



Dear Forensics Director:

It is our pleasure to welcome the member schools of the Barkley Forum for High Schools to the 62nd Annual Barkley Forum for High Schools at Emory University in Atlanta, which will be held January 27, 28, and 29, 2017. It is an equal pleasure to invite applications from other schools to be with us in January. Emory University has a historic commitment to forensics, both high school and college. We look forward to seeing the member schools, and we anticipate invitations (which follow applications) for the interested schools of the United States with superior debate and forensic students.

Changes: Based on your feedback from 2016, here are important changes and information for 2017:

- Coffee! We are planning to offer a centrally located judges' lounge with coffee during the tournament.
- Awards: we will give doubles awards in all debate events following rounds on Saturday night (after the First Tutorial in Public Forum, the Walter Alan Ulrich Tutorial in LD, and the Anne Douglas White Tutorial in Pelham) and the quarterfinals awards (tutorials participants) in speech events on Sunday morning.
- Judges: Please ensure your judges show up, particularly on Sunday. For judges that do not show, we will assess a \$50 per round fine to be added to your 2018 entry fee. In addition, it will endanger any Member Schools' standing.
- Mavericks in 2-team events cannot clear; they must have debated as a team collectively for at least 4 rounds.
- We ask that you provide a cell phone number on Tabroom so we can reach you with any questions during the tournament.
- Pelham Debates
 - Judges are required to vote for one and only one team and to make their decision within 2 hours and 15 minutes from the posted start time of the prelim debates, and 2 hours and 30 minutes for elimination debates. This time limit will be strictly enforced by the tournament.
 - The tournament will use a mutual preference system of judge placement. We will be using an ordinal ranking system for judges (which is different than the previous years' categorical system). We will be distributing a "how-to" article closer to the tournament date.
 - Participants in the Phyllis Flory Barton Tutorial (octos) must flip for sides on Sunday morning by 7:15 a.m.
- Public Forum
 - Once confirmed, decisions are final.
 - To encourage the pedagogical aims of the tournament and to avoid any confusion with ballot entry, we encourage judges to disclose their decisions but only *after* they have entered their decision on Tabroom.
- Lincoln-Douglas
 - Debates should start as soon as all participants and the judge are in the room. All decisions must be entered by one hour and fifteen minutes after the announced start of the flight or tab will flip a coin to decide the winner of the round.
 - Participants in outrounds during Flight A should flip 15 minutes before the announced start of the round in the assigned room (or outside the room, if a round is still going on). Participants in

outrounds during Flight B should report to the tab room 15 minutes before the announced start of the flight for the flip. If you are not present for the coin flip, the other debater will pick her/his side, and you will be assigned the opposite side.

- Since we do not give more than one award in any other events in which one student is participating, we will not be giving speaker awards in Lincoln-Douglas this year.
- Congressional Debate
 - We will accept 10 students from each school.
 - A school will be limited to ***two pieces of legislation per school***. All legislation should be ***authored by the school, not by an individual***.
 - We ask that only coaches communicate with the tournament; please ask students not to communicate with us directly unless submitting legislation.
 - Please let us know if your judge can be used as parliamentarian.
- Speech
 - Last year, we asked if you would prefer us to offer POI or Prose & Poetry, and the majority voted in favor of keeping Prose & Poetry. As we do not have enough rooms to host both events, we will continue to **offer the same 6 speech events (including Prose & Poetry)** we have in the past.
 - However, on the recommendation of coaches, we will be changing Prose & Poetry to more closely follow the CFL rules for OI. Each round will be **designated for either prose or poetry**, beginning with prose in Round 1, alternating each round and ending with poetry in the exhibition final round.

Additional Information:

- All events will be held on the Emory campus. Please note that Emory is a **tobacco-free campus**. For more information, please visit www.tobaccofree.emory.edu.
- **We will be using tabroom.com for all divisions** except Congressional Debate. We require that all judges have an established, functional tabroom account prior to being registered as a judge. If there are any questions about this requirement, please feel free to let us know.
- If students qualify to participate in the tutorials (i.e., clear), they are expected to be available through the final exhibition round to respect their opponents and the participants who will learn from their performance. If a student must leave the tournament and cannot participate in a tutorial or exhibition round for which s/he has qualified, s/he will forfeit his/her award and all rounds after preliminary rounds. Special circumstances may lead to rare exceptions to this rule at the tournament director's discretion. We are providing this information so you may make your travel plans accordingly.
- We ask that students competing in Pelham, LD, or Public Forum debate students have their parents complete a **permission form allowing them to be audio taped**. This is necessary to implement our clipping guidelines, which can be found by clicking [here](#). Please review these guidelines with your students. The audio permission form is available [here](#). Please send your permission forms to Tim Mahoney, pacedebate@gmail.com, or fax them to Tim at 425-740-9130. He keeps a running list of students who have submitted forms on file. If your students have previously submitted forms in 2016 to Tim, they do not need to submit another form.
- Blue Ribbon Panels: We will again return to the tradition of **Blue Ribbon Panels** in Pelham and Lincoln Douglas divisions. In these divisions, judges will be assigned by mutual preference in all preliminary rounds and in the tutorials up to and including the Richard B. Sodikow Tutorial in Pelham and the Patricia Bailey Tutorial in LD. The exhibition rounds in all divisions will be evaluated by a panel of judges from the Key Coaches of the Barkley Forum. The judges for the Sandra Worthington Silvers Tutorial in Pelham and the Marilee Dukes Tutorial in LD will be drawn from a pool of Blue Ribbon panelists that will be announced at registration. The Blue Ribbon panelists will be drawn from coaches and dignitaries attending the tournament including, but not limited to, those in the mutual preference pool. Blue Ribbon panelists will be selected for their contributions to forensics education

with the confidence that they will honor the intelligent and responsible commitment of the tutorial participants.

Applications to attend (including the competitive records for each student applying) from non-member schools must be entered on the BFHS website no later than **December 5, 2016**. Indications of attendance from member schools must be entered on the website by the same date. Shortly thereafter, an email will be sent to all the schools that have been selected to attend.

In order to launch the tournament appropriately and celebrate the 62nd anniversary of the tournament, we will have an **Opening Awards Assembly** for all students, coaches, and judges **from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27th in the ballroom of the Marriott Century Center** during which participants will hear a keynote speaker, recognize the new KEY coaches, and honor the winner of the Melissa Maxcy Wade Social Justice Award. We are honored that **Dr. Allan Loudon**, Professor and Department Chair in the Department of Communication at Wake Forest University and former director of debate at Wake Forest, will be **our keynote speaker** this year. We also anticipate that **pairings will be available** at the end of the Opening Awards Assembly.

For guests wishing to use the **electronic registration** alternative, please note that your **entry fees must be received** by the Barkley Forum prior to registration. (See FAQ section for more information on how e-registration works.)

Please note that students' participation in the Barkley Forum for High Schools constitutes consent to use their image in promotional materials for the tournament/Barkley Forum.

