

## New York City Urban Debate League Teams Continue to Dominate Across Regional Tournaments

12/8/15- New York, NY- Two New York City high schools proved their ready for national competition as they showed their dominance at the Electric City tournament in Scranton, Pennsylvania, December 3-7, 2015. After advancing to Semifinals, Brooklyn Technical High School's Karease Quashie and Olivia Cherry received their second bid to the Tournament of Champions, the nation's most prestigious high school debate tournament. The team who just two short months ago became the first all-female duo in New York City Invitational history to reach finals has had continued success throughout the northeast. Quashie and Cherry weren't the only Brooklyn Tech team to flex their debate muscles in Pennsylvania with Juniors, Ashley Yan and Aminata Dieng reaching Octofinals. In addition to their success in the Varsity/Open Division, Brooklyn Technical HS Novice, Ayla Misbah and Kayla Leong advanced to Quarters.

Stuyvesant High School also saw tremendous success among their new debaters at the Electric City Debate. Novice Julianna Fabrizio and Andrew Wargo reached the Finals. Debaters, Sara Ng and Sasha Fomina would advance to Quarterfinals before dropping a hard fought round to a team from Maryland. Congratulations to all the New York City teas that competed at the tournament. We will continue to follow both schools as they prepare for the Lexington Winter Invitational next month.

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 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 <a href="https://www.debate.nyc">https://www.debate.nyc</a> or find us on Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/nycudl">https://www.facebook.com/nycudl</a> or Twitter <a href="mailto:@nycdebateleague">@nycdebateleague</a>

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