

# Join the Public Debate Program!

Learn to Teach and Coach Public Speaking, Argumentation, and Debate  
for the Classroom or Competition

## Free Workshop

Join Leagues and Prepare for Middle School and High School Public Debate Program (PDP)  
League Competition in 2019-20

Free Textbook and Curricular Materials for Each Registered School

**Saturday, October 19 and  
Saturday, January 11**

Location: Bauer Forum, Bauer Center South,  
Claremont McKenna College

9:45-10:00 AM Arrival

10:00-12:00 PM Workshop for New  
Debate Teachers

12:00-12:45 PM Lunch – Provided  
(Request lunch with RSVP registration)

1:00-3:00 PM Workshop for  
Experienced Debate Teachers (New  
Teachers Stay)

3:00-4:00 PM Classroom and  
Professional Communication Training  
and PDP Programming Options for Civic  
Engagement/Professional Events

4:00 PM Departure

### TO REGISTER!

RSVP to John Meany, [john.meany@cmc.edu](mailto:john.meany@cmc.edu)  
Send school name, names of attending  
teachers, and note if teachers will attend  
lunch. Deadline: Tuesday prior to each  
event, 6:00 PM. (October 15/January 7)

### ABOUT THE PUBLIC DEBATE PROGRAM

- One of the largest and fastest growing debate, public speaking, and argumentation education networks in the world
- More than 800,000 teachers/students in 36 countries
- Training for debate, civic engagement, women and girl's empowerment, intensive critical thinking, teaching tolerance, and other educational missions; favorably reviewed in the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*
- Operations throughout the US, including the *Middle School Public Debate Program*, *High School Public Debate Program*, *International High School Debate Program* (high school students), *First Reporters! Project*, *Healthy Eating Initiative*, *CivAcs* (civic engagement projects for high school students), *Academic Conference Program* (college conferences and secondary school conferences on public affairs), *PCE* trainings and competitions (professional communication events for college and secondary school students), *Language Program* (competitive and professional events in Spanish, French, Chinese, educational outreach in English)
- The debate program was developed in collaboration with graduate school education faculty, school administrators and teachers, and debate experts. It was designed to maximize learning outcomes, based on educational and professional communication standards. It is carefully, rigorously, and consistently assessed internally and by outside experts.

## ABOUT THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES DEBATE UNION (CCDU)

Centered at Claremont McKenna College, the Debate Union sponsors competitive, professional communication, and educational outreach programming for students attending the five highly selective undergraduate institutions of the Claremont Colleges – Claremont McKenna, Harvey Mudd, Pitzer, Pomona, and Scripps. One of the largest and most successful debate societies in the world, students have won 4 national championships and finished second five times, among many hundreds of other major national and international awards.

The Debate Union's professional communication and outreach programs are without peer. Among diverse programs and projects, the Debate Union has hosted *Uncommon Ground*, a public affairs cable television program, established a series of academic conferences featuring field experts from security studies, law, international relations, and art, designed formats for and moderated mayoral and city council candidate debates and political discussions in SoCal cities, organized panel discussions on free speech with teachers and students from Palestine, Azerbaijan, Turkey, and Romania, and conducted a series of Presidential DebateWatches. The Debate Union has received awards from non-profit organizations and the UN for its professional projects.

In addition to the PDP, the Debate Union founded the *US Universities Championship* (the British parliamentary championship for the US, now the largest college debating event), the *CHSSA Parliamentary Debate* format (and produced the textbook supporting the event) and *Professional Communication Events* (PCE, that is, individual competitive and class speaking events for students to develop sophisticated and relevant academic and career skills. The CCDU sponsored the first US events in the college parliamentary debate *NPDA* format, a *Los Angeles City Debate Championship*, the *Pan American Debate Championship* in 2010 and 2015, and the inaugural college championship in the *PDP*. CCDU and outreach high school students have participated in events in more than 40 countries and the US.

## SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

The Debate Union offers elite training for hundreds of high school and middle school students in 7 programs each summer. Information and application forms are available at:

**[claremontsummer.org](http://claremontsummer.org)**

### Middle school

3 comprehensive MSPDP debate sessions, training for new and highly advanced debaters, the third session includes a summer championship debate tournament; effective for new students interested in learning the foundations of public speaking and argumentation and especially valuable for advanced students developing sophisticated arguments including advanced counterplanning, critiquing, anticipatory turn strategies, thematic introductions, and much more

2 scholars/leadership programs for future academic and career success, including extemporaneous speaking, public affairs group discussion, team and club leadership, argumentation, essay writing; daily multi-practice sessions

### High school

1 comprehensive HSPDP debate session (evening options to adapt skills for other debate formats, including CHSSA Parliamentary, Public Forum, LD, British, World Schools, Policy, Karl Popper, etc. – staff includes champion coaches/debaters in multiple formats, including, national and international parliamentary, policy, LD, World Schools), appropriate for all skill levels, certified HSPDP staff, ancillary events featuring staff of *CMC's Center for Writing and Public Discourse* (exceptional essay writing training) and *CMC's Office of Admission* (learn the college application process from the experts), and qualifying students selected for subsequent CCDU-sponsored international debate programming, including the Pan American, European, and China National Championships. Summer 2019 HSPDP students are eligible to participate in a series of tournament and demonstration debates and workshops in Panama in November 2019, conducted in English and Spanish.

1 leadership/professional communication session, including training adapted from that directed to non-profit organizations, businesses, government agencies, with support for group and organization management, public speaking, multimedia presentation, interviewing, digital/social media personal and organizational branding, academic conference on criminal justice issues, and qualifying students selected for subsequent CCDU-sponsored civic engagement and community service projects. Summer 2019 Leadership Communication students are eligible to participate in the CivAc program, an initiative promoting civic education

### **Workshop Location**

Claremont McKenna College, 500 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Claremont

Bauer Center South is the circular wing of Bauer Center, behind the rectangular building on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, parking adjacent to the building on the left from the Claremont Blvd. campus entrance; generally free parking available – no parking restrictions on Saturday, other than normal street parking regulations (no parking in fire lane, EV space, accessibility space, etc.)

Bauer Forum is an auditorium in the circular wing. The main entrance faces the Bauer Center parking lot. On entry, Bauer Forum is on the left.

Restrooms are located in the Bauer Center lobby and the exterior, north side of Bauer Center South.