In **Public Forum Debate**, we are accepting two entries from Member Schools and will accept a third if the third team has cleared at a minimum of three open division high school tournaments this year and we have the room capacity to do so. We will consider the 3rd team the team with the least competitive success this year. We will accept three applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon space available. Teams will get three judge strikes.

In **Congressional Debate**, we are accepting ten entries from Member Schools. We will accept ten applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon the space available.

The Pelham Debates feature two-person, switch-sides debating using the cross-examination format. Member schools will send their most experienced teams since the FORUM IS NOT A PRACTICE-TYPE TOURNAMENT. This year we are accepting two entries from Member Schools and will accept a third if the third team has cleared at a minimum of three open division high school tournaments this year and we have the room capacity to do so. We will consider the 3rd team the team with the least competitive success this year. We will accept three applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon space available. There will be six preliminary rounds of debate. The top 32 teams will be asked to participate in five exhibition rounds. We will have a mutual **judge preference** system for the Pelham Debates (using an ordinal ranking system), so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com>. More details about prefs will follow via email closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to The Thomas Glenn Pelham Silver Key Debate.

In **Lincoln-Douglas**, we are accepting two entries from Member schools and will accept a third after the first round of admittance decisions if the third entry has cleared at a minimum of three open division high school tournaments this year and we have the room capacity to do so. We will accept three applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon space available. Up to the top 32 individuals (with a

4-2 record or better) will be asked to participate in the exhibition rounds. We will have a mutual **judge preference** system for the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com>. More details about prefs will follow via email closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to The Dale Lauder McCall Exhibition.

In **Speech Events**, four entries per school are permitted in any one event. No triple entries will be allowed.

The **Final Awards Ceremony will be held in the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Administration Building (WHSCAB)**. You will not want to miss the Presentation of the Silver Keys and supportive awards, as it is nationally unique.

If there are any last minute changes, please notify us in writing at EmoryBFHS@gmail.com. During the course of the tournament, we will be posting updates on the website, so please check the website frequently during the tournament.

We hope to bring you the best possible forensics experience we can offer. May we hear from each of you soon.

Sincerely,

Ed Lee, Tournament Director
Kara Grant, Tournament Administrator

HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

1956 - The 62nd Annual BARKLEY FORUM - 2017

The Barkley Forum for High Schools is dedicated to those who have built the current tournament experience. The Barkley Forum for High Schools has several institutions dedicated to honoring excellence in forensics. The [Hall of Champions](#) remembers the winners of past years. The [listing of Member Chairs](#) honors schools with strong forensic programs of today and yesterday. Retired [Key Coaches](#) are recalled and honored. The Forum was in existence long before the birth of any contestant taking part in the 62nd tournament. Thus, the tradition that built the 2017 Barkley Forum for High Schools is an integral part of the future.

The Forum salutes those who guide students in education, citizenship, character, creativity and recognition. The Forum congratulates those moderators who know how to teach students to motivate themselves and direct the necessary work to raise funds, to discipline young minds, to run interference where necessary, and to stimulate educational experience rather than pettiness. The Barkley Forum especially appreciates those coaches who can teach the value of vision beyond the trophy.

Your participation in the 62nd tournament affirms the pride Emory takes in the efforts of the various schools that have built the Forum. Emory recognizes its debt to you. Thus, in a way thanking you and them, the 62nd year will salute success.

BARKLEY FORUM MEMBERSHIP

Two hundred fifty-nine schools do hold or have held Chairs of Membership in the Barkley Forum for High Schools at Emory University. Click [here](#) for a full listing of member schools. The currently active schools, all reflecting quality performance of the past, have automatic reservations at the annual January meetings. Their memberships are valid for a minimum of two years. It is not necessary for the schools holding active Chairs to apply for participation in the current year. However, they should register their students online by the deadline to facilitate the acceptance of the maximum number of non-member schools. **Guaranteed reservations will only be held until December 5th to maximize competitive opportunities for all schools.** After December 5, member schools may apply and will be placed on the wait list; at this point, records need to be entered for each student being submitted for consideration.

A member school may be absent for one year without endangering its standing. The second absence in succession vacates the Chair. Likewise, a member school may render an inferior performance at the Barkley Forum for one year without endangering its standing. Two successive years of substandard performance will question the membership. Guests are optional candidates for membership by two successive years of better-than-average performance or instant success. A number of schools are now under consideration.

Engraved plaques are presented to member schools. Membership recognizes high quality forensics performance resulting from commitments from the schools. Boca Raton Community High School (FL), Brentwood High School (TN), East Chapel Hill High School (NC), G. Holmes Braddock High School (FL), and Miami Beach Senior High School (FL) are the 2016 member schools.

GOLD KEY AWARDS

The most prestigious presentation made by the Emory Barkley Forum is the presentation of the GOLD KEY. A select number of Directors of Forensics will be added in 2017 to this exemplary list of previous recipients. The recognition of those so named will take place at the Opening Awards Assembly on Friday, January 27th to which all participants, coaches, and judges are invited.

The complete listing of the notable coaches and honorary designees can be found [here](#). Invitation to the KEY Society is a lifetime designation as long as the KEY coach comports himself or herself with dignity and the high standards to which role models in the debate community are held.

In 2016, Lane Bearden (Calhoun), Kara Grant (in honorarium), Alfred “Tuna” Snider (in honorarium, in memoriam), and Christina Tallungan (Notre Dame) were tapped into membership in the KEY society.

THE PAUL SLAPPEY AWARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF DIVERSITY

In March of 1995, the Barkley Forum created an annual award for the promotion of diverse participation in interscholastic speech and debate competition. We seek to advance the vision of promoting the recruitment and retention of traditionally underrepresented populations of both students and teachers. This effort has led to a true partnership between high school and college communities to develop curriculum, support teachers, educate administrators, and provide powerful opportunities for experiential education for socio-economically challenged students. In no individual is that partnership better expressed than in the leadership of the late Paul Slappey, Coordinator of Debate at the University of Iowa, the first recipient of this award.

A former high school forensics coach, Paul was reared in rural Georgia where he encountered poverty and the educational disparity that characterized rural school systems. He came to the University of Iowa with an understanding of the barriers faced by many students who could profit from participation in forensics. He developed high quality educational programs, workshops, and institutes for high school students and teachers at Iowa, recruiting the services of some of the best high school and college faculty in speech communications in the United States. Few realize the tireless efforts he dedicated to raising money and providing opportunities for those who faced seemingly insurmountable barriers to participation, for whom financial support was not, in the words of one Urban Debate League/National Forensic League Phillips Scholar, “an easy way out, but the only way in....”

The Barkley Forum hopes that in creating this award, we can recognize the efforts of those who have developed an educational mission to enfranchise all students in the rich experience of communications. The 2016 recipient was Shúnta Jordan from Pace Academy. Past recipients of this award include Dr. Larry Moss, Brent Farrand, Elizabeth Slagle, Angelo Brooks, and Dr. Alfred “Tuna” Snider.

