



# MIAMI-DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

MARCH 2026



## CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER AMAZING SEASON!

As our tournament season comes to a close, we celebrate a year defined by growth, excellence, and impact across Miami-Dade County. From our expanding school network to standout performances on the local and national stage, our students have continued to demonstrate the power of debate as a tool for academic achievement and leadership.

This season marks another step forward in MDUDL's mission to equip students with critical thinking, communication, and advocacy skills that extend far beyond the classroom. Through the dedication of our students, coaches, partners, and supporters, we have continued to build a stronger, more equitable debate community.

We are proud of what we have accomplished together—and even more excited for what lies ahead.



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**WHITE & CASE SPONSORS MDUDL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, AWARDING TOP HONORS TO MIAMI-DADE STUDENT DEBATERS**

**Miami, FL — March 26, 2026** — The Miami-Dade Urban Debate League (MDUDL) proudly hosted its annual championship tournament this season with the generous support of White & Case LLP, whose \$10,000 sponsorship helped power one of the league’s most competitive and impactful events to date.

The tournament brought together top student debaters from across Miami-Dade County Public Schools, highlighting a season of rigorous academic competition, critical thinking, and student leadership.

American Senior High School and Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High School emerged as this year’s championship-winning teams. Both schools will go on to represent Miami-Dade on the national stage at the National Association for Urban Debate Leagues (NAUDL) National Policy Debate Tournament at Harvard University this April.

In addition to team championships, MDUDL recognized outstanding individual and coaching achievements across the league:

- High School Debater of the Year: Alessandro Del Palma, Miami Senior High School
- Middle School Debater of the Year: Domingo Martinez, Winston Park K-8 Center
- Coach of the Year: Cecilia Suarez, Winston Park K-8 Center

White & Case’s investment underscores the importance of community and corporate partnerships in expanding access to high-quality academic opportunities for students across Miami-Dade. The firm’s support directly contributes to MDUDL’s mission of empowering students with the skills needed for college, careers, and civic leadership.

As the season concludes, MDUDL celebrates a year of continued growth and impact, with students demonstrating exceptional achievement at both the local and national levels.

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About Miami-Dade Urban Debate League: The Miami-Dade Urban Debate League (MDUDL) provides debate opportunities to middle and high school students across the county, with a focus on underserved schools. Through debate, students gain critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills that prepare them for lifelong success.

About White & Case LLP: White & Case LLP is a leading global law firm with offices in major financial centers around the world. The firm provides legal services to companies, governments, and financial institutions on complex cross-border matters. White & Case is also deeply committed to pro bono work and community engagement, supporting initiatives that expand access to education, promote equity, and strengthen communities. Through its partnership with the Miami-Dade Urban Debate League, White & Case is investing in the next generation of student leaders by helping provide transformative academic opportunities through debate.

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FEBRUARY

RECAP

Congratulations to all the winners and award recipients for this season!



MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
WINSTON PARK K-8 CENTER FOR  
TEAM SWEEPSTAKES!

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HIGH SCHOOL  
CHAMPIONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIAMI  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM  
SWEEPSTAKES!

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Congratulations to American Senior High School and Hialeah Miami Lakes Senior High School for their outstanding performances at our Nationals Qualifier! Both schools will be representing our League at the UDL Nationals at Harvard University!



**NATIONALS  
REPRESENTATIVES**  
CONGRATULATIONS TO  
AMERICAN SENIOR HIGH  
SCHOOL'S KRYSTAL COLE AND  
RHIANNA MACK!

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**NATIONALS  
REPRESENTATIVES**  
CONGRATULATIONS TO  
HIALEAH MIAMI LAKES SENIOR  
HIGH SCHOOL'S BRIAN HING  
AND ISAURA VALDES!

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RECAP

Congratulations to our Students of the Year and Coach of the Year!



ALESSANDRO DE PALMA  
HIGH SCHOOL DEBATER OF THE YEAR  
MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



DOMINGO MARTINEZ  
MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATER OF THE YEAR  
WINSTON PARK K-8 CENTER



CECILIA SUAREZ  
COACH OF THE YEAR  
WINSTON PARK K-8 CENTER



# INFORMATION STATION

## High School CD3

**Location: Wilkie D. Ferguson Jr.  
U.S. Courthouse**

**Date: April 17, 2026**

**Time: 8:15 AM - 12:30 PM**

**400 North Miami Avenue,  
Room 10-2  
Miami, FL 33128**

## 2026 Summer Debate Institute

**Location: University of Miami**

**Dates: August 3-6, 2026**

**Time: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**More information to come!**



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

# 2025-2026 SY CALENDAR

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



# 2025-2026 SY CALENDAR

<b>17</b> <b>APR</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>2</b> <b>MAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
CD3 - High School Only		Inaugural Award Gala	
Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. U.S. Courthouse		Briza on the Bay	
Arrival: TBA		Arrival: 6:00 PM	

