



MIAMI-DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE STEARNS, WEAVER, MILLER POLICY DEBATE TOURNAMENT SEASON OPENER

Logistics:

- Saturday, January 10, 2026
- Miami Dade College – North Campus
- 11380 NW 27th Ave, Miami, FL 33167
- Building 3, Room 3249
- Arrival Time: 7:00 AM sharp

Please report directly to Building 3 Room 3249. Late arrivals will result in a forfeited round.

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



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MDUDL — GIVE MIAMI UPDATE

Give Miami Day Final Update

\$11,237.55 raised

24 donors

224% of our \$5,000 goal reached

Thank you to everyone who supported the Miami-Dade Urban Debate League (MDUDL) during Give Miami Day. Your generosity exceeded our goal and directly supports our work empowering students across Miami-Dade County through the transformative activity of policy debate.

About MDUDL

The Miami-Dade Urban Debate League is the local chapter of the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues (NAUDL). Our mission is to build a community committed to teaching urban youth to think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate with others, and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Through the academic sport of policy debate, students research complex issues, argue both sides of a policy resolution, and develop essential skills in public speaking, literacy, advocacy, and leadership. Decades of research show that debate participation increases college readiness, academic performance, and long-term success—particularly for students in underserved communities.

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DECEMBER

RECAP

Thank you to our Alumni for giving back! We enjoyed you at our first annual Alumni Classic!



ALUMNI CLASSIC

We are forever grateful for your support!

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GROUP PHOTO

We are proud of your past, present, and future accomplishments.

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DECEMBER

RECAP

Congratulations to the winning teams, Redland Middle School and Hialeah Miami-Lakes Senior High School!



MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO
REDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM
SWEEPSTAKES!

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HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO
HIALEAH MIAMI-LAKES SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL FOR HIGH
SCHOOL TEAM SWEEPSTAKES!

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STUDENT CORNER

February League Practice

Our final league practice of the season will take place prior to the February tournament.

More details will be provided.

Tournament 5 Argument Limits

Middle School:

- On-Case Aff, On Case Neg
- DA - Russia
- Counterplan - Arctic

High School: Open

Debater of the Year Applications

High School Debater of the Year:

<https://tinyurl.com/y98dnxwj>

Middle School Debater of the Year:

<https://tinyurl.com/243rndfb>

Debate Fair - January 10, 2026

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- Fair will begin immediately after Round 3
- All high schools are expected to host a table.



COACHES CORNER

Debate en Español

- DEE Tournament 2 - January 12, 2026
 - Principiante (packet only) & Avanzada (packet only)
 - Register:
https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.html?tourn_id=38214
- DEE Tournament 3 - March 2026
- National Tournament - April 10-13, 2026 at Harvard University (Nacional division) Qualification required

This format is open to both middle school and high school teams. All tournaments this year will be held virtually.

Tournament 5 Reminders

- Arrival is at 7:00 AM ET, Round 1 begins at 7:30 AM ET.
- Final entries and drops must be made by Wednesday, October 8, 2025 by 12:00 AM ET - no exceptions.

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Save The Date

INAUGURAL AWARDS GALA

Miami-Dade Urban Debate League

We are thrilled to invite you to our Inaugural Awards Celebration 2026, a special evening dedicated to recognizing the outstanding achievements, unwavering commitment, and exceptional spirit that has driven our success throughout the year.



Saturday
May 2, 2026



Time
6:00 PM

BRIZA ON THE BAY, MIAMI FL
1717 N BAYSHORE DR, MIAMI, FL 33132



For sponsorship opportunities,
please contact Kalyn Lee at
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Purchase tickets at mdudl-gala.rsvpify.com.



2025-2026 SY CALENDAR

4-6 AUG MONDAY- WEDNESDAY	13 SEP SATURDAY	11 OCT SATURDAY
Location: University of Miami	Location: MDC-North	Location: FIU - Modesto
Arrival: 7:00 AM	Arrival: 7:00 AM	Arrival: 7:00 AM
15 NOV SATURDAY	13 DEC SATURDAY	10 JAN SATURDAY
Location: MDC- Hialeah	Location: Barry University	Location: MDC North
Arrival: 7:00 AM	Arrival: 7:00 AM	Arrival: 7:00 AM
28 FEB SATURDAY	28-29 MAR SATURDAY- SUNDAY	10-14 APR FRIDAY- MONDAY
Location: MDC Kendall	Middle School Nationals Virtual	High School Nationals Harvard University
Arrival: 7:00 AM	Arrival: N/A	Arrival: N/A



2025–2026 SY CALENDAR

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APR

SATURDAY

CD3 - High School Only

Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr.
U.S. Courthouse

Arrival: TBA

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MAY

SATURDAY

Inaugural Award Gala

Briza on the Bay

Arrival: 6:00 PM