AWARDS TO THE PARTICIPANTS

The SILVER KEY - In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Barkley Forum in 1980, the Grand Championship was denoted by the SILVER KEY, a small sterling silver emblem duplicating the design of the prestigious Gold KEY awarded only to the KEY Coaches. The SILVER KEY indicates a Barkley Forum Champion and may be worn only by the first-place individual debaters in the Pelham Debates, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum and the first-place winners in the Pelham Debates, Lincoln-Douglas, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Prose & Poetry, Humorous Interpretation, Public Forum and Congressional Debate. The KEY has no written marking visible to the public and is a piece of fine jewelry suitable for any occasion. While trophies will be granted as usual for the appropriate victories, the SILVER KEY belongs to the Barkley Forum victors of the future.

The Trophy KEY - Uniquely, the Barkley Forum trophy is a larger KEY cast from an antique brass KEY hidden in Georgia from Sherman's March to the Sea in 1864. This original KEY was discovered and donated to the Emory Barkley Forum by Susan and Thomas Glenn Pelham. Nashville attorney Larry David Woods, a distinguished alumnus of Emory and former President of the Forum as well as National President of the Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha debate fraternity, gave a grant to have KEYS cast each year from the original.

MELISSA MAXCY WADE SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Emory University forensics has a long history of encouraging students to use their forensics skills for the greater good of our society. Both as a collective and as individual members, the Barkley Forum encourages service to others. The Barkley Forum was at the forefront of the urban debate league movement to bring debate to disenfranchised students. When middle school students expressed a desire to debate in Georgia, the Barkley Forum formed partnerships to provide those opportunities to students. The Barkley Forum for High Schools itself was originally founded as a service to the forensics community in Georgia.

While we value and reward competitive success at the Barkley Forum for High Schools, we also value service to others, and we wish to reward and recognize a student competing in our tournament who has a passion for social justice work and a desire to continue to use his or her gifts and skills to serve others in his or her community.

The Barkley Forum established this award in 2013 as the Social Justice Award, and in 2016 we renamed the award the Melissa Maxcy Wade Social Justice Award in honor of Melissa's retirement after 43 years of service to Emory University. Melissa embodies the spirit of this award. She has always sought out ways to empower people from all walks of life to find their voices to make the world a better place.

Any forensics competitor who is active on his or her squad and who will be attending the 2017 Barkley Forum for High Schools may be nominated for the award. Nominations can be from coaches, judges, or other members of the forensics community who familiar with the student's work.

Nominations should include:

- The name, school, and year in school of the nominee
- The reasons for the nomination, preferably including anecdotes and examples of the student's service
- The name and affiliation of the person submitting the nomination

Nominations should be emailed to emorybfhs@gmail.com using the form found [here](#) by January 9, 2017. Finalists for the award will be announced during the week prior to the tournament, and the award will be presented at the Opening Ceremony on Friday, January 27th at 11:30 a.m. in the Marriott Century Center Ballroom.

In addition to a framed award, the award recipient will receive a \$400 cash prize to be directed to the charitable organization of the recipient's choice and a \$100 cash prize for the recipient's/nominator's debate program. The 2016 recipient was Madison Hall from The Montgomery Academy (AL).

TRAVEL AND LODGING

HOUSING

It is suggested that each school make its own arrangements for housing as early as possible. There are no rooms available on the Emory campus for guest accommodations. The Barkley Forum suggests that you contact one of the following unless you have other arrangements for the weekend:

SPECIAL TOURNAMENT HOTELS

Marriott Century Center (\$100/night; click [HERE](#) for online reservations; free WiFi in Guest Rooms; discount available until 1/6/17)
2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345
(404) 325-0000

Emory Conference Center (\$129/night; click [HERE](#) for online reservations)
1615 Clifton Road, NE
(404) 712-6565
(800) 933-6679 (toll-free)

OTHER HOTELS NEAR THE CAMPUS

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites (near Marriott)
2920 Clairmont Rd. (404) 248-1550

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites
2183 North Decatur Rd. (404) 320-0888

LaQuinta Inn
2535 Chantilly Drive N.E. (404) 321-0999

Courtyard by Marriott
1236 Executive Park Dr., N.E. (404) 728-0708

Hampton Inn
I-85 and North Druid Hills Rd. (404) 320-6600

University Inn
1767 North Decatur Road (800) 654-8591

TRAVELING DIRECTIONS

Emory, in the Druid Hills section of Atlanta, is located on Oxford Road, N.E., and is bordered by North Decatur and Clifton Roads. It is suggested (if traveling by car) that, regardless of your point of origin, you travel to Emory from Interstate 85, take the Clairmont exit south (toward Decatur). Traveling south on Clairmont, turn right on North Decatur Road, then a right on Haygood. Continue through the light at Clifton Road (where the road name changes to Asbury Circle). We are still in negotiations with the parking office, so further details about where to park will be sent closer to the tournament date.

For those arriving by air, please be informed that Atlanta is one of the world's largest passenger airports and requires much time in moving from one place to another. Atlanta's mass transit train (MARTA) travels to the airport. The station closest to Emory (approximately 5 minutes) is the Candler Park Station on the East-West Line. If traveling to a hotel, ask the hotel which MARTA train station is closest to their location. Taxis are usually NOT waiting at the train stations. Taxis should be called in advance from the airport prior to boarding the train. It normally takes around 50 minutes to get to the north side of the city when boarding MARTA at the airport. There is a \$2.50 charge per person for riding the MARTA train plus a \$1 charge to obtain a Breeze Card on which to load fares.

Directions to the Marriott Century Center (where registration/opening assembly will be held): 2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345. From Interstate 85, take Exit 91 (Clairmont Road). Go North/Northwest on Clairmont, away from the Emory University campus. Proceed through the traffic light at the McDonald's/Sam's Club. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Century Boulevard. Follow the road around until you come to a 4-way stop, and the Marriott will be on your right.

PARKING

Special parking arrangements will be required due to the lack of parking on the Emory University campus. Special instructions will be emailed closer to the tournament date.

Please do not arrive on campus until 4:00 on Friday, which is the earliest we can secure access to the parking decks.

DATES, CONTACT INFO, APPLICATION PROCESS

IMPORTANT DATES

December 5, 2016: All entries and applications due online (Members and Non-members). On this date, Member Schools who are not entered will forfeit reserved entry. **For non-member school applications to be considered, each student's competitive record should be entered on tabroom.**

December 9, 2016: All non-members will be notified about whether they have been accepted for entry into the tournament.

December 19, 2016-January 2, 2017: Barkley Forum office is closed. Please do not attempt to leave messages by voicemail.

January 9, 2017: Congressional Debate bills and resolutions are due (email them to kara.grant@emory.edu) by 6:00 p.m. EST. Reminder: only two school-authored pieces of legislation are permitted per school.

January 9, 2017: Nominations for the Melissa Maxcy Wade Social Justice Award are due (EmoryBFHS@gmail.com or fill out form [here](#)).

