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2012-2013 NYC LOCAL
DEBATE TOURNAMENT
CALENDAR

THE NYC DEBATE LEAGUE

BE GREAT! BE A GREAT DEBATER!

Greetings!

THE 300!

Last Saturday we had our first NYC Debate Tournament of the year and largest tournament in recent history with over 300 attendees! Over 200 debaters! Over 100 trophies and medals! Over 60 volunteer judges! Over 30 students observing! Over 20 different



schools! Over 30 teachers and parents! And exactly 100 pizzas! Thank you everyone for participating in the first tournament of the year and making it such an incredible success. Shout outs to all the schools participating in our first tournament - The Urban Assembly School for Media Studies, John Jay, Achievement First, Eleanor Roosevelt, KAPPA VI, KAPPA International HS, Queens Sciences, Poly Prep, NYC iSchool, Beacon HS, Clinton HS, Harlem Children Zone, Maspeth HS, Brooklyn Tech, ACORN, Benjamin Banneker, Bishop Loughlin, Institute for Collaborative Education, KIPP Academy, PS 278, Bronx Law, Hastings, and Gatchi. Please complete our [feedback survey](#) so we can continue to provide the best educational program for our students! Click [here](#) for our tournament photo album. Our next citywide tournament is November 10th at the Institute for Collaborative Education, 345 E. 15th Street. Click [here](#) for our tournament invitation. Click [here](#) to register your debaters to compete. And again thank you so much for supporting New York's only free debate league so that all students can be Great Debaters. Thank You!

BE GREAT! BE A GREAT DEBATER!!

Sincerely,
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NYC Debater
Named to Mayor's
Youth Council

Below is our schedule of local NYC debates that we host. All grade levels - Elementary School, Middle School, and High School divisions. Everything is free (registration, breakfast, lunch). Debaters should arrive 9:00am, registration closes at 9:30am. [For complete listing of every weekend debate invitational see our website.](#)

9/15 - Training Day! - Mini Debate Camp & Practice Debate ([Achievement First Charter School](#)) [Click here for logistics.](#)

10/13 - Tournament #1 ([Institute for Collaborative Education](#)).
[Invitation link.](#)
[Registration link.](#)

11/10 - Tournament #2 ([Institute for Collaborative Education](#)).
[Click here for invitation.](#)
[Click here to register.](#)

12/1 - Tournament #3 ([ACORN Community HS](#))

1/5 - Tournament #4 ([Brooklyn Tech](#))

2/1 - 2/2 - The Newark Invitational Tournament

2/9 - Tournament #5 ([Institute for Collaborative Education](#))

3/1 - 3/2 - The Lakeland Invitational Tournament

3/16 - Tournament #6 - National Championships Qualifier ([Institute for Collaborative Education](#))

4/5 - 4/6 Tournament #7 - [City Championships \(John Jay\)](#)

5/11 - Tournament # 8 - [Early Bird Tournament \(Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice\)](#)

2012-2013 NYC TRAVEL TEAM TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Schools interested in travel to out of state debate

The Mayor's Youth Leadership Council (MYLC) prepares a diverse group of young people to serve as a critical advisory resource to City Hall while developing their own leadership skills. Nevia Gallimore, a Junior at The Bronx School for Law, Government, and Justice was selected this year to be on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council. Nevia has already worked on a variety of projects through the program from young men's initiatives to interviewing the Chancellor of New York City schools. Nevia likes the program because she is not treated like a student or teenager, but has a "real voice and can take action on the issues." Among the issues she's using her debate skills with is challenging the Student Discipline Handbook. Nevia argues that while there is a substantial emphasis on punishment and most students are familiar with the punishment section - that the section on student rights is not emphasized and most students are unaware of their rights. In addition to representing the voices of NYC youth, she is attending College Now classes at CUNY Hostos, coaches her school's debate team, plays on her school's Volleyball team and also is in Student Government. For more information about the program, click [here](#). Congratulations Nevia! We are so proud of you!



Nevia Gallimore, NYCUDL Award Winning Debater Takes on City Hall!

