



Dear debate colleagues,

You are cordially invited to attend the Duval UDL City-wide Championship Invitational Tournament, hosted by the **University of North Florida on Saturday, April 24th, at Building 39 of the Brooks College of Health, 1 UNF Drive.** Please see the attached link for a map of the campus: <http://www.unf.edu/map/>.

Because of space limitations each school may enter **no more than three teams (6 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 Tuesday, April 20th.

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

There will be a 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)** and the **LJH Foundation** has generously donated money to purchase team awards. A schedule and event explanations are listed below. Feel free to contact me regarding any of the changes or any questions you may have. We look forward to see you all on April 24th!

Sincerely yours,

Duval Urban Debate League
Administration
(904) 962-7284

SCHEDULE

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

REGISTRATION

7:45 AM - 8:45 AM

Judge Training begins promptly at 8:00 am

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

<i>Welcome & Introduction: Sitou Gilles Byll-Cataria, UNF SGA President</i>	<i>9:00pm – 9:10pm</i>
<i>Why Debate is Successful: Assessment Report: Lawrence Dennis, Chief Cluster of Middle Schools</i>	<i>9:10pm – 9:20pm</i>
<i>Keynote Speaker: TBA</i>	<i>9:20pm – 9:35pm</i>
<i>Testimonies From Current and Former Debaters: Shawn Drake, Patrick Kennedy, Mohan Ravi</i>	<i>9:35pm – 9:40pm</i>
<i>Closing: Mr. Jermyn Shannon EL</i>	<i>9:40pm – 9:45pm</i>

ROUND ONE

10:05 AM - 10:55 AM

ROUND TWO

11:15 AM - 12:05 PM

***LUNCH - OUTSIDE COURT**

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALISTS

12:45 PM

ROUND THREE

1:25 PM - 2:10 PM

FINAL ROUND

2:25 PM – 3:45 PM

AWARDS PRESENTATION**

3:05 PM – 4:15 PM

A very special thank you to the NAACP chapter at UNF and student leadership from Ms Yvette Kibwika

A more detailed agenda will be available next week. Check back for updates!

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Food and beverages will be made available for students and coaches ONLY. Snacks will be available for sale to the general audience.

All debate rounds will take place in the designated classrooms below. We ask that each school provide at least one chaperone to ensure all students remain in assigned classes before and in-between debate rounds throughout the day.

The Duval Administration will provide a dedicated lounge room for volunteers, judges and coaches on the 4th Floor of Building 39, where we will provide refreshments, i.e. coffee, water and pastries throughout the day. No food is admissible in the class room.

****AWARDS PRESENTATION:**

Awards will be given to the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place team. Certificates will be given for students with high speaker points.

DECLAMATION:

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

We have secured the following rooms for the upcoming tournament on April 24th from 8:00am-4:30pm. It is important everything runs on time and according to schedule for adequate set up and break down. We have 5 rooms on the first floor, 3 on the second floor, 1 on the third floor, and 3 on the fourth floor.

(Building 39-Brooks College of Health)

Space Assignment(s): **1002** *Debate Rounds will take place on the First and Second Floor*

1003

1009

1016

1026

2002

2006

2031

3063 *Administration and Tapping Room*

4002 *Judge Training, Media and Volunteer Rooms*

4029

4075

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