

Seattle University



Middle School Debate Tournament Sunday, May 6, 2018

**TOPIC Resolved: The United States federal government
should increase its quota of H-1B visas.**

Version 1.0

We welcome you to a middle school public forum debate tournament held at Seattle University. We offer

- 4 preliminary debates with 2 elimination debates.
- Silver platter and stuffed animal awards.
- Snacks and Pizza.
- Positive environment.

The Seattle Debate Union looks forward to hosting you for fun and learning.

ENTRY DUE TUES. THE WEEK OF THE TOURNAMENT

Use www.forensicstournament.net

FEES

School Fee \$25

Debate Team Fee \$25

Fees cover snacks and pizza light dinner

Beyond the head coach and your judges, if parents/observers wish to have snacks/pizza, the fee is \$10 per person—please email Jim this information at the time of your registration.

Judge Fee \$50 per uncovered debate team

You need 1 judge per 2 teams.

Partial commitment judges are expected to judge all rounds and for rounds beyond commitment, fees are reduced.

If you need to hire judges, please tell Jim at least one week before the tournament starts at hansonj@seattleu.edu

Parking Fee \$6 per vehicle—contact Jim at hansonj@seattleu.edu to request.

SUPPORTIVE BEHAVIOR

At all times, treat each other and our facilities with courtesy and respect.
Every person. Every room.

AWARDS

Silver Stainless Steel Platters for elimination debate teams and the top approx. 10% of speakers.

Stuffed animals for teams and speakers in the approx. top half who do not receive a silver platter.

PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

Standard 4 min. constructives/rebuttals, 3 min. crossfires, 2 min. summaries/final focuses.

4 min. prep. during the debate for each team to use as they choose before their speeches or before cross-fire.

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DIVISIONS

5-6 Grade Division.

7-8 Grade Division.

What happens if you have a team with a 6th grader and a 7th grader? email Jim.

POSTINGS

Postings will be done electronically—bring smartphone or laptop or tablet.

JUDGING

Ballots are sent electronically—bring smartphone or laptop or tablet.

After debate ends, ASAP Judge emails who won and speaker points (24.1 to 29.9 scale—most scores 27.1 to 28.1).

After emailing win/scores, Judge gives constructive feedback to debaters orally.

After oral feedback, Judge emails full ballot with 1) the reason for decision; 2) at least 1 good thing each debater did; 3) at least 1 thing the debater needs to improve on.

SCHEDULE SUNDAY MAY 6, 2018

11:30am Registration, Pigott

11:50am Round 1

After round 1, snacks

1:10 Round 2

2:30 Round 3

After round 3, Light pizza dinner

3:50 Round 4

5:10 Semi-finals

6:30 Awards

6:50 Finals

DIRECTIONS TO SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

- Go to the Pigott Building at Seattle University.
- Take the James Street Exit off of Interstate 5.
- After exiting, take James Street going east (away from downtown and toward the Hospitals and "Pill hill").
- Make a left at Broadway avenue.
- Drive on Broadway for 2+ blocks and turn right on Columbia and then a left into the Broadway parking garage.

Park in the Broadway Parking Lot

Contact Jim Hanson for a Parking Pass (\$6 per vehicle)

If you don't get a pass, you will need a credit card
BUT AMERICAN EXPRESS DOES NOT WORK.

Come to the Pigott building.

