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CROWLEY VISITS MASPETH HIGH SCHOOL'S
NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE SUMMER CAMP

Maspeth, NY (August 31, 2015) – Maspeth High School is home to an award-winning debate team and this summer brought in members and participants of the Queens Debate Institute for a two-week camp. Directors and debate team members introduced students from 4th to 12th grade to the art of debate. City Council Member Elizabeth Crowley visited the students at the school just before their culminating tournament.

“The community is so proud to have a first class debate team right here at Maspeth High School, and I enjoy seeing the team share their talents with other youth in New York City,” Crowley said. “Debate is used in so many everyday situations, and I’m pleased so many students are developing that skill so early in life.”

Crowley provided \$5,000 for the high school’s debate team in this year’s budget.

The Queens Debate Institute summer camp is a “two week boot camp, teaching the fundamentals of debate from public speaking, ending with a full debate tournament on the last day of camp,” said Erik Fogel, Director of the New York City Urban Debate League.

“Debate teaches every academic subject including current events, philosophy, critical theory, economics, geography, political science - many subjects that students normally do not learn until college or graduate school. As a result, every study shows that students that participate in debate have higher graduation rates, college acceptance rates, grades, test scores, and every other academic indicator,” Fogel continued. “Thank you to Council Member Crowley for supporting Queens’ great debaters and inspiring them to apply their debate skills to real life to change the world around them.”