January 10, 2017: Last day for drops without penalties in Congressional Debate.

January 13, 2017: Preliminary legislation and chambers released for Congressional Debate by noon EST.

January 20, 2017: Last day changes can be requested without penalty fees (for all events except Congressional Debate, whose drop deadline is January 10).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Barkley Forum Email Address (preferred method of contact): EmoryBFHS@gmail.com

Barkley Forum Telephone: 404-727-6189. We receive many calls during this period. We check messages throughout the day. We return all calls promptly.

Barkley Forum Fax: 404-727-5367

Tournament Website: <http://bfhs.tabroom.com>

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process at the Barkley Forum High School Tournament is required to accommodate an efficient registration process. Please review the following procedures. **These procedures apply to both member schools and non-member schools.**

Step 1

Enter students online, including student records and judges, which will automatically place them on the waitlist. **ALL entries—including students' competitive records for non-member schools—must be entered online by December 5, 2016.** We will assume any MEMBER school not submitting entries will not be in attendance because they will not want to prevent the entry of worthy non-member schools.

NOTE for Non-Member Schools:

We ask you to provide records for each student who is being recommended for entry at the tournament. Entry into the Barkley Forum High Schools Tournament for non-member schools is based on the student's record. Therefore, it is important that the student records be carefully completed. The records should be entered online by December 5, 2016.

Step 2

The Barkley Forum will first count the MEMBER entries for each event. Non-member applications will be considered based on available space and the student's record in each event.

If there are any open slots in Public Forum, Pelham Debates, and Lincoln-Douglas after the member and non-member schools are admitted, then third entries will be considered based on the students' records.

Step 3

The Barkley Forum will email the coach listed in tabroom.com as the primary contact when students are admitted. When coaches look at their entry on tabroom.com, students who are admitted into the tournament will have "In" under "status" next to their names, and students who are still on the waitlist will have "WL" under "status" next to their names.

The Barkley Forum will continue to admit students off the waitlist until the tournament starts. If your student is accepted off the waitlist, tabroom.com will generate an email to the coach on record for the school. We expect that those students will attend unless you email emorybfhs@gmail.com to let us know they will not.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL SCHOOLS:

Once you receive the email confirming your entry into the tournament, we expect that you will attend. If you decide not to attend the tournament and do not drop your entrants by the January 20th drop date, you will be charged for your entries.

If students qualify to participate in the tutorials (i.e., clear), they are expected to be available through the final exhibition round to respect their opponents and the participants who will learn from their performance. If a student must leave the tournament and cannot participate in a tutorial or exhibition round for which s/he has qualified, s/he will forfeit his/her award and all rounds after preliminary rounds. Special circumstances may lead to rare exceptions to this rule at the tournament director's discretion. We are providing this information so you may make your travel plans accordingly.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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- What is the best way to contact the Barkley Forum if I have questions or need to make changes?
 - Email is the best way to reach us: emorybfhs@gmail.com
- To whom should checks for payment be made payable?
 - Emory University. A current W-9 for the university can be found [here](#).
 - Checks should be mailed to Barkley Forum, Drawer U, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322
- The website is telling me the application for one of my students is incomplete. What do I do?
 - You need to enter the records for all your students so we can consider them for admission.
 - Member schools do not need to enter records if they are entering prior to the December 5 deadline, but after 12/5, Member Schools need to enter records for their students to be considered, as well.
- How can I tell if my students are admitted or on the waitlist?
 - After the December 9, 2016 admittance date, when you look at your squad on tabroom.com, the students have “In” under “status” next to their names are ADMITTED. Students who have “WL” under “status” next to their names are WAITLISTED.
- How will I know if students are removed from the waitlist and entered in the tournament?
 - When students are removed from the waitlist, an email is automatically sent to the email address on record with tabroom.com.
- I would like to do electronic registration the morning of the tournament. What are the requirements to do so and how do I do that?
 - Your check for payment must be in the mail by January 13, 2017 to ensure we receive it in time for registration. Please also make sure you are familiar with all the information on the website, as any changes to venues, etc. will be posted there.
 - On the morning of registration, log in to your tabroom.com account, and click on your login name/e-mail address in the top righthand corner. Under the "tournaments" tab, click on the Barkley Forum for High Schools, and click the button that confirms you are here.
- I don't have students debating in the Pelham Debates, but we have to wait until after the final debate in Pelham before the awards assembly is held. Why?
 - The Barkley Forum for High Schools is designed to celebrate all forensics events. The Awards Assembly celebrates speech and debate in all of its forms, and the tournament is one of the few tournaments that continues the tradition of recognizing that we are all part of a broader community celebrating the pedagogy of speech and debate that encourages students to critically engage their world and become part of a broader citizenry. We encourage everyone who is able to attend the final rounds of all events to celebrate the achievements in all divisions; the Pelham Debates final round precedes the awards assembly because of the historical significance of policy debate to the Barkley Forum and as a way of honoring the memory of Mr. Thomas Glenn Pelham.
- The registration deadline has passed and I just found out about your tournament. What do I do?
 - Email the Tournament Administrator at emorybfhs@gmail.com and indicate which events you have students interested in entering. Any schools (Member schools or non-member schools)

must enter records for each student applying for the tournament if it is after the December 5 application deadline.

- How do I hire a judge?
 - If you are not able to provide a judge in an event, tabroom.com will automatically charge you for a judge hire, and the Barkley Forum staff will make sure a tournament judge covers your obligation.
- Where do I find schedules?
 - All events have a separate schedule under the “schedules” tab on tabroom.com; they will be posted closer to the tournament date when rooms are finalized with the university.
- Why can’t you publish the building locations for all events until so close to the tournament date?
 - Since our tournament falls very close to the beginning of the semester, we have to wait to get final confirmation from the university about rooms and buildings until after classes are underway.
- I would like to be hired as a judge for the tournament. How do I do that?
 - Email the tournament administrator at emoryBFHS@gmail.com and indicate what event you are interested in judging.
- Do you have a judges’ lounge?
 - Yes, we will have one centrally located place on campus where judges can congregate.

JUDGING AND FEES

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Each school will be responsible for furnishing competent judges in each event in which they participate. In an attempt to discourage hired judging, schools not furnishing a judge will be charged a fee. Judging requirements pertain to preliminary rounds. All judges are expected to judge in elimination rounds. **All entered judges are expected to be available unless the tab room has been informed otherwise.** If you are in the judging pool and fail to show up for your judging commitment, there will be a penalty assessed by tournament administrators.

