



## NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

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### **New York City Urban Debate League Kicks Off New Year at Local High School**

#### **Fresh off a Banner Year That Saw the League Reach New Heights, NYCUDL Hosts Its First Manhattan Debate League Tournament**

New York, NY - September 2015- The New York City Urban Debate League, the largest debate league in the nation is hosting the first Manhattan Debate League tournament of the 2015-16 year at the Institute for Collaborative Education (ICE) on Saturday, September 26, 2015. Since its founding in 2012, the NYCUDL has strived to give students across New York City access to the best civics and debate education possible. The September 26th tournament will see some of the city's best middle school teams debate contemporary social and racial justice issues as well as the U.S. government's use of domestic surveillance.

ICE, the host school has a long and storied history in the New York City middle and high school debate communities. History teacher and debate coach David Dash is particularly excited about the upcoming tournament. "We are thrilled to open another NYCUDL season at ICE" said Dash, "Having gone to Nationals in Dallas, Texas last year and having had a team reach the semifinals and a top ten speaker out of over 200 teams from across the country it is clear how well our league and our member schools prepare each other and challenge each other to learn debate with depth, rigor, and joy every month."

For more information about the NYCUDL or to volunteer please contact Tiara Moultrie at tiara@debate.nyc.

**About the New York City Urban Debate League:** The New York City Urban Debate League (NYCUDL) is the largest debate league in the nation with debate leagues in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Harlem, Manhattan, and Queens for all age levels – elementary school, middle school, and high school. We believe every school should have a debate team and every student should have access to the best debate education opportunities. Today, over 1000 students and 100 schools participate in our monthly debates. Every day we support debate practices. Every week we offer Saturday workshops and our debaters travel to local, regional, and national tournaments. We also host monthly public debate nights. For more information visit our website [www.debate.nyc](http://www.debate.nyc) or find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nycudl> or Twitter @nycdebateleague

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