



NEW YORK CITY URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

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Hundreds of Students Attend Local Parliamentary Debate Tournament to Argue Key Social and Policy Issues

New York, NY – November 16, 2015- Anderson and the Computer School played hosted to over 300 debaters, coaches, parents and volunteer judges on Saturday, November 16, 2015. The District 6 schools who share a building on W. 77th Street, have had thriving parliamentary debate programs for over two years. Coaches Michael Fox and Josh Weissberg pulled double duty preparing their scholars before each round of debate and handling tournament hospitality. Students debated whether businesses should have the right to refuse service, U.S. - China relations and whether juvenile offenders should be tried as adults. The incredibly well prepared middle school students presented their speeches in front of volunteer and community judges.

Academic debate gives middle school students the opportunity to hone their research, public speaking and critical thinking skills at an earlier age than most. In addition, parliamentary debate fosters civic engagement, allowing students to comment on current domestic affairs.

The tournament saw three schools from various boroughs, compete for the first time. After three rounds of competitive debate, students were treated to a special performance by the Anderson School band. One of the home schools, Anderson, took home first place beginner team and speaker awards. Rounding out the top 5 beginner teams were Success Academy-Harlem East, The Salk School of Science, Hunter and I.S. 230. Top 5 advanced schools included Hunter, Anderson and P.S. 161 and the Salk School of Science. Congrats to all who competed! 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 or find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nycudl> or Twitter [@nycdebateleague](https://twitter.com/nycdebateleague)

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