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# 2016 Urban Debate National **Championship Weekend Tournament Guide**

### April 14-17, 2016 San Francisco, California

Welcome to the Urban Debate National Championship. Read on for important information about the Tournament Weekend.

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# **Weekend Schedule**











Thursday				
2:00 p.m.	Debaters arrive	San Francisco Airport		
3:00 p.m.	League Rep Check-In	Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport		
4:00 p.m.	Busses departs for dinner	Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport		
5:15 p.m.	Information Session, group picture	Ballroom, Hotel Nikko		
6:00 p.m.	Cocktail Reception	Ballroom, Hotel Nikko		
7:00 p.m.	Annual Dinner	Ballroom, Hotel Nikko		
9:15 p.m.	Dinner adjourns, busses depart for Hyatt Regency			

Friday				
3:30 p.m.	Busses depart hotel for tournament	Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport		
4:00 p.m.	Opening Assembly	City College of San Francisco		
		Visual Arts 115		
4:45 p.m.	Pairings released for Rounds 1 and 2	City College of San Francisco		
		Science and Cloud Hall		
5:00 p.m.	Round 1	City College of San Francisco		
6:30 p.m.	Pizza Dinner for debaters, coaches, and judges	City College of San Francisco		
7:15 p.m.	Round 2	City College of San Francisco		
9:00 p.m.	Transportation Departs	City College of San Francisco		

Saturday		
6:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
7:00 a.m.	Pairings Release for Rounds 3 and 4	Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
7:15 am	Transportation departs	Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport
8:00a.m.	Round 3	San Francisco State University
		Humanities Building
10:30 a.m.	Round 4	San Francisco State University
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	San Francisco State University
1:30 p.m.	Round 5	San Francisco State University
2:00 p.m.	Coaches' Appreciation Reception	San Francisco State University
4:15 p.m.	Round 6	San Francisco State University
6:00 p.m	Dinner/Snack	San Francisco State University
7:15 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	San Francisco State University
7:45 p.m.	Return Shuttle to hotel	Hyatt Regency

Sunday				
6:30 a.m.	Breakfast	Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport		
7:00 a.m.	Release of Octafinal Pairings	Coin flip at breakfast		
7:30 a.m.	Busses depart			
8:15 a.m.	Octafinals	San Francisco State		
	Shuttles to BART stop between each round			
11:00 a.m.	Quarterfinals	San Francisco State University		
12:30 p.m.	Lunch provided for Quarterfinalists and judges	San Francisco State University		
1:45 p.m.	Semifinals	San Francisco State University		
4:30 p.m.	Finals	San Francisco State University		
6:30 p.m.	National Champions Announced	San Francisco State University		

# Check-In, Security & Supervision

#### Security and Supervision

Please be aware that participating coaches and school system-designated chaperones are fully responsible for student supervision during their visit to San Francisco, CA. NAUDL cannot provide supervision in the event hotel, tournament site, or other public or private venues.

The San Francisco area is one of the busiest city centers in the world. Participants are strongly encouraged to take typical precautions (e.g. travel together in groups, never alone; lock hotel room doors and keep valuables secured). Security and supervision is solely the responsibility of participants, not NAUDL.

#### **Rules and Regulations**

All participants are expected to comply with rules, regulations, or guidelines established by their local school system. All students, coaches, league staff and volunteers should read the code of conduct (p.9) and youth protection policy (p.10) found in this guide prior to arrival.

#### Meals provided by NAUDL:

Thursday- Dinner (for ticketed guests)
Friday- Breakfast and Dinner
Saturday- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Sunday- Breakfast, Limited Lunch (for
participants and judges in the quarterfinals.)

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Pack.

Business casual attire is sufficient for most events.
 The annual dinner is business attire (see annual dinner page).

Shuttle.

• Take the airport shuttle to the Hyatt Regency San Francisco International.

Register.

League representative checks in at the hotel lobby.
 You will be asked to leave a credit card to cover incidentals.

Check In.

 NAUDL will try to arrange for early check-in, but cannot guarantee hotel rooms will be available before 3:00pm

Busses, Busses Busses. •Be changed and ready to take the bus to the Annual Dinner at 4:00pm. We will use busses for the entire weekend to get to and from the hotel.

Sight-See.

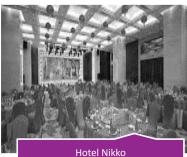
 Qualifiers may sight-see on Friday morning. Please arrive at the City College of San Francisco at 4:00pm Sharp.

