



Dear Speech and Debate Coach,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 36th annual Florida Blue Key Speech & Debate Tournament. This year's tournament will be held Friday through Sunday, **November 1-3, 2019**. Florida Blue Key is hosted on the beautiful University of Florida campus in Gainesville, Florida.

Florida Blue Key is the oldest and most prestigious honorary society in the state of Florida. Beginning in the 1980s, the organization began to sponsor the Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate Tournament. Every year, the Speech and Debate Tournament student staff has been delighted to welcome the speech and debate community to our campus. With the help of our "Gator Guard" coaches and an incredible team of students, the 2019 Florida Blue Key Speech & Debate Tournament will certainly not be one to miss.

Our tournament will feature **varsity** competition in *Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Congressional Debate, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, and Original Oratory* and **novice** competition in *Lincoln Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate*.

Registration is set to open this year on August 30, 2019 on Tabroom.com

Students may double enter or triple enter in speech events only. If a student would like to triple enter he or she may **NOT** choose three events in one pattern. *Students may not double or triple event in any debate events.* Speech events will be divided into the following two patterns:

Pattern A- Mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation, Informative Speaking, and Duo Interpretation

Pattern B- Humorous Interpretation, Original Oratory, Impromptu Speaking and Program Oral Interpretation.

We are excited to announce that Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas debaters will debate their respective ***November-December 2019 NSDA Debate topics***.

Florida Blue Key is thrilled to announce that we have retained our status as a qualifying competition for the National High School Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Public Forum (octafinalists), Congressional Debate (semi-finalists), and Lincoln Douglas (quarterfinalists). Florida Blue Key is also a bid tournament for the TOC in speech events.

We highly encourage you to register early as we anticipate capacity to fill quickly. Full tournament details are posted on fbkdebate.org. Please feel free to reach out to chair@fbkdebate.org with any questions or concerns. We greatly appreciate your continued support and **GO GATORS!**

Sincerely,

Michael Puretz

**Florida Blue Key Speech & Debate
Tournament Chair | chair@fbkdebate.org**

JUDGE REQUIREMENTS & ACCOUNTS: All schools should provide 1 judge for every 2 Lincoln Douglas Debate and/or Public Forum Debater entries and 2 judges for every 5 Speech and/or Congress entries. Hired judges will be available upon request and approved by tournament administrators. Hired judges are \$200.00 per judge. ***All judge (Speech, Congress and Debate) must have a valid Tabroom account established for online ballots. All events will use online ballots at the tournament.***

TOURNAMENT EVENTS: Our tournament will feature **varsity** competition in *Lincoln Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Congressional Debate, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Mixed Extemporaneous Speaking, Informative Speaking, Program Oral Interpretation, and Original Oratory* and **novice** competition in *Lincoln Douglas Debate, and Public Forum Debate*. All events follow the NSDA (National Speech and Debate Association) rules and regulations.

ENTRY CAPS: Schools will have a *8 entry cap* in each Speech/Congress events. In Public Forum Debate and Lincoln Douglas Debate schools will have a *7 entry cap* per division.

WAIT LIST: Any excess entries will be automatically placed on a waitlist. We highly encourage you to register early as we anticipate capacity to fill quickly.

TOC BIDS: Florida Blue Key is thrilled to announce that we have retained our status as a qualifying competition for the National High School Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Public Forum (octafinalists), Congressional Debate (semi-finalists), and Lincoln Douglas (quarterfinalists). Florida Blue Key is also a bid tournament for the TOC in speech events.

DEBATE TOPICS: We are excited to announce that Public Forum Debate will debate the 2019 NSDA November-December topic and Lincoln Douglas Debate will debate the 2019 NSDA November-December topic debaters will debate their respective November 2019 Debate topics.

CONGRESS: Congressional Debate legislation will be released prior to the tournament on tabroom.com and on the Florida Blue Key Debate website.

ROUND ROBIN INFORMATION: The **Round Robin** will take place on Thursday, October 31, 2019. Applications for the Round Robin can be accessed via our website <http://fbkdebate.org/events/round-robin/>.

OTHER INFORMATION & SCHEDULE: Full tournament details are posted on fbkdebate.org. Please feel free to reach out to chair@fbkdebate.org with any questions or concerns.

E-REGISTRATION: Schools who chose the “e-registration” option should have mailed checks to be received at the Florida Blue Key office by the registration deadline on **October 10, 2019**. We will be sending confirmation of receipt of those checks no later than **October 15, 2019 at 12 p.m.** If you believe you sent a check for e-registration and **do not** receive a confirmation email by October 15 at 12 pm, please email finance@fbkdebate.org.

No checks will be accepted by mail after **October 23, 2019 at 5:00 pm**. All schools will be responsible for payment of invoices at live registration that will take place on Friday, November 1, 2019 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Rion Ballroom at the J. Wayne Reitz Union.

E-Registration FAQs

What address can checks for e-registration be mailed to?

Attn: Florida Blue Key
3160 J. Wayne Reitz Union
P.O. Box 118505
Gainesville, FL 32601

What if I have a drop entry or missing judge fines after I already mailed my registration check?

We will be informing all schools that participate in e-registration of any underpayment no later than **Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 12: 00 p.m** . Schools will be responsible for any additional payment by the payment deadline of Friday, November 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

There will be no online credit or debit card payment options for schools that e-register.

For division specific questions, please refer to the following Director contact information:

Forensics - Andy Chang, forensics@fbkdebate.org
Round Robin - Mickenzie Donnelly & Emma McClane, roundrobin@fbkdebate.org
Public Forum - George Alarcon and Jordan Botknecht, publicforum@fbkdebate.org
Lincoln Douglas - Charles Karcher and Ryan Englesburg, lincolndouglas@fbkdebate.org
Individual Events - Jessica Laurence and Allison Brummer, individualevents@fbkdebate.org
Congress - Aaron Algave, congress@fbkdebate.org
Operations - Alex Giraldo, operations@fbkdebate.org
Hotel Information - Michael Puretz, chair@fbkdebate.org

If you have any questions or need additional information, please email Director of Registration, Chris Hewitt (registration@fbk.org).