.nyc), Senior Director of Programming, or Meagan Kowaleski, Harlem & Manhattan Debate Director (meagan@debate.nyc), with any questions, and please remember to visit our website for our calendar of events and the latest debate news, at www.debate.nyc.

Sincerely,
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Upcoming September-October Debate Events

9/26 - [US Presidential Debate \(Hofstra University\)](#)
10/1 - [Manhattan Middle School Tournament \(PS 161\)](#)
10/1 - [Debate Workshop \(Leon Goldsten HS\)](#)
10/6 - [Flip the Debate - Student Online Presidential Debate](#)
10/8 - [High School Tournament #1 \(Institute for Collaborative Education\)](#)
10/13 - [Flip the Debate - Student Online Presidential Debate](#)
10/13 - Intelligence Squared Debate Night (Lincoln Center)
10/15 - [Harlem/Bronx Middle School Tournament \(PS 161\)](#)
10/18 - [Flip the Debate - Student Online Presidential Debate](#)
10/22 - [Brooklyn/Queens Middle School Tournament \(Hunters Point\)](#)
10/25 - Beveridge & Diamond Debate Invitational Championships
10/26 - Intelligence Squared Debate Night (Lincoln Center)
11/3 - [Flip the Debate - Student Online Presidential Debate](#)
11/8 - [Debate Educators Conference \(Debate Con Fall 2016\)](#)

Donate to support our city's debaters!
[Click here to donate to support debate!](#)

Schools! Join the New York City Urban Debate League!
[Click here for school registration!](#)



October 1st **Season Opener Workshop** **[Click here to register!!](#)**

Welcome to the 2106-2017 Debate Season!! To kick off the debate season, we are hosting kick off workshops at Leon Goldstein High School. Please join us for a day of teacher and student workshops as well as breakfast and lunch!



Season Opener **Workshop Schedule** **(Tentative)**

9:00am-10:00am -
 Breakfast and Registration
 10:00am - 11:00am - Workshop #1
 11:00am - 12:00pm - Workshop #2
 12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch
 1:00pm - 2:00pm - Workshop #3
 2:00pm - 3:00pm - Workshop #4

[Click here to sign up!](#)

October 1st Deadline! **FLIP THE DEBATE 2016! \$7500 in Scholarships** **and Trip to Washington DC for the Finals!** **[Click here to register! \(HS Students only\)](#)**

The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election presents an opportunity to engage debaters by holding a national virtual debate tournament between East Coast (New York City Urban Debate League) and West Coast (Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League) challenge in the fall. The

Presidential Virtual Debates leverages evidence-based argumentation to increase youth civic engagement, offering students the opportunity to debate their peers, gain feedback from community members, and win scholarships. We thank the [National Association for Urban Debate Leagues](#) for organizing and sponsoring this event! \$7500 in scholarship and a trip to Washington DC for the final rounds!

[Click here to learn more and to register!](#)

October 1st **Manhattan Middle School Tournament** **PS 161. [Click here to register!](#)**

Welcome back to school! Welcome back to the new Debate Season! Our first Manhattan middle school tournament is October 1st at PS 161. This tournament is open to all middle schools with priority preference to schools in Manhattan. Debate events include Parliamentary and Public Forum debate with Beginners and Opens divisions!



[Click here to register for the October 1st Middle School Tournament](#)
<http://manhattanms.tabroom.com>

[Parliamentary Debate Topics and Resources](#)
<http://debate.nyc/resources/middle-school-parliamentary-debate/>

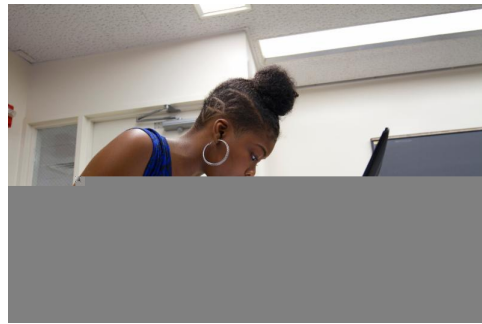
[Public Forum Debate Topics and Resources](#)
<http://debate.nyc/resources/public-forum-debate/>

[Volunteers Needed](#)
[Click here to judge or volunteer at the tournament!](#)

October 8th **High School Tournament #1** **Institute for Collaborative Education** **[Click here to register!](#)**

Welcome back to school!
Welcome back to the new Debate Season! Our first high school tournament is October 8th at the Institute for Collaborative Education! Thank you so much for hosting! Your debaters not ready? Our #1 advice after

decades of coaching - participate! You are never completely "ready" for a debate tournament. And the first tournament is always the most difficult. But the best way to learn is to do. Sign Up below!



[Click here to register for the Tournament!](#)

<http://nycudlhs1.tabroom.com>

[Public Forum Debate Topic and Resources](#)

<http://debate.nyc/resources/public-forum-debate/>

[Policy Debate Debate Topic and Resources](#)

<http://debate.nyc/resources/high-school-policy-debate/>

[Register Your High School for the 2016-2017 Debate Season](#)

[Click here to sign up your school for the city's debate league!](#)

[Volunteers Needed!](#)

[Click here to Judge or Volunteer at the Tournament!](#)

October 15th **Middle School Tournament for Bronx, Harlem** **and Washington Heights Middle Schools!** **PS 161.**

[Click here to register!](#)

Our first middle school tournament for schools located in the Bronx, Harlem and Washington Heights! This tournament is open to all schools but priority preference to schools located in Harlem, Bronx and Washington Heights.

