



# Milwaukee Debate League Newsletter

December 2011

## What's new?

Happy New Year! We closed 2011 with the December Tournament on December 17th hosted at PLI. We had 61 students attend from the following schools: Banner Prep, Bradley Tech, Nicolet, North Division, PLI, Rufus King, Vincent and West Allis Central. In addition to our regular Team and Speaker awards, we have added two new awards.

### Outstanding Adjudicator Award

The MDL appreciates the role that our judges play in students' education in and enjoyment of debate. The Outstanding Adjudicator Award gives students the opportunity to nominate a judge that they feel made their debate experience exceptional.

### Character Award

This award is given to a student who has displayed particularly strong leadership skills and/ or has displayed exceptional sportsmanship that deserves special recognition. Coaches, students and judges submit a nomination form to the MDL staff before the end of the last round. MDL staff review the nominations and the winner is announced at the award ceremony.

Please read on to learn about the first winners of these two awards.



### Character Award Winner Cheryl Reuter—PLI

Cheryl came to the December Tournament early to represent her school and help set up. Her coach says, "Cheryl always helps students, both on her team and the opponents, to become better at debate. She shares whatever she has with others and she does it with a positive attitude at all times. Cheryl is super competitive, but now she doesn't mind losing. She's just happy to be doing an activity she loves with all of her friends." Her team members agree, "Cheryl shows great leadership as a team member. She helps other students when they need it. She also shows great sportsmanship when we are in rounds. She always treats the other team with respect."

Congratulations Cheryl!

## Outstanding Adjudicator Award Winner

### Justice Platt

Justice is a coach at Nicolet High School and one of our best judges. Here's what the students said:

"He helps whenever we make mistakes and explains what we need to do. He is fair and friendly."

"He gives the best advice that I have ever gotten. He helped me become a better debater."

"He obviously cares and gave lengthy, helpful oral critiques."



## And now the results.....

### Novice Team Awards:

1st Place - Vincent  
Travon Thomas and Lonna Henry

2nd Place—Banner Prep  
Acacia Hedrington and Ashley Wesley

3rd Place - Vincent  
Yutunda Moore and Angelique Smith



### Junior Varsity Team Awards:



1st Place—Rufus King  
Ivan Roth and Elise Penn

2nd Place—Rufus King  
Nate Dixon and Cierra Reed

3rd Place—Vincent  
Joshua Neloms and Thomas Linn

### Varsity Team Awards:

1st Place—Rufus King  
Maddie Bundy and Aliye Kidwell

2nd Place—Rufus King  
Elias Payne and Victor Trussell

3rd Place—Rufus King  
James Elias and Marvin Stokes



### Did you know?

Debate is building a Bridge to College. A recent Bill and Melinda Gates foundation study documents that 47% of students who drop out said they were bored in class, 69% were not motivated to work hard, 66% would have worked harder if more

had been demanded of them, and 88% had passing grades when they dropped out. It should not be surprising that

nearly 100% of urban debaters graduate from high school, and more than 80% graduate from four-year colleges.



**Novice Speaker Awards:**

1. Yetunda Moore (Vincent)
2. Angelique Smith (Vincent)
3. Jemila Spencer (PLI)
4. Alton Buford (Bradley Tech)
5. Arianna Campbell (West Allis)
6. Ashley Wesley (Banner Prep)
7. Lonna Henry (Vincent)
8. Kevon Wright (Banner Prep)
9. Acacia Hedrington (Banner Prep)
10. Tim Scnheeberg (West Allis)

**Junior Varsity Speaker Awards:**

1. Cierra Reed (Rufus King)
2. Lavonti Sloans (Vincent)
3. Joshua Neloms (Vincent)
4. Weston Richey (Rufus King)
5. Nate Dixon (Rufus King)
6. Thomas Linn (Rufus King)
7. Hasani Manuel (Bradley Tech)
8. Anthony Johnson (Bradley Tech)
9. Jabari Robinson (Rufus King)
10. Ivan Roth (Rufus King)
10. Elise Penn (Rufus King) (Tie)

**Varsity Speaker Awards:**

1. Seth Johnson (Nicolet)
2. Aliye Kidwell (Rufus King)
3. Maddie Budny (Rufus King)
4. James Elias (Rufus King)
5. Elias Payne (Rufus King)
6. Sam Srok (Nicolet)
7. Marvin Strokes (Rufus King)
8. Quinn Kelly-Miller (Rufus King)
9. Maceon Downer (Bradley Tech)
10. Cheryl Reuter (PLI)



**Thank you to our partners at MPS, Seeds of Health, Nicolet, & West Allis Central for helping us deliver our mission!**

**Coming Up**

Our next tournament is January 14, 2011  
location Nicolet High School, 6701 North Jean Nicolet Road @ 9:30AM

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