Remain Awesome.

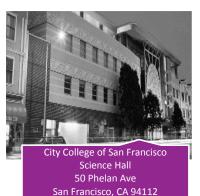
• Participants should comport themselves in a manner that reflects positively on your urban debate league and NAUDL, as well as sponsors.



yatt Regency San Francisco Airport 1333 Bayshore Hwy Burlingame, CA 94010



222 Mason St.
San Francisco, CA 94102







# 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner April 14, 2016

All students must attend the mandatory information session at 5:00pm at the Hotel Nikko.

#### **Team Photos and Group Pictures**

Following the information session, there will be a group picture and an opportunity for league and team photos.

#### The Dinner

The annual dinner is NAUDL's primary fundraising event. The evening begins with a cocktail reception, followed by a dinner program. Visit our <u>website</u> for a full list of dinner sponsors.

#### Awards

At the dinner NAUDL will recognize the Bay Area Urban Debate League as it's League of the Year. NAUDL 2016 Urban Debater of the Year award winner Maria Sanchez from the Chicago Debate League will give an acceptance speech.

#### Arrival

All League groups should dress for dinner and be ready to board busses for the annual dinner by 4:00PM. The dinner location is in downtown San Francisco, and missing the tournament provided transportation will require an expensive and long ride for your league in order to arrive at Hotel Nikko for the Annual Dinner.

Dress to Impress  All students attending the dinner must wear appropriate attire. Examples of such attire include: slacks and a tie, slacks and blazer, a pantsuit, a dress, or a skirt and blouse.

Badge-up.

• Coaches and students will receive name badges at the dinner registration table. Badges must be worn throughout the night. Debaters will have a blue ribbon on their name tags.

Be Great Guests.

• Directors and coaches are responsible for supervising and addressing student behavior at the dinner. This event is an opportunity for your debaters to share their experiences with adults who are supportive of their success.

Respect.

 As with most events, please refrain from cell phone use, walking in and out of the ballroom during speeches and talking during the annual dinner program.

Sit.

 Debaters and coaches will be assigned to sit at tables with guests at the Annual Dinner. Please spread yourselves out amongst the guests at your table. Do not sit next to your debate partner or coach.

Socialize.

 Please be social! Attendees are interested in hearing about you and your debate experience. Have a positive attitude- you just arrived in sunny San Francisco!

Introduce.

 Who you are, what league you are from, short stories or experiences you want to share.

Ask Questions.

 Find common ground between you two – you may be sitting next to important people with cool jobs. You don't know unless you ask. Go network!



# Urban Debate National Championship Tournament

April 15-17, 2016

#### The Championship

The top-ranked urban debate teams will come together to compete for the coveted Urban Debate National Championship title on April 15-17, 2016. Eligible leagues send their top-ranked teams and coaches to compete in the only national tournament exclusively for urban debate leagues. 160 debaters, coaches, league staff and alumni will attend this year's tournament.

#### The Traveling Trophy

Beginning in 2014, the Urban Debate National Champions are awarded with the David Zarefsky Traveling Trophy, honoring the team's hard work and dedication. The traveling trophy is passed from champion to champion each year to provide an incredible history of growth and demonstrate the strength of the urban debate network.

#### **Background Checks**

All coaches and judges must provide proof of a criminal background check through <u>NAUDL provided service</u> at a reduced rate for individuals working with urban debate leagues. We will accept checks performed by local leagues or the school district which employs a coach or judge.

NAUDL reserves the right to remove any attendee from the tournament or judging pool who has not completed a background check or violates the Code of Conduct (p.9) or Youth Protection Policy (p.10).

#### **Transportation**

On Sunday, transportation will provided to the tournament before Octafinals. Transportation will be provided from the tournament to the BART station near SFSU on an as needed basis. No transportation will be provided by NAUDL for return to the hotel or airport.



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## **2016 Alumni Ambassadors**

The Alumni Ambassador program features a prestigious and diverse group of dynamic and motivated leaders. Alumni Ambassadors are the young adult face of the urban debate community. Ambassadors work with students leading up to the 2016 Urban Debate National Championship. During the tournament, Ambassadors serve as judges, administrative support and as role models for student competitors during the tournament weekend.



