



THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM
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August 1, 2024

Dear Moderators:

The Bronx High School of Science Speech & Debate Team cordially invites you and your team to join us at the Fifty-Fourth Annual New York City Invitational Tournament **in person!** We are happy to continue a 50+ year tradition of offering an early-season tournament.

The tournament will be held at the Bronx High School of Science from Friday, October 18th through Sunday, October 20th, 2024. On Saturday, October 19th, we expect Speech rounds to be held nearby at P.S. 95.

We offer the following events to eligible high school students: Public Forum Debate, Policy Debate, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate, all on Friday through Sunday; and Congressional Debate, Dramatic Interpretation of Literature, Duo Interpretation of Literature, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation of Literature, Informative Speaking, Original Oratory, Program Oral Interpretation and Prose & Poetry, all on Saturday and Sunday.

Registration for all events opens on Sunday, August 18th at noon. All entries will automatically be waitlisted until the Labor Day weekend, when entries will be reviewed and cleared based on several factors, including past tournament attendance, geography, and diversity of entries, to distribute all the available slots fairly. We anticipate that available slots will fill up quickly.

Public Forum teams will debate the September/October 2024 Public Forum Debate topic. Policy debate teams will debate the 2024-2025 National High School topic on intellectual property rights. Lincoln-Douglas debaters will debate the September/October 2024 National Speech & Debate Association LD topic. Congressional Debate legislation will be released prior to the tournament.

The NYC Invitational remains a qualifying competition for the National High School Tournament of Champions (TOC) in all four varsity debate events: octafinalists in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Public Forum Debate, quarterfinalists in Policy Debate, and finalists in Congressional Debate. TOC bids are also offered in all speech categories.

More specific information will be released on the pages at nyc.tabroom.com.

If you have any questions, please contact us at bigbronx@bxscience.edu. We very much value your continued support of our school and the tournament. We hope to have the opportunity to express our appreciation and welcome you and your team to our tournament this October.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Huth
Director of Forensics

Kirby Chin '88
Co-Tournament Host

Robert Levinson '80
Co-Tournament Host