Placing judges in elimination rounds becomes more difficult each year because judges leave once their school's competitors are eliminated from the tournament without fulfilling their commitment to adjudicate one round beyond their school's last outround. **Directors are responsible for making sure that their school's judges are available to fulfill their ENTIRE judging commitment, including making appropriately timed airplane reservations.** We always try to release individuals as quickly as possible, but the tournament requires the highest quality judging pool possible even after any particular school is finished competing. **Schools who have judges that do not meet their elimination round obligation may not be invited to return and/or will have their membership suspended, and they will be assessed a \$50 per round fee on their 2018 entry fee.**

Judging Requirements:

Pelham Debate	Minimum 4 rounds for the first team and 3 rounds for each subsequent team (4 rounds for 1 team, 7 rounds for 2 teams, 10 rounds for 3 teams). An individual judging Pelham cannot judge anything else during the preliminary rounds. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com .
Lincoln-Douglas	Minimum 4 rounds per singleton, 6 rounds for two or three singletons. The preliminary rounds are flighted, and one round consists of two flights. An individual judging Lincoln-Douglas cannot judge anything else during the preliminary rounds. One judge can fulfill this requirement. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com .
Speech Events	Minimum 1 full-time judge for every eight (8) entries or fraction thereof.
Congressional Debate	Minimum 1 full-time judge specifically designated to judge Congress. Please let us know (via email at emorybfhs@gmail.com) if your judge can serve as parliamentarian
Public Forum	Minimum 4 rounds for the first team and 3 rounds for each subsequent team (4 rounds for 1 team, 7 rounds for 2 teams, 10 rounds for 3 teams). An individual judging PF cannot judge anything else during the preliminary rounds.

FEES

Please make all checks payable to Emory University.

Event Fees:

Pelham Debate	\$110 per team
Lincoln-Douglas	\$75 per singleton
Speech Events	\$65 per entry slot
Congressional Debate	\$65 per entry slot
Public Forum	\$85 per team

Judging Fees for Hiring Judges:

Pelham Debate	\$200 per uncovered team
Lincoln-Douglas	\$300 per uncovered singleton
Speech Events	\$150 per uncovered judge (per eight entry slots or fraction thereof)
Congressional Debate	\$200 per one to ten uncovered Congress entries
Public Forum	\$200 per uncovered team

Penalty Fees:

In an effort to control delays in a tournament this size, we are being forced to impose a penalty for last minute changes. Last minute changes are those made after January 20, 2017! Hopefully these penalties will not be imposed. The Barkley Forum feels that we must impose these so that the timely entrants are not penalized by those less organized.

Pelham Debate Cancellation	\$110 per team
Lincoln-Douglas Cancellation	\$75 per singleton
Speech Events Cancellation	\$65 per entry slot
Congressional Debate Cancellation	\$65 per entry (any drops after 1/10/17)
Public Forum Cancellation	\$85 per team

REGISTRATION

To prevent tournament delays we must INSIST that registration be completed (either in person or by e-registration the morning of the tournament) by 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

SCHEDULES

2017 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Schedules will be posted closer to the tournament date.

Registration will be from 10-11:30 at the Marriott Century Center on January 27th, the opening awards assembly will be from 11:30-1:00 at the Marriott.

Please do not arrive on the Emory campus earlier than 4:00 on January 27th, when we have permission to park on campus. Rounds for all events will start at 4:30 on the Emory campus.

The final awards assembly is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 29th.

EVENT INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PELHAM DEBATE

For 31 years, Mr. Thomas Glenn Pelham presided over the Barkley Forum for High Schools. As the winning coach at the tournament in 1959, he appreciated the difficulty of competition. As Director of Forensics at Emory from 1960-1972, he was the architect who crafted the traditions of the tournament and of the Barkley Forum organization. His death in April 1987 created a void in national forensics, which simply cannot be filled. In recognition of his striking achievements, the Barkley Forum honored him by naming the policy debate competition The Pelham Debates.

The Barkley Forum for High Schools will use the National Speech and Debate Association topic for the current year. **A member school is guaranteed entry for two teams** of varsity strength composed of two speakers each, and we will accept a third team if the third team has cleared at a minimum of three open division high school tournaments this year. The Barkley Forum tournament is highly competitive. In fairness to your debaters, we recommend that you only bring students fully prepared for experienced level debate.

Non-member schools will be granted admission on the basis of applications that speak to the varsity experience of debaters. Substitutions will be discouraged. The Barkley Forum will designate a swing team should it be necessary to even the number of participating teams.

Each team will debate both sides of the proposition, three rounds affirmatively and three rounds negatively in a cross-examination (8-3-5) format with eight (8) minutes of preparation time. All teams will debate the six preliminary rounds. There will be five exhibition tutorial rounds for the thirty-two teams that are invited to participate.

We will have a mutual judge preference system for the Pelham Debates, so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** More details will follow via email closer to the tournament date. We will be using an ordinal ranking system for judges (this is different than the previous years categorical system). We will be distributing a 'how-to' article closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to the Thomas Glenn Pelham Silver Key Debate. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com>.

Judges will be assigned by mutual preference in all preliminary rounds and in the tutorials up to and including The Richard B. Sodikow Tutorial. The exhibition rounds in all divisions will be evaluated by a panel of judges from the Key Coaches of the Barkley Forum.

The judges for the Sandra Worthington Silvers Tutorial will be drawn from a pool of Blue Ribbon panelists that will be announced at registration. The Blue Ribbon panelists will be drawn from coaches and dignitaries attending the tournament including, but not limited to, those in the mutual preference pool. Blue Ribbon panelists will be selected for their contributions to forensics education with the confidence that they will honor the intelligent and responsible commitment of the tutorial participants.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

The purpose of Lincoln-Douglas debate is to provide a public forum for issues of value. Thus, arguments should be constructed using sound and ethical rules of persuasion. Clash is required. Affirmative teams must support the resolution and negative teams must oppose the resolution. The affirmative position must be fully

developed in the first speech. Cross-examination is to be emphasized in the evaluation process. The time limits for the contest will be as follows:

Affirmative Constructive	Six minutes
Negative Cross-examination	Three minutes
Negative constructive	Seven minutes
Affirmative Cross-examination	Three minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	Four minutes
Negative Rebuttal	Six minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	Three minutes

Four minutes of preparation time will be assigned to each speaker to be allocated as the speaker chooses. The topic for debate will be the national topic debated during the months of January and February.

We will have a mutual judge preference system for the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** More details will follow via email closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to The Dale Lauder McCall Exhibition. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com>.

Judges will be assigned by mutual preference in all preliminary rounds and in the tutorials up to and including The Patricia Bailey Tutorial. The exhibition rounds in all divisions will be evaluated by a panel of judges from the Key Coaches of the Barkley Forum.

The judges for the Marilee Dukes Tutorial will be drawn from a pool of Blue Ribbon panelists that will be announced at registration. The Blue Ribbon panelists will be drawn from coaches and dignitaries attending the tournament including, but not limited to, those in the mutual preference pool. Blue Ribbon panelists will be selected for their contributions to forensics education with the confidence that they will honor the intelligent and responsible commitment of the tutorial participants.