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**Mya Whitaker**Bay Area Urban Debate League
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<sup>\*</sup> Denotes returning ambassador



#### **Useful Links:**

NDCA Case List
Judge Philosophies
Speechwire Tournament Site
Speechwire Live

#### **Instructions for Speechwire Live**

- Access tournament postings and sign up for text and email alerts.
- Find Urban Debate National Championship in the future events table and click "Subscribe".
- Now pick the competitors you would like follow. Select "Policy Debate" and click "View Entries". Select the student names you would like to follow.
- If you subscribe to follow a team you will get a text or email whenever pairings are released of your next debate.
- Choose your cell phone company from the "Carrier" drop down menu.
- Enter your phone number (Formatted 123-456-7890; 123.456.7890; or 1234567890).
- Click "Subscribe via text.

#### **Campus Maps**

<u>City College of San Francisco</u> <u>San Francisco State University</u>

#### Wireless

City College of San Francisco: CCSF Guest San Francisco State University: SFStateGuest

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#### **Topic and Format**

Students will debate the national high school policy debate topic for 2015-16: RESOLVED: THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY CURTAIL ITS DOMESTIC SURVEILLANCE.

The tournament rounds will follow 8-3-5 cross-examination debate format with 8 minutes of preparation time allocated to each team during the course of each debate.

#### **Preliminary Rounds**

- Each team will compete in 6 preliminary debates, after which the top 16 teams will participate in elimination rounds.
- Teams from the same league will not debate against one another in the preliminary debates.
- Preliminary debates will be assigned one qualified judge.

#### **Round Pairing Procedure:**

- Rounds 1-2 will be randomly pre-set respecting league blocks.
- Rounds 3-4 will be power matched high-low and high-high off the results of Round 1 and 2.
- Round 3 will be high-high, Round 4 will be high-low.
- Round 5 and 6 will be paired high-low based on the results of all previous debates at the time of pairing.

#### **Elimination Rounds**

- A minimum of three judges will hear each elimination round.
- Elimination round brackets will not be broken for teams from the same school or league.
- The top sixteen seeds will advance to an Octo-Final Elimination Round. Seeding will be based upon:
  - 1. Wins
  - 2. High-low adjusted team points
  - 3. Total team points
  - 4. Opponents wins
- Teams meeting in Elimination Rounds who already debated in the preliminary rounds will switch sides for the Elimination Round; otherwise Elimination Round sides will be determined by a coin flip.
- Teams from the same league may debate each other in the Elimination Rounds. If two teams from the same school meet in Elimination Rounds the coach may determine who advances.

#### **Awards**

- The top 20 individual speakers will receive awards based on speaker points. The tie breaking procedure is:
  - 1. high-low adjusted points
  - 2. Total points
  - 3. Ranks
  - 4. Judge variance
- Awards will be presented to all teams who qualify for the Elimination Rounds.
- Each student qualifier will be presented with a participation certificate.



#### **Providing Judges**

- Each school will provide one judge for a commitment of 3 preliminary debates.
- Judges must be active in their league judging or serving as tabulation staff for at least 3 tournaments during the current academic year.
- Judges are expected to be available for all preliminary rounds.
- All judges will be committed for one round after your team is eliminated.
- For teams that do not clear to elimination debates, judges are obligated through the first elimination debate on Sunday morning.
- Donated rounds by assistant coaches and league staff are appreciated and should be entered into Speechwire as judges for the league. Rounds are not available for hire.
- Judges will not hear teams from leagues with which they are affiliated.
- All judges must complete a background check. School district employees can provide proof of employment or background checks. NAUDL has partnered with <u>Verified</u> <u>Volunteers</u> to offer an online background check service at a reduced price.
- NAUDL reserves the right to remove any attendee from the tournament or judging pool who are a risk to competitors or violate the Youth Protection Policy.

#### **Coaching Responsibilities**

- All coaches attending the tournament will be expected to enter the judging pool unless exempted by the tournament director.
- Exemption requests must be approved by the tournament director prior to March 28th.
- If a coach is assigned to judge a round and does not appear to judge that round, his or her team(s) will forfeit that round.
- There will be a coaches' reception during round 5 for the head coach of each school in attendance. Please join us so we can do a small bit to thank you for all you do for your students.

#### **Judge Philosophy**

- Each judge must complete a judge philosophy and attach it or a link to a publically posted philosophy with the team registration form by March 28, 2016.
- A judge philosophy may include a judge's thoughts on debate style, presentation speed, familiarity with the topic and debate argument preference.
- The goal is for students to adapt to the available judging pool.
- A team represented by a judge without a publically available judge philosophy will forfeit each round until a philosophy is made public.

