

Dear Coaches,

The Great Communicator Debates will be hosted this summer at the Reagan Library in California. Students from all over the country will compete for over \$10,000 in scholarship money.

The Northeastern Regional Qualification Tournament will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Chaminade High School.

Schools may register up to eight students for the tournament. After that, schools may place students on a waiting list. We will clear the waiting list as soon as possible. Schools must bring one judge for every two debaters. Judges must have previous experience judging high school forensics tournaments.

All students attending MUST have the approval of their school principals to attend and to participate under the school's name. Debaters must be accompanied by a parent or pre-approved authorized adult FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT. If a student is requested to present an adult, and the student cannot do so at that point of time, the student will be immediately withdrawn from the event. Important notes: Only teams officially representing bona fide degree-issuing high schools are eligible to register. This statement should be self-explanatory. No independent entries without the approval of their school's principal, no camp entries. Any independent entries must provide principal-approval, along with the name of adult who will supervise them, by the registration deadline.

Students who have competed in another regional qualifier may not participate in the Northeastern Regional Qualifier.

The registration fee is \$20 per student.

The debate will be similar to Public Forum Debate, but students will compete individually.

The topic for this year is *"The United States primary system is an ineffective method for selecting the best possible candidates for president."*

Format and further information can be found at [http://gcdebates.reaganfoundation.org/?page\\_id=44](http://gcdebates.reaganfoundation.org/?page_id=44).

Please register by May 2.

Our schedule will be the following:

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:15-9:30 Instructions

9:30-10:15: Round 1

10:15-11:00: Round 2

11: 15-12:00 Round 3

12:15-1:00 Round 4

1:00 -2:00 Lunch

2:15-3:00 Octofinals

3:15-4:00 Quaters

4:15-5:00 Semis

5:15-6:00 Finals

Because we have one judge for every two debaters, we will single flight the rounds.

You judges are obligated until the end of the tournament. If judges leave early, they will jeopardize their ability to compete again next year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this tournament.

Bro. John McGrory

Chaminade High School

Forensics Moderator