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Milwaukee Debate League Newsletter

October 2011

What's new?

Our second tournament of the year was this past weekend (October 22th) at Pulaski High School, and again it was a great experience for all of our debaters. We had five schools participate with 22 students attend, some of whom were new and observing. The students were a joy to spend a Saturday with. The students were energetic as we closed the day with awards. I learned so much about the youth we serve and the impact this activity has on the teens in our community, The kids are looking forward to the next Tournament in November.



October 22, 2011 debaters

Here's what the students are saying:



"I'm a debater because that is my personality. I love to debate against other debaters. I love doing it in real life. If I

can argue it, I'll try my best to win. It also helps me with every day events. It helps with my reading, writing, and questioning skills. Each year they give a new topic and that's good help for me too. I can't wait until the next tournament." *Deidre May (Senior), West Allis Central*



"I just love debate! It helps me get my points across. It just feels so good! I feel alive and like a new person when I debate. At first

debate was boring, hard and dull. Now that I understand it, I love it and enjoy it! I'm so glad my friends and coach asked me to join the team." *Courtney Williams (age 16), Bradly Tech*



"I don't like debate, I love debate! When you go in the class and face the other schools it's scary, but when it's done you feel like you can work harder. To tell you the truth every time someone wants to argue I win more because I say it with a background on the issue. If you don't have a reason to your argument you already lost. It's like, I say pizza is better than cheese burgers

because it is. I would know I already lost because I didn't tell you why pizza is better. So, Debate is awesome! I love it and it helps me win arguments.... Oh yeah!" *Ruban Centeno (age 16), Bradley Tech*

Did you know?

Urban Debate Impact

- A peer-reviewed study of the Chicago Debate League suggests that African American male students raised their GPAs by 50% of a letter grade and were 70% more likely to graduate from high school than non-debating peers.
- Policy debate is the most academically rigorous of all interscholastic speech activities and the oldest, dating back to 1928, of all high school academic competitions. Policy debate develops core academic skills: literacy, critical thinking, research, communication, organization, and supporting of arguments.

And now the results.....

Junior Varsity

1st Place Team Award

Nicolet: Sam Srok and Kayla Christou-Mason

2nd Place Team Award

Vincent: Lavonti Sloans and Jonquis Eason

3rd Place Team Award

Veritas: Noel Vasquez and Kieran

Junior Varsity Speaker Award

1st Place - Sam Srok, Nicolet

2nd Place - Kieran Villoth , Veritas

3rd Place - Jonquis Eason, Vincent

4th Place - Noel Vazquez, Veritas

5th Place - Lavonti Sloans, Vincent



Junior Varsity 1st place winners: Nicolet Sam Srok and Kayla Christou-Mason



Kieran Villoth, Veritas



Jonquis Eason and Lavonti Vincent

Novice

1st Place Team Award

Bradley Tech: Ruban Centeno and Courtney Williams-Perry

2nd Place Team Award

Nicolet: Filip Josifovski and Nadia Loebaka

3rd Place Team Award

West Allis Central: Tim Schneeberg and Arianna Campbell

4rd Place Team Award

Malashja Ely and Cassandra Sims

5th Place Team Award

Fredrick Gilleppe and Icelene Grass



Fredrick Gillespie and Icelene Grass, Bradley Tech

Novice Speaker Awards

1st Place - Nadia Lobaka, Nicolet

2nd Place - Filip Josifovski, Nicolet

3rd Place - Ruban Centro, Bradley Tech

4th Place - Cassandra Sims, Bradley Tech

5th Place - Malashja Ely, Bradley Tech

6th Place - Arianna Campbell, West Allis Central

7th Place - Frederick Gillespie, Bradley Tech

8th Place - Icelene Grass, Bradley Tech

9th Place - Tim Schneeberg, West Allis Central

10th Place - Courtney Williams—Perry

Did you know...UDLs promote education equity. Not only are they providing rigorous academic training to students from all across participating cities, some of those urban public school students are competing nationally and winning.

UDLs have placed highly at state debate championships in California, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, and New York. UDL

teams have been in the top 16 National Finalists on four separate occasions,



Get involved!

We still have room for new schools to join the league. If you know a school that would like to start a team please have them contact me.

Volunteers needed! If you are interested in judging or would like to become involved in the Milwaukee Debate League in another way please do not hesitate to contact me at jonichmeil@urbandebate.org

Coming Up

Our next tournament is Tournament November 19, 2011 – location TBA (updates will be posted to our website)

***** Look for our new Website launch October 31, 2011*****