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2012-2013 NYC LOCAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

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](#))

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

Greetings!

YAY FOR YALE! NYC debaters win more awards than any other city at the Yale University Debate Invitational!!!!

Our NYC debaters began the debate season with a bang! Yale University is one of the world's top universities and hosts one of the most prestigious high school debate tournaments in the nation.

The NYC Debate League had not one winner, not two winners, not three winners, not four winners, but over five different winners at the Yale Tournament! Of the 7 top speakers of a tournament featuring over 100 debaters - NYC Debaters took 4 of the 7 awards! Thank you everyone for your support of making NYC - America's top debate city!!!! [Click here](#) for our Yale Team photos!



BE GREAT! BE A GREAT DEBATER!

Sincerely,
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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 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 3rd. Debaters, judges and everyone should arrive at the tournament on 10/13 by 9:00am for breakfast.



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

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

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

[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.

[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 \(Boston\)](#)

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. Thank you and can't wait to meet everyone on October 13th!!!

Date with Debate #1 - Thursday, October 4th, 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Date Debate!!!! 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 debate practices and lessons! Volunteer and judge appreciation! Free pizza! Free drinks!! October 4th will specifically feature a workshop on Tabroom.com which is our online tournament registration and management. This is useful for new and experienced coaches who would like to either learn how to register teams online as well as manage an entire tournament online. 6:00pm-7:00pm workshop, 7:00pm-8:00pm - Coaches Meeting. But most important goal for the evening - have fun with debate!



[Crocodile Lounge](#)

Thursday, October 4
6:00pm-8:00pm
325 E 14th St
(between 1st Ave & 2nd Ave)

NYC Debate Dominates the Yale Tournament!

While the rest of the city slept last Saturday our NYC debaters were already debating Round #1 at the Yale Debate Invitational! Last Friday our city's top debaters traveled to Yale to compete in two days of debates during the weekend from 8:00am on Saturday to 8:00pm on Sunday. Of the 8 top speakers of a tournament featuring over 100 debaters - NYC Debaters took 4 of the 8 awards!

Congratulations to Zully Rosas, Charles Athanasopolous, Geordano Liriano, and Tyler Anderson for taking top awards! [Click here](#) for a listing of all award winners! Of the over 75 debate teams in the tournament we had five teams of winning records and two of those teams advanced to the quarterfinals. Congratulations to Geordano Liriano & Charles Athanasopolous, Zully Rosas & Angel Marte, Tyler Anderson & Jonathan Diaz, Shamella Jeffers & Guilberly Loussaint. Special shout outs to the Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice for both of their teams going 4-1 and reaching quarterfinals. For a complete listing of all the competitors [click here](#). Finally, a huge shout out to our judges, coaches, volunteers, parents and all our supporters for making this tournament possible! Congratulations NYC Great Debaters for dominating the first tournament of the year! [Click here](#) for tournament photos.



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 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](#)

Shout outs to Achievement First Charter School for holding Election Debates!

Last week we shouted out Coach DiCo and the Great Debaters of Achievement First for hosting our first workshop of the season! This week we shout out Coach Dico and his Great Debaters again for holding a series of election debates this month. Several reporters are dropping by Achievement First to report on the inspiring election debates. More details in our next edition. And make sure you check out the upcoming Presidential Debates! Chances are our debaters will be in the next elections!



US Presidential Election Debate & Education Resources!

[Click here](#) for free Teacher Guide to the US Presidential Debates

[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



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 [sign up on our contact sheet](#). 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!



Shout Outs to the Institute of Collaboration for Hosting Principals from Armenia Interested in the NYC Debate League!

This week our Great Debaters were honored by the United States Department of State to host a delegation of High School principals from Armenia. The visiting delegation of principals visited the Institute for Collaboration (ICE) to observe a debate practice. A huge shout out to the Great Debaters at the Institute for Collaborative Education and coaches Jeffrey and Nadia for such an awesome practice! The delegation expressed how impressed they were with the Great Debaters of ICE! Finally, a huge shout out to



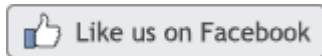
[Championships](#) (Nashville, Tennessee)

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)

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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!

our supporters and partners at the State Department, the International Debate and Education Association, and ICE Principal Peter Karp for such an incredible day for debaters across the world! Thank you!

NYC's Top Debaters Competing at the Georgetown University Debate Invitational next weekend!

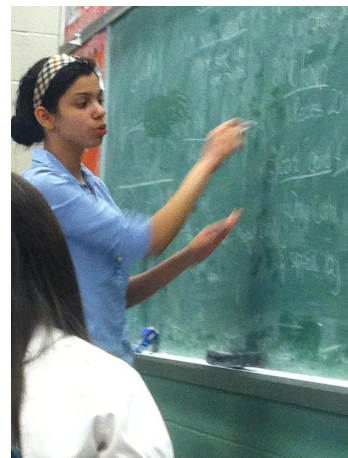


Back to back weekends! Last week Yale and this weekend Georgetown. Our city's top debaters will be traveling after school to Washington D.C. to face off against the top teams from across the nation at the Georgetown University Debate Invitational. [Click here](#) for Georgetown University Tournament logistics. Our debaters will have a unique opportunity to tour the nation's capital, tour one of the top colleges of the United States, and debate for three days straight! Good Luck Everyone!

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 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.



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.

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](#).

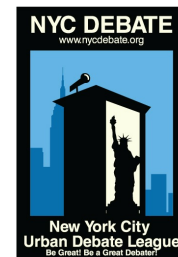
WEEKLY DEBATE CENTERS OPENING FOR BUSINESS!

We offer debate centers in each borough for any students or teachers to drop in for the best debate training, supplies and snacks! In Queens, St. John's University and the St. John's Debate team offers an amazing debate center on Mondays. In the Bronx there is no better location than right next to Yankee Stadium. In Brooklyn, our debate center will be opening soon at Borough Hall. And in Manhattan, Columbia University will be opening soon! [Click here](#) for more information on our debate centers and contact nycudl@gmail.com for opening day information!



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!](#)



\$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!

\$35,000 in Scholarships for the Nation's Top Debaters in The Ronald Reagan Great Communicator Debate Series!



The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation's Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center is proud to announce The Ronald Reagan Great Communicator Debate Series, which will award \$35,000 in scholarship funds to outstanding high school debate students across the nation. The Ronald Reagan Great Communicator Debate Series is designed to provide an avenue for high school students across the country to develop their civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions as they research, discuss, and engage in public debate. Rather than follow the traditional school year, this program is designed to align with and leverage the energy of Election 2012. For more information, [click here](#).

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