



**Fifteenth Annual
Mark O. Hatfield Memorial Debates
February 18 – 19, 2017**

On behalf of the staff and students of the Willamette University Debate Union and the Philomathean Society, I am happy to invite you to the 15th annual Mark O. Hatfield Memorial debates. The Hatfield Memorial Debates will be held on the campus of Willamette University on February 18-19, 2017.

The tournament will host an open competition in Worlds-Style debate. Our intent is to provide a gracious and leisurely tournament where debaters have time to engage in social activities as well as competition.

Tournament fees of \$110 per two-person team include the cost of lunch both days and coffee in the mornings. If numbers warrant breaking to quarterfinals, we will also provide snacks before the finals on Sunday. To try to encourage a diversity of schools to attend our turn, we will waive the team fee for one team from any school traveling more than 500 miles. Schools must provide judges equal to the number of teams -1. If you are able to provide additional judges, we may be able to negotiate a reduction in their fees – Salem can be a difficult community in which to find experienced judges. Institutional judges are committed to judge one round pass the elimination of their teams from competition the judging fee for an uncovered team is \$125 per team. Please make checks payable to Willamette University.

We request a preliminary notification of your intention to enter by February 6. The entry deadline will be February 13. Fees will be assessed as of February 15, 2017. Drops after that deadline will receive only a partial reimbursement because we are required to cover catering cost that will be assessed on the 13th. Entries for the tournament will be accepted through forensictournament.net.

If you have any questions, please email [Robert Trapp](mailto:Robert.Trapp@willamette.edu).