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Friends,

On behalf of the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers, I cordially invite you and your forensics squad to participate in the 13th annual Jean Ward Invitational. The tournament will take place on the picturesque Lewis & Clark campus, **January 18-19, 2025**.

We will offer competition in debate (Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary Debate, Public Forum) and individual events. This year, the tournament will be a finals bid tournament for the Tournament of Champions in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum (semifinals for silver), as well as a qualifying tournament in speech.

I look forward to continuing our renewed tradition of hosting high school competition on our campus, and I expect a weekend of great competition and community. Please let me know if there is any additional information that you need or if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



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Tournament Registration

All entries will be accepted using the tabroom.com website. Please use that site as a resource not only for entering the tournament but also for making changes to your entry and finding important tournament announcements.

Entry Deadline: Friday, January 11 at 11:00 pm (Pacific). Additional entries will not be accepted after this deadline. New schools will not be allowed to register after this time period.

Drop Deadline: Monday, January 14 at 11:00 pm (Pacific). After this deadline, fees will be calculated and drops will be charged full entry fees. Adds will not be allowed after this deadline.

Please report any drops after the drop deadline directly to Joe Gantt (jgantt@lclark.edu or by cell at 806-777-9904).

Novice Designation: All divisions noted as novice divisions will utilize OHSSL guidelines for novice eligibility, i.e., students must be in their first full year in competition on the high school level. In team events, both partners must be novice eligible. Divisions may be collapsed based upon entries.

Entry Caps: We want to make sure that we have enough space to accommodate all schools who wish to attend. Therefore, we are capping entries at 5 entries per event during the initial registration process.

Should it become evident that we will have excess space available for additional competitors, we will notify coaches of relaxation of these entry caps and take entries off of the waitlist.

In individual events, students may enter **two** events total. Policy debaters may not enter individual events.

Judging:

Each debate judge covers two debate entries, and each individual events judge covers eight IE entries.

In debate, there will be three judge pools: Policy, LD, and PF/Parli. Please enter your judges only in one of the three pools. LD and PF/Parli judges may also be entered as an individual events judge.

All individual events judges are expected to be available until finals. All debate judges must be available through at least the first two elimination rounds and then one round past the elimination of their school's entry.

Should space limitations cause us to drop any entries, programs with uncovered entries will be asked to drop first.

Fees:

School Fee:	\$50.00
Debate Fee:	\$35.00 per team entry; \$20.00 per individual entry
Individual Events:	\$12.00 per slot
Uncovered Debate:	\$75.00 per team
Uncovered IE:	\$15.00 per slot

Awards:

Awards will be presented to all finalists in individual events and all quarterfinalists and above in debate events.

Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top five schools according to the following formula:

Debate Events: 1st place = 20, 2nd place = 15, semifinalist = 10, quarterfinalist = 5

Individual Events: 1st place = 12, 2nd place = 10, 3rd place = 8, all other finalists = 3

Debate Events:

Parliamentary Debate: Topics will vary per round (three topics per round, each team will get to strike one topic). Resolutions will focus on policy and value issues in the general area of current events. The division will use the 7-8-8-8-4-5 format. OHSSL rules will be followed with the following exception- the first two rounds will be pre-set.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Debates will be held on the 2025 Jan/Feb NSDA LD topic. The division will use the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. OHSSL rules will be followed with the following exceptions: the first two rounds will be pre-set, and debaters will have a limited number of strikes, and debaters are allowed to use the internet only for the purpose of sending/receiving evidence documents.

Policy Debate: Debates will be held on the 2024-25 policy topic. This division will use the 8-3-5 format with 5 minutes of prep time for each team. OHSSL rules will be followed with the following exceptions: the first two rounds will be pre-set, and debaters will have a limited number of strikes, and debaters are allowed to use the internet only for the purpose of sending/receiving evidence documents.

We will also host a novice (PUDL) division of policy debate. It will utilize a caselist to be released at a later point.

Public Forum: Debates will be held on the 2025 January public forum topic. The division will use the 4-4-3-4-4-3-2-2-3-2-2 format (with 3 minutes of prep time for each side). NSDA rules will be followed.

Speech:

For all speech events: no speaker may use materials from the same source that the speaker used in any contest previous to the current school year.

Students may not use the same material or cuttings from the same source, in Dual Interpretation and any other interpretation event at this tournament.

This tournament will follow OHSSL guidelines/rules for each of the speech events, though preliminary rounds will be judged by a single judge. Please refer to the Oregon High School Speech Handbook for additional guidelines for each event. Time signals will be given only in extemp, impromptu and radio commentary.

Miscellaneous

The Lewis & Clark campus will be on winter break, so parking should be plentiful. A campus map is available below. We recommend parking in (D) or (E) lots to be close to competition; lot (I) is near the student hangout.

As we are on winter break, we are working with food service on campus to determine specific hours that the Fields Dining Hall will be open. When that information is available, it will be sent to all participants. We also anticipate concessions being available when the dining hall is not open.

