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The Columbia
Parliamentary Debate
Association (CPDA) is an
undergraduate organization
of Columbia University in
New York, NY. Every year,
the CPDA travels
throughout the US and the
world to compete in
parliamentary debate.

The CPDA hosts an annual
high school speech and
debate competition and an
annual college parliamentary
tournament to encourage
participation in these
activities.

Dear Speech and Debate Coach:

On behalf of the Columbia Parliamentary Debate
Association, we cordially invite you and your team to the
14th Annual Columbia University High School Invitational.
The tournament will begin on Friday, January 24, 2014 and
conclude on Sunday, January 26, 2014. It will consist of
competition in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public
Forum Debate, Student Congress, and six Speech events.

This year the Finalists in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate
will receive bids to the Tournament of Champions.
Columbia is also a Quarters bid for the TOC in Public
Forum. Our tab room directors will be Jim Menick from
Hendrick Hudson and Joe Vaughan from Scarsdale.

The information provided with this invitation and on our
tournament page on tabroom.com, should answer any
questions that you may have about our tournament.

If you need additional assistance, please email us at
columbiadebate@gmail.com.

Best wishes for a restful and enjoyable winter break. We
look forward to seeing many of our old friends and
competitors in New York in January.

Sincerely,

Chris Luccarelli



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2014 Columbia Parliamentary Society High School Invitational Tournament Packet

January 24th-26nd, 2014

Columbia University Public Safety: (212) 854-2797

Tab Phone Number: (551)-206-9018

Tournament Director: Chris Luccarelli

Tab Directors: Jim Menick and Joe Vaughan

Things you Really Care About...

Important Locations

- General Assembly (for students): General Assembly will be held in Rooney Arledge Auditorium in Lerner Hall. **Please note** that you will need a wristband that you receive at registration in order to gain access to Lerner Hall and the School at Columbia. If you misplace your bracelet and are in need of a new one, you can go to the registration desk, however you will incur a fee of \$5 for the wristband.
- Judges Assembly: Is in the Lerner East and West Ramp lounges.
- Tabroom: is in the Broadway Room

Food

We sell baked goods at great prices throughout the tournament, so you should definitely check out our booth located in the Auditorium on Friday night and Saturday afternoon if you get hungry!

Merchandise!!

You can purchase Columbia Debate paraphernalia the booth located in the Rooney Arledge Auditorium throughout the tournament. T-Shirts and Sweatshirts will be sold at great prices!

Columbia and Barnard Admissions Booths

Get your college visit over with at our tournament!! The admissions offices from Columbia College and Barnard College are really interested in speaking to debaters about the university. You will have the opportunity to speak to the admissions representatives and find out what college life is really like! Barnard Admissions will have a booth in the auditorium from 10 to 12 on Sunday. Columbia Admissions will be making presentations in the auditorium at 3:05 pm and 4:05 pm on Saturday, and will be available for questions after the session.

Security

Columbia Campus Security has been increased for the weekend to accommodate the tournament on Broadway and throughout the Columbia Campus. Call Public Safety at (212) 854-2797 if you experience an emergency or have security concerns.

Some Specifics

Registration

-To accommodate as many teams as possible as efficiently as possible, we will open registration for the tournament on tabroom.com on a waitlist-only basis. As

soon as our rooms are confirmed, we will clear as much of the waitlist as we can, balancing distance (you need to make reservations) and first-come first-served entries. Schools with a history of judge absences and unpaid fees will be given precedence for remaining on the waitlist until next year.

-In the past, some schools have not reported all their drops to the tournament; this harms competitive balance in panel assignments. Schools with unreported drops the day of the tournament will be assessed a fee of \$25 per round missed.

-We ask that you call in to confirm your registration to the tab room phone number at (551) 206-9018 and pay once rounds have begun. You must call before 4:00 PM for Debate schools and by 6:00 PM for Speech and Congress only schools.

Registration Fees

Speech & Student Congress | \$25/entry

Duo Interpretation | \$30/team

Lincoln-Douglas Debate | \$60/entry

Public Forum Debate | \$70/team

Judging Requirements

-We require teams to bring one judge for every 3 Lincoln-Douglas debaters or fraction thereof. Teams must bring one judge for every 3 Public Forum teams or fraction thereof. For all Speech events and Student Congress (a separate pool), teams must bring one judge for every 5 entries or fraction thereof. Judges in speech and congress are obligated for the entire tournament. Judges in LD and PF are obligated to judge one round past the last round in which their students are active.

