



MIAMI-DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



SEE YOU SOON!

Arrival Time: 7:15 AM sharp

Location: Dooly Memorial Room 225

Address: 1111 Memorial Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Please report directly to Dooly Room 225 upon arrival.

Please remember to bring:

- Your laptop (or technology)
- Water bottle
- Notebook/Pens
- A sweater - sometimes classrooms can be chilly!

Students and parents, please reach out to your coach directly for any questions.



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2025 SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTE STAFF



DEVEN COOPER

Deven Cooper is the current Vice President of the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA) and Director of Debate at CSU Long Beach, where he coaches multiple formats of intercollegiate debate, including Policy, Parliamentary, IPDA. Cooper was the CEDA National Champion in 2008, a finalist at the 2009 CEDA, and a quarterfinalist at the 2009 National Debate Tournament while he attended Towson University. At the 78th National Debate Tournament he was recognized as the 2024 Ross K Smith Coach of the Year.



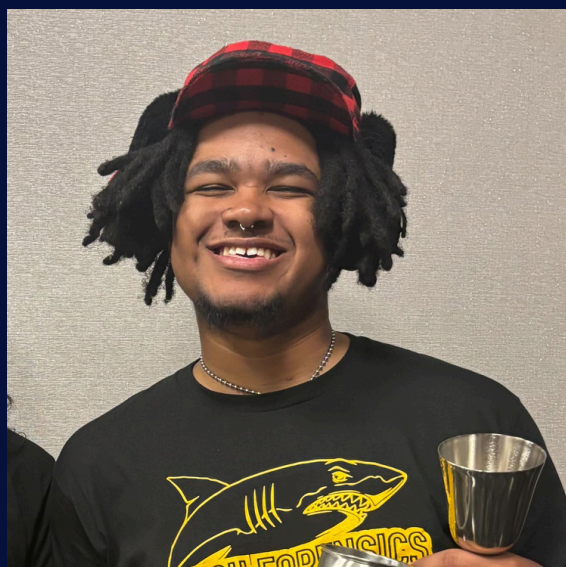
DELON FULLER

Delon Fuller was a nationally ranked LD debater for Fort Lauderdale High School (FLHS) where he reached elimination rounds of competitive tournaments such as the Florida Blue Key and the Sunvitational.

After graduating FLHS in 2018, Delon participated in intercollegiate JV Policy debate for the University of Central Florida. After graduating University, Delon continued to build upon his already extensive debate experience by coaching and judging LD and Policy debate and does so to this day.

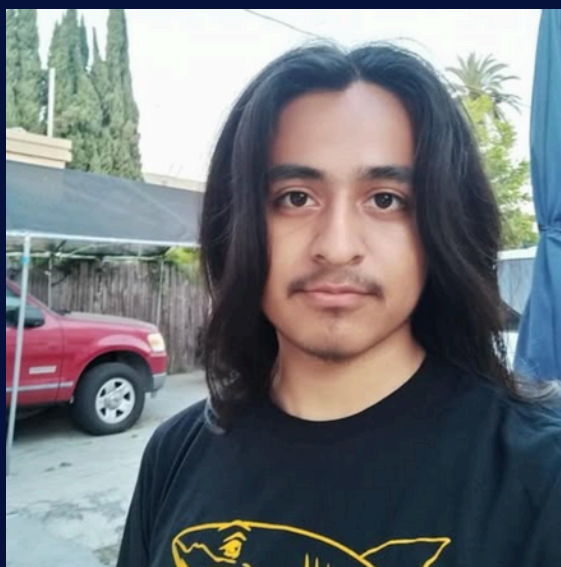


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CURTIS ORTEGA

Curtis Ortega is a fourth-year student at California State University, Long Beach and a nationally ranked policy debater. A former LAMDL debater from Humanities and Arts Academy, Curtis is a 3x First Round At-Large Bid recipient and former Copeland Panelist. He's won major tournaments including ADA Nationals (2024), UK (2023), UMW (2022), and Brick City, and was top speaker at CEDA Nationals and a semifinalist at the 79th NDT. Curtis has taught at LAMDL Camp, WFI, UH Honors Workshop, and CNDI.



DANIEL MEDINA

Daniel Medina is a debater at California State University, Long Beach and a coach for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League. A standout high school debater, they qualified to the Tournament of Champions and were top speaker at the Urban Debate National Championship. As a college freshman, Daniel was a semifinalist at both the National Debate Tournament and CEDA.