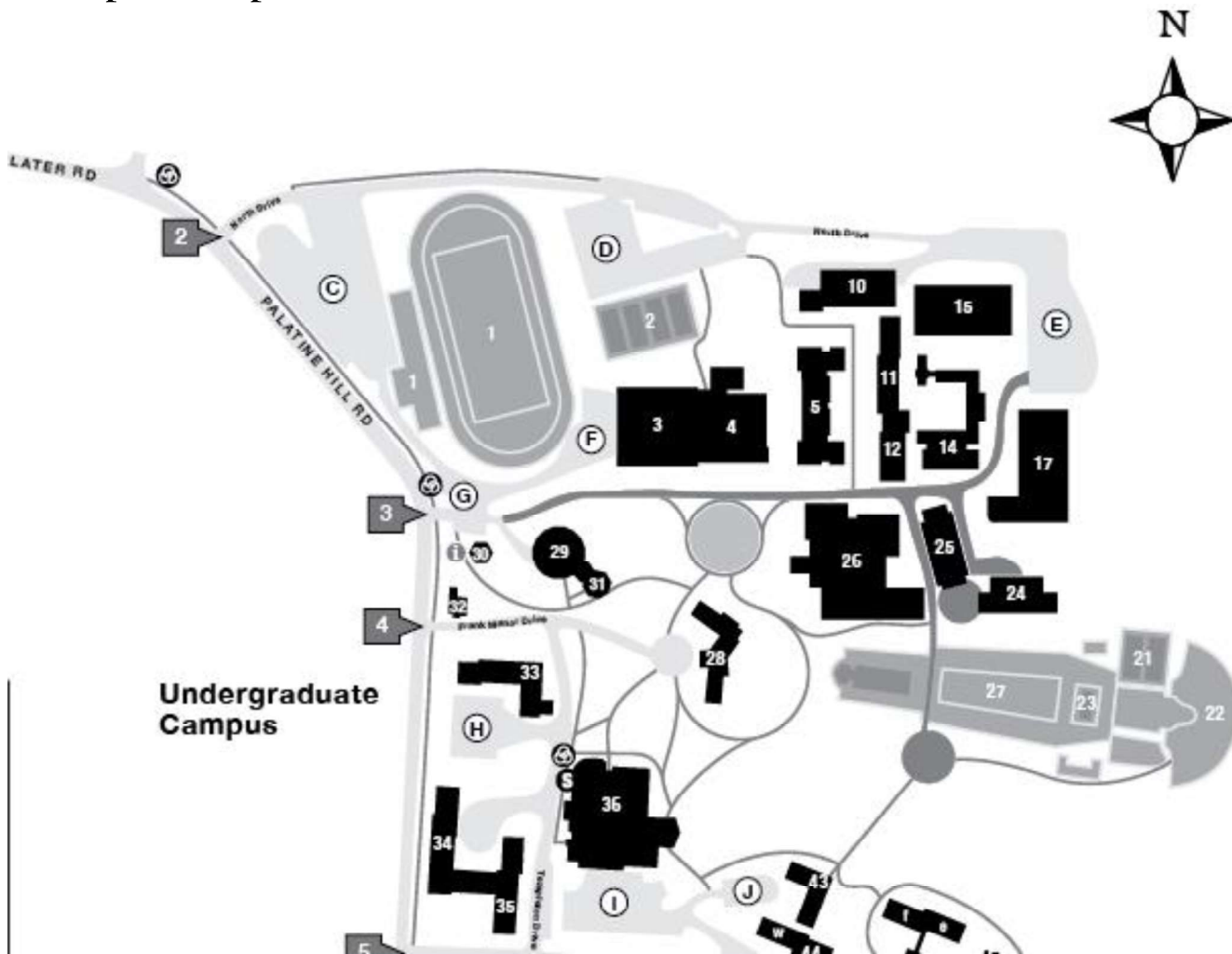
Please find details of L&C's COVID policy at <https://www.lclark.edu/news/covid-19-response/>

A list of hotels offering special rates for Lewis & Clark visitors is available at http://www.lclark.edu/visit/places_to_stay/. The Crowne Plaza is located about ten minutes from campus and has hosted a number of speech/debate events in the past and has a block with us. You can access that block at:

https://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=asearch&brandCode=CP&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=PDXCP&checkInDate=17&checkInMonthYear=002025&checkOutDate=20&checkOutMonthYear=002025&rateCode=6CBARC&_PMID=99801505&GPC=LCC&cn=no&viewfullsite=true

The student lounge will be in Fowler Student Center, and the student center is generally open for students to hang out. Please help us in keeping that area clean and presentable.

Campus Map



JEAN WARD INVITATIONAL - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS						
Please note the changes to the IE schedule - it has been broken up a bit in order to accommodate a larger tournament.						
Saturday, January 18						
8:00	LD Round 1					
8:15	PF Round 1					
8:30	Parli Round 1					Policy Round 1
10:00	LD/PF/Parli Round 2					
11:30		Radio/Impromptu Round 1				Policy Round 2
12:15				Extemp Draw		
12:30				IE Round 1		
1:45	LD/PF/Parli Round 3					
3:15		Radio/Impromptu Round 2				Policy Round 3
4:00				Extemp Draw		
4:15				IE Round 2		
5:30		Radio/Impromptu Round 3				Policy Round 4
6:15				Extemp Draw		
6:30				IE Round 3		
Sunday, January 19						
8:00	LD/PF/Parli Round 4					Policy Round 5
9:30				Extemp Draw		
9:45		Radio/Impromptu Semis		IE Semifinals		
10:30	LD/PF/Parli Round 5					Policy Quarters
12:00		Radio/Impromptu Finals		IE Finals		
1:30	LD/PF/Parli Octos					Policy Semis
3:15	AWARDS FOR ALL EVENTS					
4:00	LD/PF/Parli Quarters					Policy Finals
5:30	LD/PF/Parli Semis					
7:00	LD/PF/Parli Finals					