A member school may enter two debaters of varsity strength. A non-member school may apply for one slot and we will consider a second based on space available. Up to the 32 individuals (with a record of 4-2 or better) with the highest win-loss records will be selected for exhibition tutorial performances.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Entry: Each member school is invited to enter ten delegates. Non-member schools will be granted admission of up to ten delegates on the basis of applications that speak to the delegates' level of experience. No Pelham debater, Lincoln-Douglas contestant, Public Forum debater, or Speech Events entrant may enter Congressional Debate at the Barkley Forum for High Schools. Contestants will be blind ranked before the tournament to prevent stacked preliminary chambers. Tab room staff will apportion the chambers and assign committees. **The last day for drops in Congressional Debate is January 10, 2017.**

Judges: One qualified judge must be provided exclusively for Congressional Debate by any school who has entries in this event.

Legislation: Each participating school may submit up to two items of legislation by **January 9, 2017** using the official NSDA templates (available [here](#)) by emailing them to kara.grant@emory.edu. Only serious legislation of national scope (no state-specific issues, please) using the official templates will be accepted. The complete docket of accepted preliminary legislation will be released by January 13, 2017. Semis legislation will

be released on January 18, Finals topic will be released on January 25, and Finals legislation will be released January 27.

Procedure: Unless otherwise stipulated here, or by tournament officials, procedural rules and time limits will be those set forth by National Speech and Debate Association rules (see <http://www.speechanddebate.org/>).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

Public Forum Debate was added to the events at the Barkley Forum for High Schools in honor of the 50th anniversary of the tournament in 2005. Public Forum Debate is designed to engage students in debate about current, controversial issues in front of community audiences.

Each member school is invited to enter two teams in Public Forum Debate, and we will accept a third if the third team has cleared at a minimum of three open division high school tournaments this year. Non-member schools will be granted admission of up to three teams on the basis of applications that speak to the level of experience of the teams. The 32 teams with the highest win-loss records (provided that record is 4-2 or better) will be selected for exhibition tutorial performances, depending on the number of entrants.

Unless otherwise stipulated by tournament officials, rules for procedure will be those contained in the National Speech and Debate Association's Public Forum Debate manual. A Public Forum round begins with a flip of a coin between the competing teams to determine sides and speaker position.

The time limits for the contest will be as follows:

First Speaker – Team A	Four Minutes
First Speaker – Team B	Four Minutes
Crossfire	Three Minutes
Second Speaker – Team A	Four Minutes
Second Speaker – Team B	Four Minutes
Crossfire	Three Minutes
Summary – First Speaker – Team A	Two Minutes
Summary – First Speaker – Team B	Two Minutes
Grand Crossfire	Three Minutes
Final Focus – Second Speaker – Team A	Two Minutes
Final Focus – Second Speaker – Team B	Two Minutes
Preparation Time (per team)	Two Minutes

The topic for debate will be the national topic debated during the month of January.

No Pelham debater, Lincoln-Douglas contestant, Congressional Debate contestant or Speech Events entrant may enter Public Forum Debate at the Barkley Forum for High Schools.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEECH EVENTS

Each school may have up to four entries in any event at the Forum. No extra entries are allowed due to space limitations. No triple entries will be allowed. No Pelham debater, Lincoln-Douglas contestant, Public Forum debater, or Congressional Debate participant may participate in Speech Events.

SCORING

Each student will be ranked by the judge from 1st place to 9th place and given points ranging from zero to one hundred with one hundred being perfect. Students participating in the Lanny Dean Naegelin rounds will be selected in the following manner:

The top 24 performing speakers in each event after 5 preliminary rounds will be invited to participate on the basis of:

- 1) Total number of ranks. In case of a tie:
- 2) Total number of accrued points. In case of a tie:
- 3) Drop high and low ranks.

The same system will be used to determine which contestants will be invited to participate in the Tutorials. Should the number of entries in any given event not warrant breaking to quarterfinals, the tab room staff will make that determination during the course of the tournament.

TIMING

For each Speech Event, there is a 30-second grace period for going over the time limit. Violations of time limits, including the grace period, may be penalized at the discretion of the judge for the participant. However, unless clear time signals are given throughout the performance, a student should not be penalized for going over time.

JUDGING

All judges should report to the ballot table no later than fifteen minutes prior to the round's scheduled start time in order to facilitate remaining on schedule. **If you are bringing inexperienced judges**, please have them review materials and take the judge training (if available for the event they will be judging) on the [NSDA website](#).

PATTERNS

The events in Pattern A will be Extemporaneous Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation, and Humorous Interpretation. The events in Pattern B will be Original Oratory, Duo Interpretation, and Prose and Poetry.

Dramatic Interpretation

Dramatic Interpretation is NOT an acting contest. No props, make-up or costumes will be allowed. This event stresses the value of the presentation of the written word and the contestant's ability to interpret the author's meaning. Does the contestant appear to have a thorough understanding of the work he or she is presenting? Character development is a key component in the evaluation of a performance. Does the contestant differentiate between characters and capture the essence of the relationship and interplay between them? As well, has the contestant chosen an appropriate selection for the time allotted? Does the selection form a coherent presentation, one that gives the judge and audience an adequate understanding of the total work?

Contestants will present a cutting from published plays, screenplays, fictional or non-fictional work that is dramatic in nature. **Manuscripts will not be allowed in the 2017 Forum.** Time Limit: 10 minutes, inclusive of introduction and transitions, with a 30-second grace period for going over time. The cutting should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2016-2017 school year.

No Dramatic Interpretation contestant will be eliminated before performing five times. Those reaching the final exhibition round will have performed eight times.

* Any contestant whose material is challenged and who cannot **produce** an appropriate bibliographic reference and a manuscript is subject to disqualification. The Barkley Forum strongly discourages anyone making an unfounded challenge. The Barkley Forum stresses education over unfettered competition.

Humorous Interpretation

This is an individual category in which the selections are humorous in nature. All other rules are the same as Dramatic Interpretation.

Duo Interpretation

This is a two-person category in which the selection may be either humorous or dramatic in nature. No touching or eye contact is allowed other than in the introduction and/or transitions. Contestants must remain in a general upright position and have off-stage focus. All other rules are the same as Dramatic Interpretation.

Prose and Poetry

Contestants shall present readings from selections of both prose and poetry. **Students will alternate between prose and poetry. Round 1 will begin with prose, alternating throughout the tournament until the final exhibition, which will be poetry.**

Poetry is writing which expresses ideas, experience, or emotion through the creative arrangement of words according to their sound, their rhythm, and their meaning. Poetry may rely on verse and stanza form. Prose expresses thought through language recorded in sentences and paragraphs: fiction (short stories, novels) and non-fiction (articles, essays, journals, biographies). Only published, printed works may be used. No plays or other dramatic materials may be used.

Time Limit: 10 minutes, inclusive of introduction and transitions, with a 30-second grace period for going over time. The cutting should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2016-2017 school year.

No props of any kind are permitted with the exception of the speaker's manuscript. Speakers should keep gesture and bodily movement to a minimum. The selection must be delivered from center stage. Movement and gestures, if used, should be appropriate to the selection. Walking is not permitted. They should emphasize vocal variety and facial expression to enhance the literary interpretation. Any singing must be limited to a maximum of thirty (30) seconds total within the presentation. Speakers may use a persona, and they may use character voices, but they are not necessary.

