

UNIVERSITY of the CUMBERLANDS

Invites you to



THE PATRIOT DEBATES

September 18-20, 2026

The University of the Cumberlands Debate team invites you to the Patriot Debates! Our university is located in Southern Kentucky right off of Interstate 75 almost exactly between Knoxville, Tennessee and Lexington, Kentucky. Teams may be interested to note that our university, nestled in the hills, is widely regarded as one of the most picturesque in the area. Nearby attractions include Cumberland Falls (known as the Niagara of the South) and the first KFC Restaurant. We are excited to continue the growth of IPDA debate and tournaments in the region over the past few years and most recently in Kentucky.

Our tournament is designed for debaters of all levels of experience, from the person who walked into the team office for the first time to the seasoned varsity competitor. This year we are also adding limited preparation IE's to offer an additional way for competitors to knock off the new season rust. We will feature:

- **FREE ENTRY FEES** for competitors (you are responsible to cover judges, if you cannot you will have to pay judge fees)
- Competition in novice, junior varsity, varsity, and professional divisions
- 6 preliminary themed IPDA Rounds
- Appropriate number of elimination rounds
- Certificates for all elimination round competitors and speakers
- **Sweepstakes trophies** for top three overall schools
- Limited Preparation Events (Impromptu, Ext., Etc.) will be available as well!

If you are new to IPDA debate or are a varsity competitor, the Patriot Debates will offer several rounds to either try out this format or get the rust out from a summer away from competition. Fee information, scheduling and lodging details can be found in the following pages. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me anything anytime at jdurbin8592@ucumberlands.edu or 606-305-7944 (cell). Please send in entries **no later** than 5 PM Wednesday, September 16th. See you soon!

Justin Durbin

UC Director of Speech and Debate

Schedule of events

Friday, September 18

- 12:00-1:00 Registration
- 1:00-3:15 IPDA Round One (Rounds are flighted, with novice drawing first if entries permit)
- 3:15-5:30 IPDA Round Two
- 5:30-7:45 IPDA Round Three
- 7:45-9:00 IPDA Round Four

Saturday, September 19

- 8:00-9:15 IPDA Round Five
- 9:15-11:30 IPDA Round Six
- 11:30-1:00 Lunch/Coaches Review
- 1:00-3:15 Elimination Round One
- 3:15-5:30 Elimination Round Two/IE Registration
- 5:30-7:00 Elimination Round Three/IE Flight A- Round 1
- 7:00-9:00 Elimination Round Four/IE Flight B-Round 1

Sunday, September 20

- 8:00-9:30 IE Flight A- Round 2
- 9:30-11:00 IE Flight B- Round 2
- 11:00-12:00 Lunch
- 12:00-1:30 IE Flight A Elimination Round
- 1:30-3:00 IE Flight B Elimination Round
- 3:30 or ASAP Awards

Fees

No Entry Fee for covered competitors – 1 IPDA judge covers 4 IPDA debaters; 1 IE Judge Covers 6 slots if Full-Time (available each IE round).

Uncovered entry fee per IPDA debater (\$30.00); Uncovered entry fee per uncovered IE slot (\$30.00). Unless arranged prior to the tournament, teams must cover at least 50% of their entries.

Miscellaneous

We will follow IPDA Rules which can be found here
<http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>

IE Flight A- Broadcasting, Imp, Ed Imp

IE Flight B- Ext, Imp Story, Imp Counseling

JUDGES:

One judge during debate rounds covers 4 IPDA debaters. As is commonplace in IPDA, once eliminated from competition, IPDA competitors may be used to judge IPDA elimination rounds. All judges are obligated to judge one round beyond the elimination of their program. If you do not bring judges, you will be charged additional fees.

Eligibility Requirements

The Patriot Debates will follow the same division requirements as set forth by IPDA. For more information please visit: <http://www.ipdadebate.info/>

Directions to campus and nearby accommodations info off Interstate 75 at Exit 11

There are three local hotels, including a Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn, and Super 8 hotel. Please keep in mind that Williamsburg, KY is a small town and selection/quality may be limited. Within 30 minutes of campus, you may also want to look at Corbin, KY (Exit 25 and 29 on I-75) or London, KY (Exit 38 and 41)

Information is included with directions in link below.

http://www.williamsburgky.com/PROPERTIES_CAMPUS_MAP_6_09.pdf

http://williamsburgky.com/tourism/accommodations_restaurants/index.php

There are many additional hotel options about 15 minutes north of Williamsburg directly off the Interstate 75 at exit 25 South Corbin exit, including Holiday Inn Express, Best Western, and Red Roof Inn. The north Corbin exit 3 miles further up has a Hampton Inn, Baymont Inn, and other properties. Most recently, the south Corbin exit has added a Fairfield/TownPlace Suites near the Corbin Arena.

For information on Corbin hotels and area attractions, click link below

<https://corbinkytourism.com/>

Entry Sheet for the Patriot Debates

(Send in by 5PM Wednesday, September 16th)

Link to Registration: <https://forensicstournament.net/ThePatriotDebates/26>