November 1st PS 278 Scrimmage!

Can't wait for the November 10th NYCUDL #2 Tournament? Then contact PS 278 Coach Loretta Brady to participate in a Middle School Public Forum Debate Scrimmage! The competition will be capped at 16 teams and so first come, first served! Bring a judge for every 2 teams you register. The topic is the November 10th topic of climate change. Registration ends October 29th. Contact Ms. Brady for additional details, lorettajbrady@hotmail.com. Thank you so much Ms. Brady for hosting the tournament and everything you do!



Sign up now for NYC Tournament #2 - November 10th! at the Institute for Collaborative Education. Policy Debate & Public Forum Debate. All grades!

SECOND NYC TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR! You can register your debaters online by [clicking here](#). The tournament will be held at the Institute for Collaborative Education, 345 E. 15th Street.



Policy Debate Topic (High School and Middle School)

"Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its transportation infrastructure investment in the United States." [Click here](#) for policy debate resources and the Starters Packet.

tournaments each month can join our Travel Pool program. All travel and housing provided by the NYC Debate League and member schools! Contact nycudl@gmail.com for more information.

9/21- 9/23 - Yale University Invitational. Click [here](#) for registration. Click [here](#) for invitation.

9/28-9/30 - Georgetown University Invitational. Click [here](#) for registration. Click [here](#) for invitation.

11/2-11/3 - [Vassar Classic & Metro Hudson Debate League](#) (New York)

12/7-12/8 - Ridge Debate Invitational (New Jersey)

1/18-1/21 - [Big Lexington Invitational Tournament](#) (Boston)

2/1-2/2 - Newark Debate Invitational (New Jersey)

2/15-2/18 - [Harvard University Invitational Tournament](#) (Boston)

3/1-3/2 - [Lakeland Invitational](#) (New York)

2012-2013 VARSITY NATIONAL CIRCUIT TRAVEL TEAM TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

9/21-9/23 - [Yale University Invitational](#). Click [here](#) for logistics.

9/28-9/30 - [Georgetown University Invitational](#) Click [here](#) for logistics.

10/19-10/21 - [New York City Invitational](#)

11/2-11/3 - [University of Michigan Invitational](#)

11/16-11/19 - [Glenbrooks Invitational Tournament](#) (Chicago).

Public Forum Debate Topic (High School)

Coaches across the country vote for the monthly current event topics and the National Forensics League publishes [here](#) the monthly topic on the 1st of the month. The November topic is Resolved: Current U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East undermines our national security. Click [here](#) for Public Forum Debate resources and contact nycudl@gmail.com for the monthly debate topic materials.

Public Forum Debate Topic (Middle School and Elementary School)

Our middle school and elementary schools vote on the monthly topic at each tournament. Our November topic will be "Resolved: Current U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East undermines our national security." Click [here](#) for Public Forum Debate resources and contact nycudl@gmail.com for the monthly debate topic materials.

Tournament Schedule

Please register your teams by Wednesday, November 7th. Click [here](#) for registration. Debaters, judges and everyone should arrive at the tournament on Saturday (11/10) by 9:00am for breakfast. At 9:30am registration closes. Round 1 should begin by 10:00am. Round 2 follows soon after. Lunch will be held after Round 2. Elementary and middle school debaters will have an awards ceremony and should be finished between 2:00pm-3:00pm. High School debaters have an additional round after lunch and their awards ceremony should be finished between 5:00pm-6:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering as a judge, please complete our [judge volunteer form](#). Thank you!

YOUTHBRIDGE NEW YORK LEADERS YOUTH SUMMIT!



Applications due October 26th!

The Leaders to Leaders Youth Summit will convene 150 top high school leaders and their teachers/supervisors with New York City's best community organizers and professionals. Participants will learn about actual community issues and case studies of initiatives taken by community leaders. Students will take part in skill-building workshops around how to identify and solve issues teens face daily, and they will begin planning a project to implement in their own school or community that will help address these issues. For more information and to download the registration forms, please visit www.youthbridgeny.org. Applications and permission slips must be received by Friday, October 26. Please note there is limited space and groups will be accepted on a rolling basis. If you have any further questions, please contact YouthBridgeNY@gmail.com or 212-983-4800 x161.

