



College of Fine, Performing  
and Communication Arts

August 15, 2013

Dear Colleagues:

We invite you to join us for the annual Motor City Classic invitational tournament at Wayne State University in Midtown Detroit, MI. This year's tournament will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 27-29, 2012.

Sincerely,

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## **FORMAT**

The tournament will employ the 2013-2014 CEDA/NDT national debate topic.

Our tournament is sanctioned for CEDA and NDT sweepstakes points and offers competition in three divisions: varsity, junior varsity, and novice. We will adhere to the latest CEDA rules of eligibility for divisions and competition.

We will offer six preliminary rounds will be offered.

Following CEDA rules, "no more than or less than half of the teams competing in the preliminary rounds of debate" will clear for elimination debates, offering opportunities for more teams to debate and qualify for the Wake Forest entry. Brackets will NOT be broken.

Hybrid teams will be allowed to clear. Maverick entries are not accepted.

Wayne State will enter teams and contestants but those teams (even in hybrid situations) will not be eligible to clear.

Additionally, the tournament also agrees to comply with the underlying principles of CEDA's Statement on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination and the Statement of Ethical Principles.

## **TABULATION & PAIRING**

We use a limited judge preference system as entries permit starting Round 1. Pairing: Rounds 1 and 2 are random preset. Rounds 3, 4, 5, and 6 are high-low matched.

## **JUDGING**

Three rounds of judging are expected for each team entered.

We have a \*VERY\* limited number of judges for hire. If you need judges, please contact us immediately, as we cannot guarantee the availability of judges as we near the tournament weekend. Please, do not assume that we have judges available for you without first telling us that you need hired judging. Judges may be hired at \$30 per round.

We strongly request that all qualified persons attending the tournament make themselves available for at least some judging, both in the preliminary and the elimination rounds.

All judges are obligated through the first elimination debate on Sunday or one round past the point of their school's elimination from the tournament.

Judges are required to vote for one and only one team.

## **REGISTRATION & DEADLINE**

The entry deadline is September 23 by 1:00 pm, EST. Use tabroom.com.

**\*\*\*When you register, please email [Kelly.young@wayne.edu](mailto:Kelly.young@wayne.edu) to indicate the number of vegetarians, vegans, or other dietary needs of your squad and number of vehicles you plan to bring to the tournament.**

Fees are \$40 per person in attendance (debater, coach, judge, or observer). Fees will cover awards, 2 continental breakfasts, Saturday & Dinner lunch, Sunday Lunch and Dinner and tournament administrative expenses.

## **HOUSING**

We have a block of rooms at the Best Western Greenfield Inn located in Allen Park. It is a bright pink hotel immediately off of I-94. <http://www.bestwesterngreenfield.com/>. 3000 Enterprise Drive • Allen Park, MI 48101 • Phone & Fax: (313) 271-1600. Ask for the "Wayne State Debate" block. A flat fee of \$75 for a double with up to four people has been arranged. Free wireless access is available. The deadline for registering for the block is September 13, 2013. Rooms may be available at this rate after that date if rooms in the block remain available. The hotel is pretty reasonable, so if you call after the deadline, they will probably help you out. My contact is Heather Bliss, in their sales department.

Directions to the hotel and additional information can be found at:

<http://www.bestwesterngreenfield.com/>. The hotel is 12 minutes from campus. It is also located directly across I-94 from a shopping center with a number of restaurants, stores, and Starbucks.

Other hotels in the Dearborn area:\*

Extended Stay America Detroit - Dearborn  
260 Town Center Dr.  
Dearborn, MI 48126

Hampton Inn Detroit/Dearborn @ Greenfield Village  
20061 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, USA 48124  
Tel: +1-313-436-9600 Fax: +1-313-436-8345

\*I cannot speak to the quality of these hotels except that they are in good areas generally and close to both the airport and campus. I have only done business with the Best Western and received no complaints about the hotel.

## **TOURNAMENT LOCATION & PARKING**

All preliminary and elimination rounds will occur at Manoogian Hall.

### **DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS FROM BEST WESTERN & CAMPUS MAP:**

General Campus Map is here [http://maps.wayne.edu/pdf/print\\_map.pdf](http://maps.wayne.edu/pdf/print_map.pdf).

Manoogian Hall (prelim location) is here: <http://maps.wayne.edu/#buildings-manoogian-hall>.

Student Center (elims location) is here: <http://maps.wayne.edu/view/#student-center>.

### **DIRECTIONS TO MANOOGIAN AND PARKING:**

For directions from the Best Western to campus, see and print <http://g.co/maps/45nxx>. It's an easy trip. Take I-94 east towards Detroit, exit at Exit #214B Trumbull Ave, turn right onto Trumbull, turn left at the first light, Warren (get to the left side of warren), turn left immediately as you cross the expressway onto the Lodge Service drive. Manoogian is the first building on your right (906 W. Warren Avenue - located at the intersection of Warren and the Lodge Service drive).

I will contact you closer to the tournament to explain parking arrangements.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For further information and/or assistance, you may contact Kelly Young: [Kelly.young@wayne.edu](mailto:Kelly.young@wayne.edu)  
313-577-2953.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Audio-Visual Equipment: We cannot provide audio-visual equipment for you. If you should need such items, please bring your own equipment or make arrangements on your own.

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, September 27, 2013**

2:00 pm      Tournament Registration – Lobby, Manoogian Hall  
3:00 pm      Round 1 Manoogian Hall  
5:45 pm      Round 2

### **Saturday, September 28, 2013**

8:30 am      Breakfast & pairings (pairings online)  
9:00          Round 3  
11:30        Round 4  
                Lunch  
3:00          Round 5  
5:30          Round 6  
T.B.A.        Teams Clearing Info released online

### **Sunday, September 29, 2013**

7:00 a.m.    Breakfast & Elimination pairings released online  
8:00 a.m.    1<sup>st</sup> Elimination Round  
Awards follow 1<sup>st</sup> Elim, lunch available afterwards

All subsequent elimination rounds will follow as soon as possible.