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JAYSYN GREEN

Jaysyn Green began competing in World Schools Debate and mock trial in 2011, sparking a lasting passion for the activity. She debated for California State University, Long Beach in Parliamentary, IPDA, and Policy, specializing in kritik arguments on anti-Blackness, colonialism, and radical feminism. A two-time AFA competitor, Jaysyn ended her career as a 2x CEDA All-American and 2020 NDT qualifier. She now coaches for Cal State Long Beach, the Harker School, and the Los Angeles Metropolitan Debate League.



JOSHUA ESPINOZA

Joshua Espinoza is a double major in Economics and Political Science at FIU and the head coach of the FIU Panther Speech & Debate Team. A former Co-Captain of the South Miami Senior High Debate Team, he competed for three years in the Miami Dade Urban Debate League. Joshua brings a strong background in public policy, advocacy, and coaching to help empower the next generation of debaters.



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MICHAEL PORRAS

Michael Porras began debating in sophomore year at Miami Senior High School, competing in mock trial and policy debate through MDUDL. He qualified for the National Policy Debate Tournament at Emory after a successful season. Now a Golden Scholar at Florida International University, Michael specializes in Counterplan arguments and plans to join Model UN while continuing to compete and mentor younger debaters in MDUDL.



ISAIAH SALGADO

Isaiah Salgado began their debate career at Cal State Fullerton, transitioning from Public Forum to Policy while majoring in Philosophy. They earned top awards including 1st Speaker at the 2016 Robert Barbera Invitational, CEDA All-American (2019), and were a CEDA Double Octos Finalist and Pacific Championship Quarterfinalist. Isaiah received the 2019 LAMDL Volunteer Award for their dedication to the league and has since coached at Cal State Fullerton, QD Learning, CL Academy, The Harker School, and LAMDL. Outside of debate, Isaiah teaches History at Fusion Academy.



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LEE WHIDDON

Lee Whiddon is the social media manager and member of the Miami Dade college Debate team. He just finished his first year of college debate, participating in IPDA, NPDA, BP and Impromptu. He did UDL for two years and has judged several tournaments this past year. He's competed in FIFA and Phirhopi as well as debates held locally.



STUDENT CORNER

What Should I Bring to Camp?

Student Supply List – 2025 Summer
Debate Institute

Please make sure to bring the following items each day:

1. Laptop or Chromebook - **MUST HAVE!**
2. Notebook or Legal Pad – for notes, drills, and prep work
3. Pens and Highlighters – bring multiple for color-coded notes and flowcharts
4. Chargers – for any electronic devices
5. Refillable Water Bottle – hydration is key
6. Sunscreen or Light Jacket – some activities may be outdoors or in cold classrooms
7. Personal Snacks – if desired, in addition to provided breakfast and lunch



COACHES CORNER

Summer Institute Transportation Funding

Coaches,

Please be advised that transportation funding for the 2025 Summer Debate Institute cannot be requested until after the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2025. As in previous years, schools will receive details about funding and the request process once allocations are confirmed.

An update will be sent to participating school principals around mid-July. No action is needed regarding transportation at this time.

For questions, please contact Elena Cabrera at elenacabrera@dadeschools.net.

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TENTATIVE 2025-2026 SY CALENDAR

4-6 AUG MONDAY- WEDNESDAY	13 SEP SATURDAY	11 OCT SATURDAY
Location: _____ University of Miami _____ Arrival: 7:15 AM	Location: _____ MDC-North _____ Arrival: 7:15 AM	Location: _____ FIU - Modesto _____ Arrival: 7:15 AM
15 NOV SATURDAY	TBA DEC SATURDAY	10 JAN SATURDAY
Location: _____ MDC- Hialeah _____ Arrival: 7:15 AM	Location: _____ TBA _____ Arrival: 7:15 AM	Location: _____ MDC North _____ Arrival: 7:15 AM
28 FEB SATURDAY	28-29 MAR SATURDAY- SUNDAY	10-14 APR FRIDAY- MONDAY
Location: _____ MDC Kendall _____ Arrival: 7:15 AM	Middle School Nationals _____ Virtual _____ Arrival: N/A	High School Nationals _____ Harvard University _____ Arrival: N/A



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CD3 - High School Only		Inaugural Award Gala	
Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. U.S. Courthouse		TBA	
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