-A number of judges will be available for hire. Requesting a hired judge does not guarantee that the request will be accepted. The hired judge charge for all speech events is \$40.00 per uncovered entry. For Lincoln Douglas or Public Forum debate judges, the charge is \$75.00 per uncovered entry. Acceptances will be sent by email via tabroom.com.

-Like last year, schools whose judges fail to appear for an assigned round may be fined \$25 for a prelim or \$50 for an elimination round at the tournament's discretion. These fines will be given to the judges who pick up your ballots, and are non-negotiable. Having all judges registered on tabroom.com will help them enormously, as ALL information and announcements will be via this site. In other words, situations where somebody they thought was a Columbia student told your judges something totally absurd is not an excuse. We will also ask for judge cell phone numbers at registration; being able to contact judges quickly and directly will help us stay on time.

-Competitors from any school with outstanding fines will not advance to elimination rounds, nor may the school pick up awards or ballots until they have settled their balance.

Events

Speech events

- Speech events will be broken into two groups. Group A will consist of Oratory, Duo and Oral Interp. Group B will consist of Extemp, Dramatic Performance, and Declamation. A student may enter up to two different speech events in each group.
- Please note that this tournament follows the NCFL guidelines about laptop usage during Extemp prep.
- All speech events will follow National Catholic Forensic League rules and guidelines. Speech events will break to either quarterfinals or semifinals based on the size of each field.
- Due to difficulties in tabbing students double entered in Extemp, we would request that all students registered for Extemp do not participate in the other Group B events (DP, Dec)

Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate

- The LD resolution will be the January/February NFL topic. LD will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. Debaters will have 4 minutes of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, adjusted points, total points, double-adjusted points, judge variance, opponents' record, and coinflip, in that order. The break will depend on numbers registered. MJP will be used in LD to rank the judges.

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Public Forum Debate

- There will be a single, open division of public forum debate. The tournament will be using the NFL topic for January, 2014. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln-Douglas Debate. The break will depend on numbers registered.

Student Congress

- If numbers warrant, a semisupersession will be added to the schedule. Regardless, the Supersession, featuring a multifaceted scenario, will be held Sunday beginning at 10 am. Advancement to the Supersession (and Semi, if any) will be by **JUDGE RANKING**.
- Supersession question time will feature 2 minutes each for the sponsorship and first negative speeches, and 1 minute for all subsequent speeches, divided into 30-second blocks per questioner.

Awards & Ballots

Awards

All competitors reaching elimination rounds will receive awards. We will not mail trophies and encourage all schools to stay for the awards ceremony in order to receive their awards or arrange for another school to pick them up.

Ballots

We do not release ballot packets until the tournament is complete under any circumstances. If you anticipate leaving early, bring a self-addressed, stamped envelope of sufficient size and postage to mail your ballots, label it with your school name, and deliver it to Tab. The postage is not because we need the money, it's because it takes forever and a day for us to go to the post office and mail 40 envelopes, so realistically this never happens. Therefore, please give us actual postage; don't just staple dollar bills to envelopes, as this saves us zero effort. We will put your ballots into the envelope and send it after the tournament.

Getting Around NYC

Parking

Overnight parking is oftentimes available through your hotel.

Meter Parking is available around the campus on Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue.

Parking Garages near Columbia

Parking St Garage Corporation

512 West 112th Street

New York, NY

(212) 865-1754

Manhattan Parking 10

2840 Broadway

New York, NY 10025

(212) 222-7813

Arriving, Departing, and Everything In Between

Getting Around New York City

Travel on MTA New York City Transit requires a MetroCard. MetroCards can be purchased at MetroCard Vending Machines (MVMs) which can be found at most station entrances. Base fare for the NYC Transit System (Subway, Surface Transit excluding Express Buses) is \$2.50. Buses do not accept bills as payment for fare. The MTA also offers a One-Day Unlimited Ride [Fun Pass](#) at \$8.25/person.

Subway

The 🚇 Train goes to 116th Street Columbia (make sure that you **do not** take the 2 or 3 trains to 116th Street—this is not the same station!). The 🚇 train (“Broadway – 7th Avenue Local”) services a number of popular NYC destinations including **Lincoln Center** (66 Street — Lincoln Center), **Columbus Circle/Central Park South** (59 Street

— Columbus Circle), **Times Square** (42 Street — Times Square), **The West Village** (Christopher St/Sheridan Sq), and **SoHo** (Houston St). You can also connect to a number of other lines from the 🚇 Train. Refer to the [Subway Map](#) for more information.

