



Dear debate colleagues,

You and your students are cordially invited to attend the second of four Duval UDL Invitational Tournaments to be held this year hosted by **Northwestern Middle School on Saturday, March 27, at 2100 West 45th, Jacksonville, FL 32209 - (904) 924-3100.** Please pay close attention to the information provided below and throughout the registration materials, as a number of changes have been implemented this year.

Due to the recent change in venue, we are limited by physical space for this month debate tournament kickoff. Because of these space limitations each school may enter **no more than two teams (4 students) into the competition.** However all students are welcome to attend and support their classmates per round. The tournament will consist of two semifinal rounds and one final.

Confirmation of your debate registration is due by noon on Monday, March 8th for this month, and by April 5th for next month's tournament.

Registration is preferred online at <http://dudl.org/urbandebate/tournaments> but may also be emailed (info[at]dudl.org), faxed (866-899-4886) or mailed to:

**Duval Urban Debate League
Tournament Registration
PO BOX 28818
Jacksonville, FL 32226**

Please email ([info\[at\]dudl.org](mailto:info[at]dudl.org)).

There will be an donation **fee of \$10.00 for walk up attendance by the general public.** Only a limited number of patrons will be allowed to observe the tournament. Please have parents to pre-register by call the number above. Please make all **checks payable to: Duval Urban Debate League – in care of the Jacksonville Public Education Fund.** Profits from this tournament will benefit the DUDL, support scholarships for summer camp and serve to reduce administration fees for the DUDL.

Judging

Each school must provide a minimum of one judge and all are obligated for the first two rounds. Judges participation is voluntary.

Awards

The **Blacksonville Community Network (BCN)** has generously donated money to purchase team awards.

A schedule and event explanations are attached. Feel free to contact me regarding any of the changes or any questions you may have. We look forward to see you on March 27th!

Sincerely yours,

Duval Urban Debate League
Administration
(904) 962-7284
info@dudl.org

SCHEDULE

We will do our best to adhere to the following schedule:

REGISTRATION	AUDITORIUM 7:45 AM - 9:30 AM
ASSEMBLY	AUDITORIUM 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (Keynote – TBA)
ROUND ONE	10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
ROUND TWO	11:00 AM - 11:50 PM
LUNCH BREAK*	BUILDING D 12:00 PM – 12:50 PM
POSTING OF FINALISTS	AUDITORIUM - 12:30 PM
FINAL ROUND	1:10 PM - 2:00 PM
AWARDS PRESENTATION**	AUDITORIUM - 2:30 PM – 3:00PM

***INFORMATION REGARDING LUNCH:**

There will be a food during lunch available for students and coaches **ONLY** between 12-1:10pm for pick up at the school. All debate rounds will take place in designated classrooms (TBA onsite the day of the event). We ask that each school provide one chaperone to ensure all students remain in assigned classes before and in-between debate rounds throughout the day. **There will be a dedicated lounge room for volunteers, judges and coaches** where we will provide refreshments, i.e. coffee, water and pastries available throughout the day.

****AWARDS PRESENTATION:**

Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place schools. Certificates will be given to all students.

DECLAMATION:

Competition is limited to middle school students using the National topic under strict DUDL rules.



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Debate Judges Wanted

<http://www.dudl.org/coaches.htm>

Location: Jacksonville, Florida, 32226, United States

Organization: [Duval Urban Debate League](http://www.dudl.org)

Start date: January 1st, 2010

Sex: All are welcome

Skill(s): Other

Area of Focus: **Children and Youth, Education and Academia**

Last updated: January 10, 2009

Age: Seniors (65 and over), Adults (18-64)

Language(s): English, Digital Literacy

Description:

The Duval Urban Debate League (DUDL) is a non-profit organization that works with Florida public school districts to create and maintain debate teams in under-resourced urban schools. Believing that debate increases students academic performance and trains them to become community leaders, the Duval UDL works to make competitive policy debate available to all Florida public school students.

The DUDL hosts five tournaments during the academic year, reaching more than 200 Florida students. Our tournaments depend on a pool of volunteer judges who adjudicate debate rounds between our talented participants. We are seeking volunteer judges who are energetic, encouraging, and sensitive to the challenges facing urban students.

We are looking for judges to serve on Saturday, January 23rd at Florida State College of Jacksonville (North Campus), and the third Saturday of each subsequent month, to assist with monthly competitions. The winners of this exciting tournament will advance to the city championship in April. No debate or judging experience is necessary. Miniature judge workshops will be provided on the morning of each tournament day. Judges can commit to as many rounds as they would like on either day.

How to Apply:

If you are interested in spreading the power of debate to Florida youth and sending debate teams from Jacksonville to national competition, please e-mail DUDL Program Coordinator, Lindsey Weirich, at info@dudl.org or call 904-962-7284. Visit <http://www.DUDL.org> for more information.