Join our new Manhattan/Harlem Debate Director, Meagan Kowaleski and crew of amazing staff and volunteers for a Saturday tournament and workshops.

[Tournament Registration](#)

<http://nycudlharlemms.tabroom.com>

[Parliamentary Debate Topics and Resources](#)

<http://debate.nyc/resources/middle-school-parliamentary-debate/>

[Public Forum Debate Topics and Resources](#)

<http://debate.nyc/resources/public-forum-debate/>

[Volunteers Needed!](#)

[Click here to volunteer to judge or help at the tournament!](#)

October 22nd
Brooklyn/Queens Middle School Tournament
Hunters Point Community Middle School
[Click here to register!](#)

Our first tournament for Brooklyn and Queens school is scheduled for October 22nd at Hunters Point Community Middle School. This tournament is open to all schools but priority preference for schools located in Brooklyn and Queens. Thank you so much to everyone at Hunters Point Community Middle School for hosting!



Tournament Registration Link
<http://nycudlmsbkqns1.tabroom.com>

Parliamentary Debate Topics and Resources
<http://debate.nyc/resources/middle-school-parliamentary-debate/>

Public Forum Debate Topics and Resources
<http://debate.nyc/resources/public-forum-debate/>

Volunteers Needed!
<http://judge.debate.volunteerhub.com/events/index>

October 26th
Beveridge & Diamond Debate Invitational

Save the date! Long time community partner Beveridge and Diamond will be hosting us for a special Debate Night inviting our top champion tournaments of the month to their firm for an evening of debates, dinner, and legal mentorships. Thank you Beveridge and Diamond!



October 26th
Intelligence Squared Debate Night Tickets
Available to NYCUDL Schools!

Each month we partner up with Intelligence Squared for an evening of debates! Intelligence Squared is one of the most prestigious adult debate nights in the United States and invites guest debaters from across the

world. Each Debate Night we are offered a limited number of tickets for our students. Please let us know if your school is interested in joining Intelligence Squared for an evening of debates!

Debate Night Topic

Give Undocumented Immigrants a Path to Citizenship



Learn more!

[Click here to learn more!](#)

November 8th (Election Day)
Fall Debate Educators Conference
"Debate Con Fall 2016"
[Click here to sign up!](#)

"Debate Con" is New York City's conference by and for debate educators and all those passionate about debate! If you love debate or if you are interested in starting a debate program, or just interested in sharing your passion for debate then please sign up! Also, for our advanced debate coaches out there - we need your help. Please let us know if interested in teaching a session at Debate Con! Workshops, breakfast, lunch, networking and more provided for all!

[Click here to learn more about Debate Con!](#)



New York City High School Debate Tournament Calendar

October 8 -Tournament #1
Institute for Collaborative Education High School (Manhattan)



Register Your School for the 2016-2017

Debate Season!

"Maybe you could be a mayor or a Senator or a Supreme Court Justice, but you might not know that until you join student government or the debate team." - President Obama, State of Schools Address

Debate is one of the most rigorous academic programs. The New York City Urban Debate League is committed to the mission that all schools should have a debate team and all students should have access to the best debate education opportunities.

[Click here for school registration. We provide training and anything you need to start and sustain a successful debate program.](#)

Volunteer Judges Needed!

Attention High School Students, Parents, Volunteers, Alumni, College Debaters and Community Members!

Welcome back to school! Welcome back to the new Debate Season! We need volunteer judges! Parents, alumni and college debaters - this is an excellent opportunity to support our next generation of leaders. High School students - this is a great opportunity to earn community service hours as well as improve your own debate skills.

[Click here to sign up to judge for the 2016-2017 debate season! Thank you so much for supporting New York city Youth!](#)

How to get involved!

"Anyone who bemoans the state of public education need only spend a weekend at a high school speech and debate tournament to have their faith restored." - Curt Stedron (School Teacher)

Debate since Ancient Greece is the most rigorous academic program. Our mission is every school should have a debate team and every student should have access to the best debate education opportunities. We need your support to make this possible!

Judging Opportunities!

[Click here to volunteer to judge a debate tournament!](#)

Debate Coaching and Mentorship Opportunities!

[Click here to volunteer to coach!](#)

Start a Debate Team!

[Click here to sign up your school!](#)

(must be affiliated with your school as teacher and/or administrator)

Donate to Support Debate!

[Click here to donate now!](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter for this week!

About the New York City Urban Debate League

The New York City Urban Debate League is the largest urban debate league in the nation and only urban debate league that is year round. We impact several thousand students and over 100 schools each month by supporting debate practices every day, debate tournaments every weekend, community debate centers every week, teacher professional development conferences every month, out of state travel opportunities every month, and debate institutes all summer. We are the winner of the White House Youth Awards, which recognizes the nation's top after school programs....

"The New York City Urban Debate League is a program that empowers underserved students while immersing them in public speaking, research techniques, civics, law and ethnic studies. Along with countless debating trophies, the program boasts years of data showing that their alums have higher grade point averages, high school graduation rates, college acceptances and number of scholarships than their peers." - Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the First Lady of the United States, and the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, honoring us with the National Arts and Humanities Award for one of the top after school programs in the nation in the arts and humanities

[Click here to support our mission by donating and becoming part of the urban debate league network.](#)

Sincerely,

The New York City Urban Debate League Team