

Miami-Dade Urban Debate League

July 2023 Newsletter



THE MIAMI DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE IN PERSON AT LAST!

After three years operating remotely, the Miami Dade Urban Debate League is thrilled to announce we are finally back in person! In an effort to promote the health and safety of everyone amid the onset of the global pandemic, MDUDL resorted to remote operations.

Our team would like to express our gratitude to our debaters, board members, sponsors, alumni and the Miami-Dade community at large. It is your continued support of our mission to empower Miami-Dade students that has helped us get to this point today.

This return to in-person activities—kicking off with our 2023 Summer Debate Institute camp—is a significant milestone for our organization, and we're eager to take advantage of the opportunities that come with it. Thank you again to everyone who has been a part of this journey, and we look forward to debating with you all in person!



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REGISTER FOR THE MDUDL'S SUMMER 2023 DEBATE INSTITUTE

Miami, FL - Attention Miami-Dade middle school and high school students! The Miami-Dade Urban Debate League (MDUDL) is having a Summer Debate Institute!

The debate camp will be held Aug 1 through Aug 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day at Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School.

Not only is the event free, but MDUDL will also cover the cost of transportation, breakfast and lunch for all students who attend!

REGISTER NOW



Whether you are an experienced debater or not, MDUDL's debate camp is an amazing opportunity for you to develop your debate skills, engage in meaningful discussions and build lasting connections with students and coaches before the 2023-2024 school year begins.

So, mark your calendars and get ready for an unforgettable experience. We look forward to seeing you at our 2023 Summer Debate Institute in August! To keep up with our latest happenings, check out Miami Dade Urban League's website, Instagram and Twitter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Program Director Kalyn Lee at klee@urbandebate.org.



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'FALL IN LOVE WITH DEBATE' TJERMAINE "TJ" ADAMS TALKS DEBATE

Tjermaine "Tj" Adams is a junior at Morehouse College, majoring in philosophy and minoring in economics, with plans of going to law school after earning his undergraduate degree. Adams started speech & debate as a sophomore at Miami Carol City Senior High and continued competing in the activity throughout high school. MDUDL welcomes you to read excerpts of Adam's interview, conducted by Lauren Nieto, where he discusses the impact debate has made in his life.

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

Tjermaine "Tj" Adams: Debate allowed me to gain confidence in a lot of different aspects of my life: in my intelligence, in my speaking abilities and in my self-image. Because of debate, I am now in college and am attempting to go to law school.

MDUDL: What was the most significant moment in your debate career?

Adams: One of my first debates was centered around the question, "Should Catalonia get its independence from Spain?" and it was my favorite debate due to the amount of knowledge that it opened. Before it, I had never even thought about the issues that were happening overseas, and this debate opened my mind and expanded my perspective.



Pictured:
Tjermaine "Tj" Adams

MDUDL: What in particular do you like about Policy debate?

Adams: I think that the most fun part of Policy debate is learning how to set up a perfect neg case, to the point where it tells a beautiful story. Aligning your disads perfectly with the kritik and topicality makes me truly feel like debate is an art.

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

Adams: Fall in love with debate. Debate is amazing, it can get you into college but it can also become something that you really love. I think that current debaters should really embrace debate because when you are in a debate and have the perfect argument, it is something quite beautiful. There is an element of beauty in debate, and when you really learn to just love the activity, you can appreciate it a lot more.



THE MIAMI DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE WELCOMES SELEMA OMIDIRAN AS MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS INTERN FOR SUMMER 2023

The Miami Dade Urban Debate League has appointed Selema Omidiran as the summer marketing and communications intern where she is to the team's marketing, branding, and communication goals.

Currently a full-time student attending Florida International University, Selema is set to graduate in 2024 with her Bachelor of Science in Public Relations Advertising and Applied Communications (PRAAC).

After graduating, she intends on working as a creative in the advertising industry. With her love for planning and creative direction, Selema looks forward to helping brands contrive alluring content that stays true to their values and exceeds their desired results.

Prior to enrolling at FIU, Selema graduated from Broward College with her Associate of Arts degree in Communications. During her time at BC, Selema had the privilege of being a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) and earning a spot on the President's List during both years of her attendance.

In her free time, Selema can usually be found doing one of two things: reading a book or refining personal creative projects.



Pictured:
Selema Omidiran, MDUDL Marketing and
Communications Intern





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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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Instagram Relaunch

We are pleased to announce the relaunching of our league Instagram page. Follow us for all the latest news, updates and exciting events! Thank you for your support.

Be sure to check out our page regularly for upcoming tournaments and special events.

Don't have Instagram? No problem! We are now also on Facebook and Twitter.

Monthly Quote

Don't raise your voice, improve
your argument.
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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!

Upcoming Events

Summer Debate Institute

August 1-2, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High
School

Click [here](#) to register today!

