

October 16, 2014

On the behalf of Los Medanos College I would like to invite you to the 2014 Steeltown Invitational at Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, CA on November 22nd 23rd. The tournament will feature five preliminary rounds of Worlds/BP (WUDC) debate followed by an appropriate number of out-rounds. Come enjoy our beautiful campus, hospitality and a weekend of WUDC style debate in Northern California.

Highlights include: Tournament topic design by a committee headed by the illustrious John Patrick, healthy and non-healthy snacks, and rumors of a completely non-tournament sanctioned happy hour off site before the tournament. We've got commitments from several schools to attend including La Verne, Cal Poly SLO and interest from Davis, USC, UCLA and others! Come join us!

Events

The tournament only offers Worlds (WUDC) format debate and will be following the international guidelines for WUDC competition including consensus judging, individual preparation and the international 4-team 8-speaker format. If you're new to WUDC debate I hope that you consider attending, the format is easy to learn and inclusive. You can read about WUDC style debate here: <http://debate.uvm.edu/>

Also, the tournament offers a judge and debater briefing before it begins to give all parties a chance to ask any clarifying questions. Please email me in advance if you need more information.

Tournament Registration and Fees

You can register for the tournament at forensictournament.net. Registration is open now through November 20th at 5pm PST. Each two person BP debate team will cost \$30, uncovered teams will cost an additional \$60 for a total of \$90. We can only accept cash or check, if paying by check please make the check out to "Los Medanos College Foundation."

Judging

Due to an anticipated shortage of worlds/BP judges, we would like you to bring your own. Each school must provide (N-1) judges where N is the number of teams entered. We are also looking for judge volunteers and may

have some money available for the hiring of judges. If that interests you, contact the Tournament Director— Kasey Gardner at kgardner@losmedanos.edu or (925) 473 7833.

Lodging

There are two blocks of rooms available:

Clarion Inn Concord – 1050 Burnett, Ave, Concord, CA. They are offering two queen quad occupancy at 89.99 a night plus tax. Group: 1897616

(925) 566-8820 or call Daljit Tumber at Ext. 8506 **Block Expires 11/6**

Premier Inn Concord – 1581 Concord, Ave, Concord, CA (925) 674-0888
Group: 45884 67.99 a night plus tax. **Block Expires 11/1**

Directions

Los Medanos College is located at 2700 East Leland Road in Pittsburg, CA. Off of California Highway 4 at the Loveridge exit. Head south on Loveridge away from the Delta and toward the hills before making a left onto Leland and seeing the college on the right. Park in the front, Lot 1 that is the best access to the tournament located in the Science and Library buildings.

From the tournament hotels take I-680 or CA 242 North to CA 4 East. Get off at the Loveridge exit and make a right—then follow the directions above.

Food

Our campus does not offer food services on the weekend; as a result we are providing breakfast on Saturday and giving long lunch breaks on each day. There will also be a hospitality area that will provide snacks free of charge to tournament participants throughout the tournament. There are a variety of dining options in the city options close to campus that should meet your needs; you will receive a list at registration.

Awards

We will have speaker awards for the top five individual speakers and recognize the top ten. We will also have awards for all the participants in the final round debate, and recognize all teams in the eliminations rounds. Ballots and results will be distributed electronically.

Tournament Schedule

Saturday, November 22nd

- 8:00 Breakfast, Check-In and Registration (Library)
- 8:30 WUDC Briefing, Judges and Competitors
- 9:00 WUDC Round 1 Motion, Debate
- 11:00 WUDC Round 2 Motion, Debate
- 1:00 Lunch Break, Off Campus
- 2:30 WUDC Round 3 Motion, Debate
- 4:30 WUDC Round 4 Motion, Debate

Sunday, November 23rd

- 10:00 WUDC Round 5 Motion, Debate
- 12:00 Lunch Break, Off Campus
- 1:30 WUDC Elimination Round 1 Motion, Debate
- 3:30 WUDC Elimination Round 2 Motion, Debate
- 5:30 WUDC Awards Ceremony
- 6:00 WUDC Elimination Round 3 Motion, Debate (If needed)