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New York, NY- October 2015- The New York City Urban Debate League (NYCUDL) had an outstanding showing at the New York City Invitational tournament hosted by the Bronx High School of Science, October 16-18. The NYCUDL saw three all female debate teams reach elimination rounds at the prestigious tournament. The New York City Invitational is a bid tournament for the Tournament of Champions in all speech and debate categories. The highly competitive, premiere tournament saw top debaters from across the northeast debate a myriad of topics. The NYCUDL teams, who compete in policy debate, used the national topic, Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.

Brooklyn Technical High School Seniors, Karease Quashie and Olivia Cherry made history by becoming the first all-female policy debate team to reach finals in the tournament's 45 year history. Coach and Brooklyn Technical High School alumni, William Cheung who also coached octofinalist Aminata Dieng and Anita Yan said "It is always humbling to work with current Brooklyn Tech students. Olivia and Karease showed tremendous perseverance and I am proud to see their growth as competitive debaters and young women." Additionally, ACORN Community High School students, Miana Vega and Britani Fraser reached octofinals using a critical affirmative in which they use literature and personal experiences in relation to the surveillance topic. It has been a banner year for the NYCUDL and it is only beginning!

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. Over 1500 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

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