#### **Completing the Ballot**

- Each judge is required to declare one, and only one, winner and one, and only one, loser in each debate assigned by the tab room.
- Compliance with this rule requires each judge to complete an official judge ballot provided by the tab room.
- Completion of the ballot requires the judge to clearly designate "affirmative" or "negative" to signify a winning team.
- Judges will also be required to confirm their choice by indicating the
  designated winner's school affiliation. The side "affirmative" or
  "negative" and school affiliation must match the assignments made
  by the tab room.

#### **Speaker Points**

Judges are required to assign speaker points and speaker ranks to each participant in the debate. Speaker points are accepted in increments of 0.1 from a minimum of "0" to a maximum of "30". Tied speaker points will not be accepted. Speaker ranks are accepted in whole numbers only from "1" to "4".

Judges must submit a ballot that meets these requirements no longer than two hours after the scheduled starting time for each round.

#### **Revealing Decisions**

- Judges may reveal decisions after a ballot has been submitted to the tab room
- Judges are encouraged to give substantive oral critiques of about 5-10 minutes in length.
- Judges are encouraged to fill out written ballots that will be shared with the students after the tournament.
- The chair of each panel will announce the decision when all ballots have been collected.

# UDNC Code of Conduct

#### **About the Code of Conduct**

The Urban Debate National Championship, hosted by the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues showcases the best urban debaters from across the country. At the tournament, we celebrate the continued growth of urban debate and seek to display wide array of both geographical and argument diversity.

In recognition of this, the Code of Conduct seeks to provide a useful baseline of expectations for all participants to ensure a rewarding experience for all. Violations of the code of conduct should be reported to the Tournament Director.

The Tournament Director and an advisory committee of League Directors will decide the appropriate action including, but not limited to forfeiture of rounds or removal from the tournament. Debaters, educators, schools, and leagues recognize debate as a powerful, educational activity built upon the ideals of respect, community, and civil discourse.

All actions and decisions during a tournament seek to promote these ideals, and ensure a positive learning environment for all participants, judges, and observers.

- Debaters represent their school and therefore all relevant rules and regulations of their local school district will apply during their time at the tournament and related events.
- Debaters should be good competitors. It is the duty of each debater to participate honestly and fairly. Debaters should respect all competitors, coaches, judges and audience members.
- Bullying and behaviors which belittle, degrade, demean, or otherwise dehumanize others are not permitted at the Urban Debate National Championship. These actions are not in the best interest of the activity because they interfere with the goals of education and personal growth.
- 4. Debaters should respect the educational role that judges provide the activity. Debaters who engage in a dialogue with a judge after a round should maintain a respectful demeanor.
  - Discussions should focus on understanding the decision of the judge and improving the debater's performances in future rounds.
  - Remember the post round is an opportunity to learn, not deliver your final rebuttal.
- 5. Debaters should not plagiarize. Claiming another's written or spoken words as one's own is plagiarism, a very serious offense against responsible scholarship.
  - Evidence used in a debate should be properly attributed to the author verbally during the debate.
     Debaters should be able to provide, within a reasonable time, complete documentation of all evidence presented.
  - Documentation includes: name of author(s), source of publication, full date, page numbers and author(s) credentials when available in the original] when challenged. Evidence that is not attributed adequately should be disregarded by judges.
- 6. Debaters value communication and should present arguments at a rate that can be understood by their assigned judge. Debaters should not "clip" cards. All evidence entered in the debate should be clearly marked as to what parts of the evidence were and were not presented during the round for review by opponent and judge.



# **Youth Protection Policy**

The National Association for Urban Debate Leagues (NAUDL) and its local league affiliates are vigilant about creating the most secure environment possible for our young debaters. To maintain such an environment, it has developed the following procedures.

#### **Required Reporting**

There are two types of scenarios requiring reporting

- When you witness child abuse or neglect, or suspect a child has been abused or neglected (see "Mandatory Report of Child Abuse").
- When you witness a violation of the urban debate leagues' Youth Protection Policy (see "Reporting Violations of Urban Debate Youth Protection Policies").

