

Dear Coaches,

The Great Communicator Debates will be hosted this summer at the Reagan Library in California.

The Northeastern Regional Qualification Tournament will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Chaminade High School.

Overview and Scholarships

Overview for the entire Great Communicator Debate Series can be found here: www.reaganfoundation.org/ReaganDebates

\$50,000 in scholarship money is awarded each year.

Registration policies

Debaters may participate in one regional tournament and the online tournament.

All students attending MUST have the approval of their school principals to attend and to participate under the school's name. Debaters must be accompanied by a parent or pre-approved authorized adult FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT. If a student is requested to present an adult, and the student cannot do so at that point of time, the student will be immediately withdrawn from the event.

Students who have competed in another regional qualifier may not participate in the Northeastern Regional Qualifier.

The registration fee is \$20 per student. Please make all checks out to Chaminade High School.

Registration is due by 9 pm on May 8. Fees and judge obligations will be frozen at that time. After that time, you may not drop judges. Any student drops after that time must be paid for.

Competitor Rules and Eligibility

A complete set of Rules and Eligibility can be found here: <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/education/scholarship-programs/great-communicator-debate-series/debate-resources/>

Judging Requirements

Each school must provide 1 judge for every 2 debaters or fraction thereof. Judges must be at least 18 years old and have been out of high school for two years to be eligible to judge, meaning the person should have graduated in June 2016 or earlier. **NO HIRED JUDGING IS PROVIDED.** Judges are expected to remain until the semifinal round is underway. No judge

may leave earlier without the express permission of the tabroom. A judge's failure to remain could jeopardize a school's ability to compete in the future.

Sample ballot can be found here: <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/media/129899/great-communicator-debate-ballot-2017.pdf>

Judge Training Video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4nlGuYILQ4>

Debate Format

Details for the Great Communicator Debate Series debate format can be found here: https://www.reaganfoundation.org/media/129897/gcds-information-guide_final.pdf

The debate will be similar to Public Forum Debate, but students will compete individually.

The topic for the tournament is: **RESOLVED:** Convicted felons who have completed their sentence should be allowed to vote in the United States.

Additional resources to help get you started on your research can be found on the Great Communicator Debate Series website at <https://www.reaganfoundation.org/media/299291/2019-gcds-regional-topic-research.pdf>

You are not limited to the resources provided but rather can use these as a starting point.

Our schedule will be the following:

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:15-9:30 Instructions

9:30-10:15: Round 1

10:15-11:00: Round 2

11: 15-12:00 Round 3

12:15-1:00 Round 4

1:00 -1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:15 Round 5 (If Necessary)

2:30-3:15 Octofinals

3:30-4:15 Quaters

4:30-5:15 Semis

5:45-6:30 Finals

We may have to add an elimination round if numbers require it. The schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

Because we have one judge for every two debaters, we will single flight the rounds.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this tournament.

Bro. John McGrory

Chaminade High School

Forensics Moderator