* Any contestant whose material is challenged and who cannot **produce** an appropriate bibliographic reference will be subject to disqualification. The Barkley Forum strongly discourages anyone from issuing a frivolous or unfounded challenge. The Barkley Forum stresses the value of education over unfettered competition.

Original Oratory

All oratory must be written by the contestant. Oratory is an event of polished speech art and persuasion. A message should be conveyed by the speaker. Oratory for persuasion with a solution, such as that intended for civic groups, is the intention of this contest. Judges will be instructed to favor the subtle approach.

The speech must be memorized. It should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2016-2017 school year. The speech must be no more than ten minutes in length with a 30-second grace period for going over time.

No orator will be eliminated before performing five times (see section about cumulative scoring). Those reaching the final exhibition round will have performed eight times.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Speakers will draw current interest news topics. They will have a choice of three topics in each round. Topics in each round will, generally, revolve around a theme or topic area. For the 2017 tournament, the themes for each round will *tentatively* be as follows:

Round 1:	The _____ Administration
Round 2:	Middle East and Africa
Round 3:	The Americas
Round 4:	Domestic Social Issues
Round 5:	Eurasia
Quarters:	U.S. Foreign Policy
Tutorial:	Economy
Exhibition:	Potpourri

Speakers will be given thirty (30) minutes of total preparation time before presentation before a single judge, and will be asked to leave the preparation room and to proceed to their rounds twenty-five (25) minutes after drawing their topic. Speakers will be graded not only on speaking qualities, but also on their aptitude for outlining new ideas and interpretations of current events. They should demonstrate knowledge of contemporary history.

The contestant should receive no coaching help in the preparation time before his or her speech. No pre-written speeches or notes will be allowed in the preparation room.

The tournament will follow the National Speech and Debate Association rules concerning the use of electronic retrieval devices.

Each speech must be a maximum of seven minutes with a 30-second grace period for going over the time limits. A speaker will be penalized for failing to observe time limits, although individual judges have absolute discretion on the quantity of the penalty. No contestant will be eliminated before performing five times.

Those selected for the final exhibition round will perform eight times. Those selected for the final exhibition round will also be subject to cross-examination by another round participant for three (3) minutes after completing their speech.

2016 RESULTS

61st Annual Barkley Forum for High Schools Tournament 2016 Listing of Exhibition Participants

2016 Silver Key Award Recipients:

Pelham Debates Champions: Anish Dayal and Harrison Hall, *Westminster*

Pelham Debates Speaker: Zahir Shaikh, *Blake*

Congressional Debate Champion: Gregory Seabrooks, *Oxbridge Academy of Palm Beaches*

Lincoln Douglas Champion: Graham Baker, *Greenhill*

Lincoln Douglas Speaker: Amit Kukreja, *Newark Science*

Public Forum Champions: Jake Becker and Brandon Becker, *American Heritage Plantation*

Public Forum Speaker: Garrett Moon, *Nova Senior*

Extemporaneous Speaking: Chance Boreckzy, *James Logan*

Original Oratory: Maddie Jarrard, *Brentwood Academy*

Duo Interpretation: Chase Garrett & Kendal Samuel, *Southside*

Prose & Poetry: Zhariah Hubbard, *Hattiesburg*

Humorous Interpretation: Edgar Partida, *James Logan*

Dramatic Interpretation: Alex Wade, *Sacred Heart Catholic*

Pelham Debates

Participants in the Anne Douglas White Tutorial:

Lexington CD

Niles West GG

St. Vincent De Paul MH

Glenbrook South RS

Westminster Schools CK

Baltimore City ID

St. Mark's WG

Blake NW

Lexington SM

Iowa City West TR

Law Magnet GJ

Notre Dame CP

Centennial LP

Little Rock Central WW

Alpharetta KK

Glenbrook South AC

Participants in the Phyllis Flory Barton Tutorial:

Iowa City WZ

Walter Payton CP

Rowland Hall-St. Mark's LG

University BM

Glenbrook North JT

Baltimore City YE

Homewood-Flossmoor HL

Edgemont Jr./Sr. JM

Participants in the Richard B. Sodikow Tutorial:

College Prep JM
Pace FM
St. Mark's KP
Highland Park BD

Participants in the Sandra Worthington Silvers Tutorial:

Blake SW
Glenbrook North LM

The SILVER KEY for the Pelham Debates was awarded to:

Westminster Schools DH – Anish Dayal and Harrison Hall

The RESERVE KEY for the Pelham Debates was awarded to:

Peninsula TW – Raam Tambe and Jerry Wang

Barkley Forum Debaters

The debater accumulating the highest number of speaker points during the preliminary rounds of debate and receiving a Silver Key was:

Zahir Shaikh from The Blake School

The twenty debaters scoring the highest number of points during the preliminary rounds are recognized at the Awards Assembly and are presented with Key trophies. They are distinguished with the title BARKLEY FORUM DEBATERS. The runners-up to the first place Silver Key award in 2016 were:

2. Emily Gordon from Rowland Hall St Mark's
3. Crayton Gerst from Law Magnet
4. Fangwei Jin from Edgemont Jr/Sr High School
5. Lenny Brahini from Walter Payton
6. Reid Funston from Pace
7. Carter Levinson from Homewood-Flossmoor
8. Allen Wang from Blake
9. Kai Trepka from Iowa City West
10. Zachary Mohamed from Edgemont
11. Simon Park from Centennial
12. Dan Bannister from Highland Park
13. Luisa Cusick from Walter Payton
14. Faith Geraghty from Niles West
15. Harrison Hall from Westminster Schools
16. Jaden Lessnick from Rowland Hall St Mark's
17. Nevan Edwards from Baltimore City
18. Vernon Johnson from Law Magnet
19. Alex Kong from Westminster Schools
20. Peymaan Motevalli – Baltimore City College

Extemporaneous Speaking

Silver Key
Second
Third

Chance Boreckzy – James Logan
Andrew Langford – Lake Highland Prep
Justin Graham – Trinity Prep

Participants in the Final Exhibition of Extemporaneous Speaking:

Zac Aikman	Seven Lakes
Nathan Kruse	Battle Ground
Jacob Levenson	Nova Sr

Original Oratory

Silver Key
Second
Third

Maddie Jarrard – Brentwood Academy
Tuka Mousa – Poly Prep Country Day
John Little – Christopher Columbus

Participants in the Final Exhibition of Original Oratory:

Brianne Cotter	Stuyvesant
Jaden Gray	James Logan
Faizaan Sadruddin	NSU University

Humorous Interpretation

Silver Key
Second
Third

Edgar Partida – James Logan
Graysen Martinez – St. Thomas Aquinas
Derek Collins – Hattiesburg

Participants in the Final Exhibition of Humorous Interpretation:

Carol Lee	Riverside
Cooper Smith	Brentwood
Jake Wallack	NSU University

Dramatic Interpretation

Silver Key
Second
Third

Alex Wade – Sacred Heart Catholic
Cassandra Edlund – Apple Valley
Tamara Myles – Hattiesburg