#### **Mandatory Report of Child Abuse**

All persons involved in urban debate shall report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that a child is, or has been, physically or sexually abused; physically or emotionally neglected; exposed to any form of violence or threat; or exposed to any form of sexual exploitation, including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. You may not abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

#### Steps to Reporting Child Abuse

- 1. Ensure the child is in a safe environment.
- 2. In cases of child abuse or medical emergencies, call 911 immediately.
- In addition, if the suspected abuse is in the urban debater's home or family, you are required to contact the local child abuse hotline.
- 4. Notify the urban debate leagues' executive or his/her designee.

### Reporting Violations of Urban Debate Youth Protection Policies

If you think any of the urban debate Youth Protection Policies have been violated, including those described within Urban Debate's Barriers to Abuse, you must notify your local league executive or his/her designee so appropriate action can be taken for the safety of our debaters.

#### **Urban Debate's Barriers to Abuse**

National Association for Urban Debate Leagues has adopted the following policies for the safety and well being of its members. While these policies are primarily for the protection of youth members, they also serve to protect adult participants.

- Minimum two-deep leadership on all outings required. Two registered adult coaches, or
  one registered coach and a parent of a participating debater or other adult, one of whom
  must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and tournaments. Appropriate
  adult leadership must be present for all overnight debate activities. Coed overnight
  activities, even those including parent and child, require male and female adult leaders,
  both of whom must be 21 years of age or older, and one of whom must be a staff
  member of the urban debate league.
- One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited. In any situation requiring a personal meeting, such as a debater/coach conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths.
- Separate accommodations for adults and debaters required. When traveling, no youth
  is permitted to sleep in the hotel room of an adult other than his or her own parent or
  guardian.
- Privacy of youth respected. Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- Inappropriate use of cameras, imaging, or digital devices is prohibited. While most
  debaters and coaches use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it has become
  very easy to invade the privacy of individuals. It is inappropriate to use any device
  capable of recording or transmitting visual images in restrooms or other areas where
  privacy is expected by participants.
- No secret organizations. Urban debate leagues do not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the urban debate program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- No hazing. Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part
  of any debate activity.
- No bullying. Verbal, physical, and cyber bullying are prohibited in urban debate.
- Youth leadership monitored by adult leaders. Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by youth leaders and ensure that urban debate policies are followed.
- Discipline must be constructive. Discipline used in urban debate should be constructive
  and reflect urban debate's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- Members are responsible to act according to the law. All members of the urban debate league are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the federal, state, and local laws. Physical violence, theft, verbal insults, drugs, and alcohol have no place in the urban debate program and may result in the revocation of a debater's membership.
- Leagues are responsible to enforce Youth Protection Policies. League leaders are
  responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and interceding when
  necessary. The parents of youth members who misbehave should be informed and asked
  for assistance.
- Mandatory reporting of child abuse. All involved in urban debate are personally
  responsible to immediately report to law enforcement any belief or good faith suspicion
  that any child is or has been abused or exploited or endangered in any way. No person
  may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.
- Social media guidelines. The policy of two-deep leadership extends into cyberspace.
   Another adult leader should be copied on any electronic communication between adult and youth member.

Violations of any of these Youth Protection Policies must immediately be reported to the NAUDL Executive Director or his/her designee.



# Championship Qualifiers

Listed by league with their coaches are the 76 urban debaters from across the United States who are competing for the National Urban Debate Championship title.

