

Dear Colleagues:

The La Crosse Central Debate Team is excited to invite you and your students to (virtually) “Debate Under the Bluffs” at the **Jim Sauer Invitational Tournament “at” La Crosse Central** on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Competition will be held virtually using Tabroom.com and the NSDA Campus platform.



We're excited to see you!

Sincerely,

Ben Hamburger, Debate Coach

La Crosse Central High School

### **The Jim Sauer Invitational at La Crosse Central!**

**Virtual debate:** We will follow the [Wisconsin Debate Coaches Association's Virtual Debate Rules and Recommendations](#).

**Registration:** Registration is due and fees are finalized at 11:55pm on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. All students must have linked Tabroom.com accounts.

**Divisions:** We will offer both beginner and advanced divisions of CX, LD, and PF, depending on demand.

**Open and Novice Policy Debate:** 3 rounds, 8/3/5, 10 minutes of prep. [WDCA novice packet and rules](#) are in effect for novice division. 2022 topic: “Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its security cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in one or more of the following areas: artificial intelligence, biotechnology, cybersecurity.” \$30 per team, 1 judge per 2 teams or fraction thereof.

**JV and Open Lincoln-Douglas Debate:** 5 prelim rounds, 6-3-7-3-4-6-3, 4 minutes of prep. Sept/Oct 2021 topic: “Resolved: The United States ought to implement a single-payer universal healthcare system.” \$20 entry per debater, 1 judge per 2 teams or fraction thereof.

**JV and Open Public Forum Debate:** 5 prelim rounds, 4-3-4-3-3-2, 4 minutes of prep. Sept/Oct 2021 topic: Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its investment in high-speed rail. \$30 per team, 1 judge per 2 teams or fraction thereof.

“Novice” is defined as first year debating in any high school division. “JV” is defined as first or second year debating in any high school division.

**Judges:** Teams are required to provide 1 judge for every 2 teams in any division, or fraction thereof. In other words, 1 entry requires 1 judge, 2 entries require 1 judge, 3 entries requires 2 judges, 4 entries require 2 judges, 5 entries require 3 judges, and so on.

Judges may be asked to judge across multiple divisions. If your judges would prefer to avoid this, please indicate this in their notes section. Please ask your judges to enter a paradigm, even if short it is very useful to debaters.

We MAY have a small number of hired judges available at \$150 per obligation. Please contact Ben Hamburger directly at [benjamin.hamburger@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.hamburger@gmail.com) if you absolutely cannot cover your judging obligations.

**Fees:** Policy and PF: \$30 per team, LD: \$20 per debater. Please make checks out to La Crosse Central High School, mail to:

La Crosse Central High School  
Attn: Debate/ Ben Hamburger  
1801 Losey Blvd S.  
La Crosse, WI 54601

(if your business office mails directly to the address associated with the school name, please ensure that the memo or an enclosed note indicates that it covers debate entry fees.)

**Extremely Tentative Schedule:** If you have ever been to a debate tournament, you know how likely this is to hold up:

| Novice and Open Policy          | Time CDT Oct 23 | All PF and LD divisions         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Confirm entries online          | 7:45am          | Confirm entries online          |
| General meeting                 | 8:15am          | General meeting                 |
| Round 1                         | 8:45am          | Round 1                         |
|                                 | 9:45am          | Round 2                         |
| Round 2                         | 10:45am         | Round 3                         |
| Lunch Break                     |                 | Lunch Break                     |
|                                 | 12:30pm         | Round 4                         |
| Round 3                         | 1:30pm          | Round 5                         |
| Awards                          | 3:30pm          | Awards                          |
| Finals (if sufficient interest) | 3:45pm          | Finals (if sufficient interest) |

**Contact:** Questions or concerns? Please contact:

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