Buses

The M4, M5, M11, M60, and M104 service Columbia University. Refer to the [Manhattan Bus Map](#) for more information.

Taxis

Yellow Taxis supervised by the Taxi and Limousine Commission (which look like [this](#)) are easily flaggable from most city streets at any time of day or night.

Walking

New York can be a very walkable city and we encourage you to explore! Before setting out on foot, be sure to think about the actual distance to your destination (New York City may be larger than you think, 42nd Street is pretty far from 116th Street by foot). Also, be sure to use your brain and practice basic street smarts.

Four ways to increase your personal safety (from CU Public Safety)

- 1. Reduce or eliminate opportunities that make you a target.
- 2. Remain alert, even in places you're most comfortable.
- 3. Trust your instincts, even if it makes you feel self conscious
- 4. Prepare your daily schedule with safety in mind.

We also suggest traveling in groups (which shouldn't be hard).

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Transportation services and conditions are always subject to change. We advise you be conscious of service changes and circumstances. The information is provided as a courtesy by the Columbia Invitational. Note that personal transport is independent of the Tournament and Columbia University and neither is liable for transportation occurrences or damages.

Tournament Schedule: Debate

Friday, January 24, 2014

1:00-4:00 PM: Register by Phone

4:00-4:45	Enter by Broadway Doors of Learner Hall on 115 th and Broadway	
4:45	Open Assembly	
5:00	PF	Round 1
6:00	LD	Round 1
6:30	PF	Round 2
8:00	LD	Round 2
8:00	PF	Round 3

Saturday, January 25, 2014

8:00	Arrive at Learner Hall through the Campus entry	
8:30	LD	Round 3
10:30	PF	Round 4
12:30	LD	Round 4
2:30	PF	Round 5
5:00	LD	Round 5
6:30	PF	Round 6
8:00	LD	Round 6

Sunday, January 26, 2014

8:30	LD&PF	Double Octofinals
10:30	LD&PF	Octafinals
12:00	LD&PF	Quarters
1:30	LD&PF	Semis
3:00	LD&PF	Finals

3:30 Awards & Ballot Distribution

Call in any changes to us by phone at (551) 206-9018 by 4 PM Friday of the tournament. The earlier you confirm, the better! Speech only schools may call until 6 PM. You may pay your registration at the Tab Room after rounds have begun on Friday evening in Debate and Saturday morning in Speech.

THE DROP FINE FOR UNREPORTED DROPS IS QUITE SEVERE. MAKE SURE YOU REPORT ALL YOUR DROPS TO US! WE DO NOT WANT YOUR MONEY, WE WANT TO KNOW YOUR DROPS!

Tentative Tournament Schedule: Speech

Friday, January 24, 2014

1:00-6:00 PM: Register by Phone (551) 206-9018

Saturday, January 25, 2014

9:00	OO, Duo, OI	Round 1
10:00	Extemp Draw 1	
10:30	Extemp, DP, Dec	Round 1
12:00	OO, Duo, OI	Round 2
1:00	Extemp Draw 2	
1:30	Extemp, DP, Dec	Round 2
3:00	OO, Duo, OI	Round 3
4:00	Extemp Draw 3	
4:30	Extemp, DP, Dec	Round 3
6:00	OO, Duo, OI	Round 4
7:00	Extemp Draw 4	
7:30	Extemp, DO, Dec	Round 4
10:00	Speech Elims posted (Online & Lerner)	

Sunday, January 26, 2014

8:30	Extemp Draw	Quarterfinals
9:00	All Speech	Quarterfinals
11:00	Extemp Draw	Semifinals
11:30	Speech	Semifinals
1:00	Extemp Draw	Finals
1:30	Speech	Finals
3:30	Awards & Ballot Distribution	

Tentative Tournament Schedule: Congress

Friday, January 24, 2014

1:00-6:00: Speech/Congress Reg. by phone (551) 206-9018

Saturday, January 25, 2014

9:00	Congress Session 1
2:00	Congress Session 2

Sunday, January 26, 2014

10:00	Congress Super Session
3:30	Awards & Ballot Distribution

