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2012-2013 NYC LOCAL
DEBATE TOURNAMENT
CALENDAR

THE NYC DEBATE LEAGUE *BE GREAT! BE A GREAT DEBATER!*

Greetings!

WHAT ACHIEVEMENT GAP???

NYC Debaters Cinderella Story at the Georgetown University Debate Tournament!!!!

The stereotype is that Title I low income schools and students cannot compete against the very best. Not so in the New York City

Urban Debate League where all students can be Great Debaters and compete against the top schools across the nation every weekend.. and win! Two weekends ago our debaters triumphed at Yale University and last weekend our debaters triumphed over the most elite schools in the country to win multiple awards at the Georgetown University Debate Invitational! Our city's debaters competed against the nation's top schools including California, Florida, Texas, Georgia... and won! Shout outs to [ACORN Community HS](#) and the [Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice](#) for their incredible string of victories at Georgetown! And shout outs to our incredible city - schools, parents, teachers, students, principals, coaches, volunteers, alumni, donors, partners, staff, Board, and everyone who supports our mission that all students can be Great Debaters! Click [here](#) for our Georgetown tournament photo album!



ACORN HS Debate Team
Wins Big at Georgetown University!

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Sign up now for NYC Tournament #1 - October 13th! at the Institute for Collaborative Education. Policy Debate & Public Forum Debate. All grades!

FIRST NYC TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR! You can register your team online by [clicking here](#). [Click here](#) for tournament invitation

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 ([East Bronx Academy](#))

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 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.

and details. For Public Forum Debate the topic is "Resolved: Congress should renew the Federal Assault Weapons Ban." [Click here](#) for Public Forum Debate resources and contact nycudl@gmail.com for the monthly debate topic materials. For Policy Debate the topic is "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. Please register your teams by Wednesday, October 10th. Debaters, judges and everyone should arrive at the tournament on Saturday (10/13) 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 and can't wait to meet everyone on October 13th!!!



NYC's Cinderella Story at the Georgetown University Debate Invitational against \$50,000 debate teams!

Tour of Georgetown University, tour of Washington D.C., delicious cupcakes from Georgetown Cupcakes (after waiting in a 2 block line!), observing the 6:00am rowers of the Georgetown crew team on the waters of the



Standing Room Audience Only as NYC Great Debaters Make Cinderella Story at Georgetown Tournament

Potomac, and of course ...the debate tournament! Every year the top debate teams across the country from California to Texas to Florida travel to compete at the Georgetown University Debate Invitational. Georgetown University is apart of the "National Circuit" of tournaments that qualify top debaters to the nation's most prestigious tournament - [The Tournament of Champions](#).

On Saturday, 8:00am the Cinderella story began for NYC debaters! Tyler Anderson and Jonathan Diaz of ACORN Community High School (Brooklyn) crushed the competition and went undefeated 4-0 the first day of the tournament! Geordano Liriano and Charles Athanasopolous of the Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice (Bronx) also crushed the competition and went 3-1. Both schools had to defeat some of the top debate teams from across the country where each partner pays over \$25,000 tuition/year! One judge commented after one round "that's the best debate I have ever saw!" (NYC won that round of course!)

On Sunday, our top teams were seeded against the other top teams of the tournament. ACORN ended 5-1 and Bronx Law ended 4-2. Both teams made elimination rounds and were both seeded against top private schools from Florida and Georgia. ACORN won their first elimination round with all three judges voting for ACORN. Bronx Law lost their first elimination round to the team that would go on to win the tournament. In ACORN's elimination round, the room was so packed that spectators filled the hallway to watch the 1 1/2 hour debate round.

10/26-10/27 - Manchester Debate Invitational (Boston)

11/2-11/3 - [Vassar Classic](#) (New York)

11/9-11/11 - [Binghamton University Invitational](#)

11/17-11/18 - Little Lexington Debate Invitational (Boston)

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)

3/15 - 3/16 - [Woodward National Championships](#) (Novice and Junior Varsity divisions)

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](#).

10/13 - [UDL #1 - Institute for Collaborative Education](#)

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

11/2-11/3 - [Vassar Classic](#)(New York)

11/10 - [Binghamton University Invitational](#) or

ACORN narrowly lost but the Cinderella Story was complete - NYC Great Debaters can compete against the very best in the nation and win. Congratulations to all schools and students for our incredible trip! And thank you to all our supporters for making such debate tournaments possible. *There should be no opportunity out of reach of our Great Debaters and at Georgetown University we proved why.*

Congratulations NYC. [Click here](#) for our tournament photo album!

WEEKLY DEBATE CENTERS NOW OPEN!

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 \(Borough Hall\)](#)

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: Tommye Weddington, gweddi@gmail.com

[The Columbia Debate Center](#)

When: Mondays, 2:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Columbia University, Teachers College, Zankel 406, 525 West 120th Street

Contact: Jen Johnson

[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 first tournament, October 13th! Thank you so much for supporting all our students to become Great Debaters!



Next Date with Debate - Thursday, November 8th, 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

UDL Tournament #2 Judging

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

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)

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!

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

Contact - [Erik Fogel, 917-455-1079, nycudl@gmail.com](mailto:Erik.Fogel@nycudl.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

Presidential Election Resources

Best Resources for Teaching about the Presidential Election, [Click here.](#)

Presidential Match Game, [Click here.](#)



Political Party Quiz, [Click here.](#)

Flocabulary's "The Presidential Election." [Click here.](#)

Infographic on Left v. Right. [Click here.](#)

Youth Leadership Initiative's Mock Election. [Click here.](#)

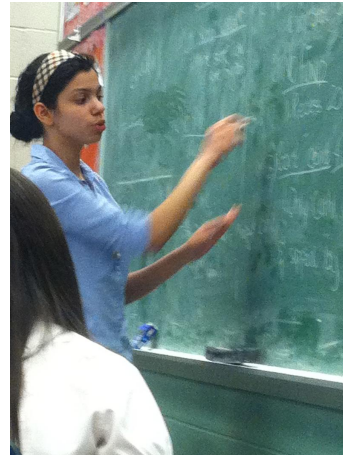
3 Ways to Engage Students through Edmodo. [Click here.](#)

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](#).



\$20,000 in Scholarships for the World's Great Debaters in the International Public Policy Forum Debate Competition!

Sign up now for the [International Public Policy Forum](#) - an international debate competition open to all schools throughout the world. NYC schools have received top honors including Hostos Community High School and Brooklyn Tech. In fact, last year Brooklyn Tech made it all the way to the Final Rounds by defeating the top private schools in the USA and the top national teams from nations across the world! Shout outs to Coach Adam Stevens and the Great Debaters of Brooklyn Tech! We are planning a series of workshops to train any debaters interested. So contact nycudl@gmail.com for more information on training. Or visit the [website](#) of the International Public Policy Forum. Shout outs to the [Bickel and Brewer Foundation](#) for sponsoring a free debate tournaments for students across the world... our Global Great Debaters!



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JOIN THE NYC DEBATE LEAGUE!***



