



# 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.mhtml?tourn\\_id=38214](https://www.tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.mhtml?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  
[klee@urbandebate.org](mailto:klee@urbandebate.org)

Purchase tickets at [mdudl-gala.rsvpify.com](https://mdudl-gala.rsvpify.com).



# 2025-2026 SY CALENDAR

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



# 2025-2026 SY CALENDAR

**17**  
**APR**

**SATURDAY**

CD3 - High School Only

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

Arrival: TBA

**2**  
**MAY**

**SATURDAY**

Inaugural Award Gala

Briza on the Bay

Arrival: 6:00 PM



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