

September 2023 Newsletter

Miami Dade Urban Debate League



MiamiDade
Urban Debate League
First Tournament
September 16TH

Ladies and
gentlemen, boys
and girls, word
warriors of all
ages!

Sharpen
your tongues,
polish your
retorts, and
prepare
for a
showdown
that will
surely leave
both victors
and
vanquished
speechless!

Miami Dade College- North Campus
11380 NW 27th Ave Miami, FL 33167

**Registration begins at 7:30 am, first round starts
at 8:00 am sharp! Register here!**



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Board Officers

Please welcome our newly elected Officers of the Board of Directors.



Osvaldo Garcia

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Dale Reed

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Trudy Smith

Board Secretary
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Camp Recap

This year's Summer Debate Institute allowed students to embrace a unique opportunity to learn, grow, and unite through the art of debate together. Our talented participants engaged in rigorous training sessions, workshops, and one-on-one coaching aimed at honing their debating skills and expanding their intellectual horizons.



Our debaters also had a wonderful opportunity to participate in an interview panel with community stakeholders. Panelists shared valuable insights and experiences, which not only enriched the students' understanding of various topics, but also improved their debating skills and life long lessons.



League Interns



Lauren Nieto

- Junior Debate Instructor
- Favorite color: Green
- Favorite food: Pad Thai
- Varsity Debater
- Policy Debate
- Her idols are her teachers.

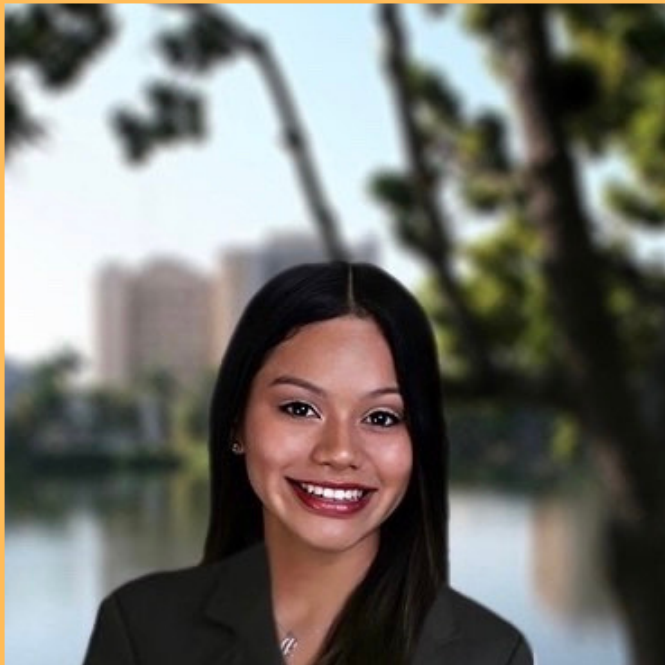


Thais Perez

- Junior Debate Instructor
- Favorite color: Green
- Favorite food: Thai, Cuban, and Peruvian
- Policy Debater
- Her idols are her coaches.



League Interns



Leah Castaneda

- Junior Debate Instructor
- Favorite color: Pink
- Favorite food: Wings
- Policy and Civic Debater
- Her idol is her dad.
- She is first generation Peruvian.



Trinity Spears

- Marketing/Communications
- Favorite color: Pink
- Favorite food: Asian food
- Extemp, Congress, OO, Impromptu.
- Her idol is her mom.



Interviews



"Be your own best advocate" – Trudy Smith

Trudy is an associate in White & Case's Financial Restructuring and Insolvency Practice. She received her Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Science in Communication from the University of Miami. Trudy was active on the mock trial, international moot court, and the main moot court teams. She now volunteers as a coach for students participating in moot court. In this interview, Trudy talks about all things advocacy, encouragement, and inspiration.

Q: What advice do you have for readers who feel some aspect of their identity makes them not cut out to go after their dreams?

A; I would say that you are your own best advocate. So if you think that you can do it, then don't let somebody or something else that you know, what you might think is a barrier prevent you from doing it do think that like no one has got your back like you've got your back. No one knows the blood, sweat and tears that you've ever put into something other than you. So like, you should be confident in saying, Yeah, I know how to do this. And guess what if I don't know how to do it, I know how to learn how to do it. So I'm up for this.

Q: Knowing you've just embarked on a new journey as a board member, what advice do you have to offer any of our readers who are apprehensive when it comes to trying or taking on something new?

A; So you can only get good at something if you at least do it once. You never know if it takes that one time for it to spark the fire inside you that makes that your passion. And then you don't have to worry about waking up 10 years from now wondering oh, if I did that, I wonder what would have happened is because you already did it and now you know, and it's just being able to live your life to the fullest and the best way to do that is to at least try everything you can.



Tournaments

Fall 2023 Tournament Schedule

Tournament 1: Miami - Dade College North	September 16, 2023
Tournament 2	October 14, 2023
Tournament 3	November 4, 2023
Tournament 4	December 16, 2023

**The 2023-2024 Debate Season is back in session and the Miami Dade Urban Debate League is returning in person competition!
Follow us on our socials continuous updates.**



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Donate

Refer to the following donation tiers to view the impact of your contribution:

\$100-\$10,000

"Friend of MDUDL"

- Provides support for up to 40 debaters

Donors receive:

- A feature on various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**

\$10,000-\$20,000

"Bronze Donor"

- Covers the costs of a full-day tournament for 200 debaters

Donors receive:

- Recognition as a **co-sponsor** of a tournament
- Features on various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**

\$20,000-\$40,000

"Silver Donor"

- Covers the transportation and management costs of 2 full-day tournaments for 200 debaters

Donors receive:

- Recognition as the **name** and **sole sponsor** of a tournament
- Features across various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**

\$40,000-\$50,000

"Gold Donor"

- Sponsors a scholarship for a debater's collegiate education
- Supports the programming of local debate coaches

Donors receive:

- Recognition as the **scholarship's namesake**
- Features across various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**

ABOVE \$50,000

"Platinum Donor"

- Sponsors the MDUDL Summer Institute
- Provides a scholarship for a debate student's collegiate education

Donors receive:

- The **League Philanthropy Award**
- Recognition as the **sponsor** of the MDUDL Summer Institute and the **scholarship namesake**
- Features across various MDUDL social media platforms, including the **website**, **Instagram**, and **newsletter**



Announcements

MDUDL Bilzin Sumberg Season Opener

Miami-Dade College
North Campus

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Coaches register here!

Thank You Selema!

Please Join us in thanking Selema for her hard work and dedication during her Internship. We appreciate you and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Tournament 1 Tips

Don't forget to bring your:

1. Water bottler
2. Evidence
3. Paper
4. Pens
5. Partner

League Wide Practice

Please join us at our second League Wide Practice on September 11, 2023 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Register now!