DROP BY YOUR DEBATE CENTER!

We offer debate centers in each borough for any students or teachers to drop in for the best debate training, supplies and snacks - for free! Click [here](#) for more information about our debate centers or click on any of the centers below.



[Brooklyn Debate Center \(Borough Hall\)](#)

12/7-12/8 - Ridge Debate Invitational (New Jersey)

1/4-1/5 - [George Mason University Invitational](#), Scranton Round Robin, UDL # 3.

1/18-1/21 - [Big Lexington Invitational Tournament](#) (Boston)

1/25-1/27 - [Emory University Invitational Tournament](#)(Georgia)

2/15-2/18 - [Harvard University Invitational Tournament](#) (Boston)

3/22-3/24 - Novice & Junior Varsity National Championships at Woodward HS, Georgia

4/12-4/15 - [National Debate Coaches Association National Championships](#) (Nashville, Tennessee)

4/12-4/15 - [National Association of Urban Debate Leagues Championships](#) (Washington D.C.)

5/24-5/26 - [National Catholic Forensics League Championships](#) (Philadelphia)

6/16-6/21- [National Forensics League's National Championships](#) (Birmingham, Alabama)

SHARE YOUR WORK!

Calling all debate students, parents, teachers, coaches, volunteers - if you would like to be featured in our next NYC Great Debaters Weekly Newsletter, please send any photos, articles, poetry - anything debate related to Erik Fogel, nycudl@gmail.com. Thank you for sharing your wonderful work!

When: Wednesdays, 3:00pm-7:00pm
Where: The Urban Assembly School for Law and Justice, 283 Adams Street New York, NY 11201.
Contact: Ben Crossan, ben.crossan@gmail.com

[Queens Debate Center \(St. John's University\)](#)

When: Mondays, 3:30pm-5:30pm
Where: St. John's University, St. John's Hall, Room 203
Contact: Tommy Weddington, gweddi@gmail.com

[The Columbia Debate Center](#)

When: Mondays, 3:00pm-6:00pm
Where: Columbia University, Teachers College, Zankel 406, 525 West 120th Street
Contact: Jen Johnson or Erik Fogel, nycudl@gmail.com

[The Bronx Debate Center](#)

When: Mondays, 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Where: The Urban Assembly School for Law, Government and Justice, 244 E. 163rd St., Bronx, NY, 10451
Contact: Erik Fogel, nycudl@gmail.com

Call for Volunteers!

As the city's free debate league for all students, we rely on an incredible network of volunteers - students, alumni, parents, teachers, and everyone passionate about education, debate, civics and providing the best opportunities for New York City youth! We need judges for each of our monthly tournaments. No experience required, we provide a training session, breakfast, lunch and incredible debates! So please contact nycudl@gmail.com or please complete our [judge volunteer form](#). We would love to have you at our second tournament, November 10th! Thank you so much for supporting all our students to become Great Debaters!



Next Date with Debate - Thursday, November 15th, 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Date Debate!!!! Thank you to our guests for our first Date with Debate on October 8th at the Crocodile Lounge. Free drinks, free pizza, free debate workshop, free debate discussion! Shout outs to Coach James Bathurst for fantastic ideas on travel tournaments for all schools - we added the Newark and Lakeland tournaments for all our member schools in the local schedule.



Each month we are hosting a "Date with Debate" for everyone passionate about supporting the NYC debate community! We will have a jam packed evening! Debate workshop! Debate Coaches Meeting! Debate talk!! Sharing best ideas, debate activities, debate lessons! Volunteer and judge appreciation! Help us tabulate the following Saturday's tournament! Free pizza! Free drinks!! But the most important goal for the evening - have fun with debate so hopefully you will be back for another debate date!

[Crocodile Lounge](#) (every Thursday before a tournament)
Thursday, November 15th

6:00pm-8:00pm
325 E 14th St
(between 1st Ave & 2nd Ave)

Contact - Erik Fogel, 917-455-1079, nycudl@gmail.com
(look for the only person sitting in the bar typing on a laptop!)