Participants in the Final Exhibition of Dramatic Interpretation:

Ben Parker	Hattiesburg
Chrystal Wilson	Hattiesburg
Alejandro Cuellar	G. Holmes Braddock

Duo Interpretation

Silver Key
Second
Third

Chase Garrett & Kendal Samuel - Southside
Derek Collins & Chrystal Wilson - Hattiesburg
Zhariah Hubbard & Tamara Myles - Hattiesburg

Participants in the Final Exhibition of Duo Interpretation:

Katherine Nesbitt & Michael Rankin	Brentwood Academy
Brandon Black & Cooper Smith	Brentwood Academy
Edgar Partida & Tyra Johnson	James Logan

Prose and Poetry

Silver Key	Zhariah Hubbard - Hattiesburg
Second	Craig Heyne – Nova Senior
Third	Jordan Whittaker – Rowan County Senior

Participants in the Final Exhibition of Prose and Poetry:

Faizaan Sadruddin	NSU University
Jolie Sherman	Bloomfield Hills
Malaina Carver	Apple Valley

Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Participants in the Walter Alan Ulrich Tutorial:

Carter Payne from Park Crossing
Vinayak Kuman from Delbarton
Roshan Sadhwani from Holy Cross
Kris Kaya from Peninsula
Paloma O'Connor from Cambridge Rindge and Latin
Raffi Pillero from Harrison
Jason Yang from Kinkaid
Andrew Perez from Loyola
Bo Slade from Loyola
Sarah Ryan from Harrison
Dino De La O from Law Magnet
Henry Wu from Upper Arlington
Nicole Kastelic from Hawken
Shannon Lee from Stuyvesant
Kyle Yuan from Collegiate
Indu Panday from Harvard Westlake

Participants in the Rhoda Kirchner Radow Tutorial:

Achai Srinivasan from Lexington
Whitley Perryman from Montgomery
Sean McCormick from Strake Jesuit
Michael Corder from Lake Highland Prep

Jacob Ronkin from Nova Southeastern University
Karan Choudhary from Nova Southeastern University
David Min from American Heritage Plantation
Sean Fahey from Benjamin Franklin

Participants in the Patricia Bailey Tutorial:

Bennet Eckert from Greenhill
Jonas Le Barillec from Peninsula
Cameron Cohen from Harvard Westlake
John Overing from Loyola

Participants in the Marilee Dukes Tutorial:

Amit Kukreja from Newark Science
Varad Agarwala from Greenhill

The SILVER KEY for Lincoln Douglas Debate was awarded to:

Graham Baker – Greenhill

The RESERVE KEY for Lincoln-Douglas was awarded to:

Nick Steele – Harvard Westlake

Lincoln-Douglas Speakers

The debater accumulating the highest number of speaker points during the preliminary rounds of debate and receiving a Silver Key was:

Amit Kukreja - Newark Science

The twenty debaters scoring the highest number of points during the preliminary rounds are recognized at the Awards Assembly and are presented with Key trophies. The runners-up to the first place Silver Key award in 2016 were:

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| 2. Varad Agarwala | Greenhill |
| 3. David Min | American Heritage Plantation |
| 4. Bennett Eckert | Greenhill |
| 5. Sarah Ryan | Harrison |
| 6. Sean McCormick | Strake Jesuit CP |
| 7. Oliver Sussman | Cambridge Ringe and Latin |
| 8. Bo Slade | Loyola |
| 9. Karan Choudhary | NSU |
| 10. Henry Wu | Upper Arlington |

Congressional Debate

Silver Key Top Legislator

Second Legislator

Third Legislator

Gregory Seabrooks from Oxbridge Academy of Palm Beaches

Julia Lauer from Bronx HS of Science

Rudgy Estel from Nova Senior

Fourth Legislator
Fifth Legislator
Sixth Legislator

Phillip Hedayatina from Hawken
Alexander Gordon from Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Victoria Brevard from Unaffiliated Brevard

Congressional Debate Exhibition Participants

Andrew Towriss	Western
Dora Pekec	East Chapel Hill High School
Gabriella Cabeza	Western
Hemal Prasad	King High School
John Fadool	Lake Highland Prep
Michael Hunschofsky	American Heritage Plantation
Narrelle Gilchrist	Forest Hill Community High School
Nathaniel Sweet	Boca Raton Community
Ryan Kennedy	Charlotte Catholic
Shreeya Signh	Pembroke Pines Charter
Taylor Rich	Dreyfoos School of the Arts
Victor Sanchez	Wellington High School

Public Forum

Participants in the First Tutorial:

Delbarton AH
Bellaire LN
Colleyville Heritage NL
Harker BC
Harker KL
Ardrey Kell KX
Ft. Lauderdale HS
Regis AA
Pinecrest IM
North Mecklenburg RT
American Heritage Plantation HS
Nova Senior AB
Nova Senior PR
Pinecrest SS
Hawken EL
Hawken HS

Participants in the Second Tutorial:

Columbus PY
Milburn CP
Lake Highland Prep RO
Lake Highland Prep FO
Bronx Science DB
Carroll Senior BM
Nova MC
Charles W. Flanagan MS

Participants in the Third Tutorial:

Ardrey Kell BW
Poly Prep Country Day AA
Oxbridge Academy of the Palm Beaches ST
Oakwood School – North Hollywood FO

Participants in the Fourth Tutorial:

Poly Prep Country Day HE
College Prep WW

The SILVER KEY for Public Forum was awarded to:

American Heritage Plantation BB – Jake Becker and Brandon Becker

The RESERVE KEY for Public Forum was awarded to:

Lake Highland Prep NS – Sammy Nagabhairu and Ishan Sharma

Public Forum Speakers

The debater accumulating the highest number of speaker points during the preliminary rounds of debate and receiving a Silver Key was:

Garrett Moon – Nova Senior

The twenty debaters scoring the highest number of points during the preliminary rounds are recognized at the Awards Assembly and are presented with Key trophies. The runners-up to the first place Silver Key award in 2016 were:

2. Ella Fanger, Oakwood School – North Hollywood
3. Erik Thorsheim, North Mecklenburg
4. Daniel Chiarelli, Nova Senior
5. Samuel Wood, Ardrey Kell
6. Allan Ngo, Bellaire
7. Sammy Nagabhairu, Lake Highland Prep
7. Ishan Sharma, Lake Highland Prep
9. Chase Brady, Ardrey Kell
10. William Turk, Oxbridge Academy of the Palm Beaches
11. Vaibhav Bafna, Southside
12. Andrew Young, Columbus
13. Hunter Martin, Pinecrest
14. David Almonte, Poly Prep Country Day
15. George Alarcon, Nova Senior
16. Harrison Hurt, Poly Prep Country Day
17. Aneesha Raj, North Mecklenburg
18. Jasper Ou, Lake Highland Preparatory
19. Amber Liu, Bellaire
20. Andrew Aayoma, Regis