

# Miami-Dade Urban Debate League

August 2023 Newsletter



## **MDUDL FALL 2023 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM: WE'RE HIRING!**

Are you or someone you know looking for a sensational Fall internship experience? Then the Miami Dade Urban Debate League Fall 2023 Internship Program might be the perfect solution for you! Over 15 weeks — specifically from August 15 till December 5 — the MDUDL is offering not one but three remote internship opportunities: Marketing and Communications, Community Organizer, and Debate.

While the internship program is unpaid, it will be sure to provide the selected interns with rewarding work experience, valuable skills, and collegiate credit at eligible participating schools. At this time the internship is open to any currently enrolled college or university students who possess the specific roles' qualifications and are eager to carry out the roles' responsibilities.

To learn more about all the MDUDL Fall 2023 Internship Program has in store — from program specifics and how to apply — please make sure to visit [www.miamiudl.org/careers](http://www.miamiudl.org/careers).



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# MDUDL 2023 SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTE

## CAREER DAY PANEL SPOTLIGHT

Miami, FL - On day one of our 2023 Summer Debate Institute, our student attendees had the privilege to receive invaluable advice during the Career Day Panel from the following esteemed panelists. The Miami Dade Urban Debate League is immensely thankful for the panelists' attendance and continued support. Special thanks to the Career Day Panel's host MDUDL Volunteer Lauren Nieto.



### CYDNEY EDWARDS

**Associate Director**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Cydney Edwards serves as the Associate Director for the Office of Multicultural Arts Initiatives at her Alma mater the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Edwards uses her platform to transform and build student confidence and college readiness.

[Learn More About Cydney Edwards](#)



### RICHARD PEREZ

**Former Partner and MDUDL Board Chair**

Holland & Knight LLP

Richard Perez is a former Holland & Knight LLP attorney and former Miami Dade Urban Debate League Board Chair. During his over 15 year occupancy with HK, Perez built a well-established law career. He is currently in private practice.



### BRANDON ROSE

**Litigation General Counsel**

TFI International

Brandon Rose has been working as a Litigation General Counsel (US) at TFI International for 3 years. TFI International is part of the Freight & Logistics Services industry, and located in Canada.

[Learn More About Brandon Rose](#)



## 'HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR DEBATE, I DO NOT THINK I WOULD BE WHERE I AM TODAY' GLENYZ PERREIRA TALKS DEBATE

Glenyz Pereira is a recent graduate of the University of Central Florida, where she earned a master's degree in communications, and she has been involved in speech & debate, both coaching and debating, since her time attending North Miami Beach Senior High School.

Pereira debated during MDUDL's earliest stages, and she continued speech & debate throughout her undergraduate studies at Miami-Dade College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications. MDUDL welcomes you to read excerpts of Pereira's interview, conducted by Lauren Nieto, where she discusses the impact debate has made in her life.

### **MDUDL: How did debate change your life as both a student and a person?**

**Glenyz Perreira:** Speech & debate taught me so many skills, including reading quickly and writing persuasively, and critical thinking. It encouraged me to spread knowledge, and if I taught one person something new and broadened their perspective, or planted the seed of change within someone, then I already felt like I had won.



Pictured:  
Glenyz Pereira

### **MDUDL: How did speech & debate influence your post-high school studies and post-graduate school path?**

**Perreira:** Speech & debate helped me realize that I love learning about how people communicate, and I later got introduced to the communications major during my undergrad. I specialized in intercultural communication and researched developing a way for speech & debate coaches to teach Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in their coaching. Also, through coaching, I realized that I love teaching and want to pursue it.

### **MDUDL: What is a piece of advice that you want to share with current debaters?**

**Perreira:** Don't be afraid to use your voice and advocate for what you care about. Also, be open to constructive feedback and know that your coach is able to help you with navigate certain situations. Most importantly, remember that every round, regardless of if you win or lose it, is a learning experience.



# 2023 - 2024 FALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## Fall 2023 Tournament Schedule

TOURNAMENT	DATE
Tournament 1: Season Opener	September 16, 2023
Tournament 2	October 14, 2023
Tournament 3	November 4, 2023
Tournament 4	December 16, 2023

Mark your calendars!  
The 2023-2024 Debate  
Season is back in session  
and the Miami-Urban  
Debate League is returning  
to face-to-face competition!  
Locations are forthcoming.  
Follow us on our socials  
continuous updates.





## MIAMI DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

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**

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## MIAMI DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

### Welcome Trudy Smith!

The Miami Dade Urban Debate League would like to officially announce our latest Board Member Trudy Smith! We are ecstatic to have such a stellar addition to the team!

Learn more about Trudy Smith [here!](#)

### Donate

Your donation can help us provide opportunities for more students to participate in our programs, including camps, tournaments and workshops.

Thank you for considering a donation to Miami Dade Urban Debate League.

Click [here](#) to donate today!

### LinkedIn Launch

We are pleased to announce the launching of our league LinkedIn page, in addition to an MDUDL alumni group. We encourage all current members, alumni, and other stakeholders to follow us on the platform for all the latest news, updates and exciting events!

Click [here](#) to follow us on LinkedIn

### Monthly Quote

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

**C.S. Lewis**