US Presidential Election Debate & Education Resources!



[Click here](#) for iTunes University PBS Course on the 2012 Presidential Debates

[Click here](#) for free Teacher Guide to the US Presidential Debates by the International Debate & Education Association

[Click here](#) for Teaching with the Presidential Debates by the New York Times Learning Network

[Click here](#) for voting for the most unforgettable presidential debate moments.

[Click here](#) for the 2012 Presidential Election Debate Schedule

[Click here](#) for the Commission on Presidential Debates

[Click here](#) for the 2012 Presidential Debate Contest

[Click here](#) for 7 Free Resources for teaching about the Election

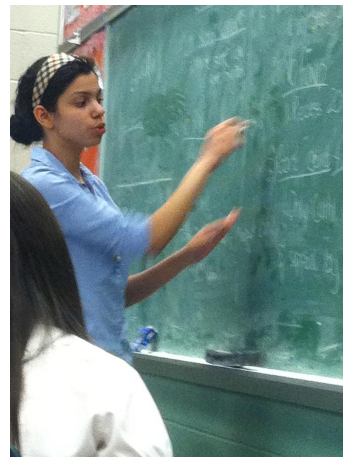
[Click here](#) for Election Debate Activities for all Subject Areas

Policy Debate & Public Forum Debate Resources and Curriculum Available!

Our tournaments feature the country's two most popular and rigorous debate formats - policy debate and public forum debate.

Policy Debate

Policy debate is the oldest American debate format. It is also the most popular debate format at the college and high school levels. Policy Debate engages students in a year long study of a single topic where students earn an equivalent of a masters degree on that topic. Policy Debate is unique in (1) freedom of argumentation (there are no limits in strategies of argumentation - the only rule being there are no rules), (2) quantity of information (debaters research and study thousands of arguments), (3) speed of thinking and delivery (debate rounds can reach over 350 words per minute), (4) evidence based argumentation (points go to not how pretty you speak but how well you read, analyze, question, construct and deconstruct evidence). [Click here](#) to access our policy debate resources.



Public Forum Debate

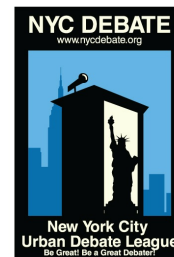
Our other event of Public Forum Debate is the country's newest, fastest growing debate event, and one of the most popular debate

events at the high school level. Public Forum Debate ("PFD") is the most real world debate format at the national level and one of the best means of preparation for a career in politics and leadership. PFD challenges our debaters to be tomorrow's political leaders with topics that change each month based on current events. Students engage in presidential style debates of researching, writing and delivering speeches on the most pressing current issues of the day. Points go to debaters who best persuade the audience. PFD is also the best debate format for younger, beginner debaters and new coaches looking for a quick and easy debate format to learn. [Click here](#) to access our public forum debate resources.

SIGN UP FOR THE 2012-2013 DEBATE SEASON!

The New York City Debate League is free for all students and all schools! Sign up for the 2012-2013 debate season! Weekly workshops, monthly tournaments, professional development, summer debate camps, books, materials, curriculum, scholarships - everything you need to start a debate team at your school

is free. Don't have a debate team at your school? No problem! We provide free tournaments, training, materials and everything else you need! Not sure of what type of debate you want to do? We have all types of debate - policy debate, public forum debate, international debate and more! Whatever you need! Whenever you need! Wherever you need! Just let us know!! We believe that all students should be Great Debaters! Contact Erik Fogel, nycudl@gmail.com, 917-455-1079, or [sign up online!](#)



2012 - 2013 DEBATE CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE!

Visit our website to check out the 2012-2013 Debate Calendars! All our tournaments feature policy debate and public forum debate and soon we plan to add international debate!

[Varsity High School Debate League Calendar](#), [Novice High School Debate League Calendar](#), [Elementary School Debate League Calendar](#), [Middle School Debate League Calendar](#), and the [International Debate Program](#).



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