**Atlanta Urban Debate League** 

**Executive Director: James Roland** 

Henry W. Grady High School

Morgan Choi and Jaster Francis

Coach: Lisa Willoughby

Henry W. Grady High School

Solomon Watson and Manuel Navarrete

Coach: Erik Mathis

**Baltimore Urban Debate League** 

Chief Executive Officer: Coleen Reyes

**Baltimore City College** 

Carolyn Sacco and Peter Kannam

Coach: Patrick Daniels

**Coppin Academy High School** 

Jared Bey and Jonathan Davidson

Coach: Ryan Bowens

**Bay Area Urban Debate League** 

Executive Director: Toni Nielson

**Lionel Wilson College Preparatory Academy** 

Dacobi Anderson and Jontae Henry

Coach: Patrick Thomas

**Skyline High School** 

Max Li and Christine Harris

Coach: Rashid Campbell

**Raoul Wallenberg Traditional High School** 

Elisa Rae Yeung and Savannah Morse

Coach: Alan Santos

**Boston Debate League** 

Acting Executive Director: Lynne Reznick

**Charlestown High School** 

Joshua Rosa and Mohammed Umar

Coach: Matthew Grimes

**Boston Latin Academy** 

Michael John and Moselle Burke

Coach: Mary Dibinga

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**Chicago Debate League** 

**Executive Director: Edie Canter** 

**Walter Payton College Prep** 

Lenny Brahin and Micah Weese

Coach: Vincent Vinluan

**Thomas Kelly High School** 

Armando Camargo and Lisbeth Reynoso

Coach: Leo Ramos

**Northside College Preparatory High School** 

Maria Sanchez and Wes Jones

Coach: Robb Berry

**Dallas Urban Debate Alliance** 

Executive Director: Adam Powell II

**Judge Barefoot Sanders Law Magnet** 

Michael Vera and Martin Anguiano

Coach: Kris Wright

**Woodrow Wilson High School** 

Gabriel Jankowsky and Alexander Van Geenen

Coach: Bob Hearne

**DEBATE! - Kansas City** 

**Executive Director: Gabe Cook** 

**Lincoln College Preparatory Academy** 

**Xochitl Tapia and Chebet Buckner** 

Coach: Auriel Keim

**Denver Urban Debate League** 

Executive Director: Jessica Clark

**Mapleton Early College High School** 

Alfredo Calvo and Bryan Ruiz

Coach: Erin Kiser

**Denver Center for International Studies** 

Evan Thornton-Kolbe and Hazel Seremet

Coach: Sara Hirsch

**Detroit Urban Debate League** 

Executive Director: John Lawson

**University Prep Academy** 

Tiera Colvin and Tamara Morrison

Coach: Sharon Hopkins

**University Prep Academy** 

Deshawn Blair and David Foster

Coach: Rayvon Dean



# Championship Qualifiers (cont.)

**Houston Urban Debate League** 

**Board Chair: Marcos Rosales** 

East Early College Prep High School

Cesar Rodriguez and Jesse Herrera

Coach: Andrea Nitsch

Westside High School

Dhanush Nadella and Aditya Pethe

Coach: Richard Whitlock

Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League

**Executive Director: Cameron Ward** 

Stern Math and Science School

Diana Alvarez and Samantha Velasco

Coach: Lynda De Anda

**Downtown Magnet High School** 

Samantha Lemus and Eleanor Skladman

Coach: Hong Chao

**Metro Memphis Urban Debate League** 

League Administrator: Denise Swan

White Station High School

Dominique Malone and John McKissack

Coach: Curtis Rakestraw

The Soulsville Charter School

Veronica Parker and Kylee Richard

Coach: Jonathan Alfuth

Milwaukee Debate League

**Board Chair: Chris Carpenter** 

**Rufus King** 

Kenneth Guy and Ishmael Robinson

Coach: Stephanie King

**Rufus King** 

Nick Savage and Jeremiah Patton

Coach: Patrick Willett

Minnesota Urban Debate League

Executive Director: Amy Cram-Helwich

**Roosevelt High School** 

Malik Phillips and Christopher Oquist

Coach: Nicholas Oberly

Washburn High School

Never Huber and Grace Klage

Coach: Keenan Harris

**Nashville Debate League** 

Interim Coordinator: Beverly Jones

**Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School** 

Starr Rhee and Faith Davenport

Coach: Courtney Shultz

**Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School** 

Dylan Gyauch-Lewis and Soteria Reid

Coach: Damon Ray

**New York Urban Debate League** 

Executive Director: Erik Fogel

**ACORN Community High School** 

Britani Fraser and Marie Vinette

Coach: Shana Bryce

**Brooklyn Technical High School** 

Samuel Sagawa and Harrison Mahler

Coach: Steven Mahler

**Rhode Island Urban Debate League** 

**Executive Director: Ashley Belanger** 

**Woonsocket High School** 

Domenique DiSpirito and Kahlyl Roberson

Kelley Babphavong and Ryan DiLello

Coach: Phillippe Simonini

Silicon Valley Urban Debate League

**Executive Director: Dmitri Seals** 

**Eastside College Preparatory School** 

Noel Martinez and Jacob Barrera

Coach: Jayu Subramanian

Oak Grove High School

Zak Ali and Pedy Louie G. Pascual

Coach: Scott Henderson

St. Louis Urban Debate League

**Executive Director: Tamara Boyd** 

**Metro Academic and Classical High School** 

Emily Bischoff and Ella Catherine Strahan

Coach: Laura Trieschmann

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