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MIAMI-DADE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE SHUBIN LAW GROUP POLICY DEBATE TOURNAMENT SEASON OPENER

Logistics:

- Saturday, September 12, 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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOUR DAYS OF GROWTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI



MIAMI, FL, September 1, 2026— The Miami-Dade Urban Debate League (MDUDL) hosted its Summer Debate Institute (SDI) August 3–6 at the University of Miami, bringing together 69 students, teachers, and staff from 11 schools across Miami-Dade County for four days of competitive debate training.

By the Numbers:

- 51 unique students participated
- 11 teachers led daily instruction across MS Novice, HS Novice, and HS Varsity labs
- 11 schools represented: Redland Middle School, Robert Morgan Senior High School, American Senior High School, Ponce de Leon Middle School, Riviera Middle School, WR Thomas Middle School, South Miami Senior High School, Miami Senior High School, Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School, Hialeah Gardens High School, and Somerset Academy Prep
- Camp culminated in 3 full rounds of competitive debate on the final day

Throughout the week, students built cases, sharpened speaking skills, and worked through core policy debate concepts — including Disadvantages, Counterplans, and Kritiks — under the direction of MDUDL's instructional and program staff.

Program Leadership:

Program Director — Kalyn Lee

Curriculum Director — Deven Cooper

Operations Manager — Darrel Joseph

Coach Professional Development Leaders — Patrick Waldinger, Brianna Sainte, William Murphy, Dale Reed

Instructional Staff:

Middle School — Sebastian Jeri, Isabella Barreto, Julia Kleszczewski, Alessandra Escobar, Dominique Salazar

HS School — Martin Alex Saenz, Michael Porras, Daniel Medina, Isaiah Salgado, Jaysyn Green, Deven Cooper

MDUDL will build on this momentum heading into the 2026–2027 tournament season, kicking off September 12 with the Shubin Law Group Policy Debate Tournament Season Opener.



SUMMER DEBATE INSTITUTE RECAP



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INFORMATION STATION

Middle School League Practice Links

Our first virtual league practice will take place on:

- Friday, September 11, 2026
- 5:30 – 6:45 PM (EST)
- Virtual via Zoom

This session will focus on the expectations of each debater during every speech in a round.

Join practice directly **using the link below**. Be sure to complete the sign in sheet when you log into the zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85844316084?
pwd=wWCBnIOO8azBLQHEukteItjPDyWN4i.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85844316084?pwd=wWCBnIOO8azBLQHEukteItjPDyWN4i.1)

Meeting ID: 858 4431 6084

Passcode: 289490

High School League Practice Links

Our first virtual league practice will take place on

- Wednesday, September 9, 2026
- 6:00 – 7:45 PM (EST)
- Virtual via Zoom

This session will focus on the expectations of each debater during every speech in a round.

Join practice directly using the link below. Be sure to complete the sign in sheet when you log into the zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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pwd=1k0JSZpCywkLIcuOW41gukN4Uabju4.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85724376304?pwd=1k0JSZpCywkLIcuOW41gukN4Uabju4.1)

Meeting ID: 857 2437 6304

Passcode: 521588



COACHES CORNER

Tournament 1 Reminders

- Arrival is at 7:00 AM ET
- Round 1 begins at 7:30 AM ET.
- Final entries and drops should be completed by September 9, 2026, no later than 12:00 AM ET to avoid penalties - no exceptions.
- All drops must be made by Wednesday, September 9, 2026 by 11:59 PM ET - no exceptions.
- Be sure to bring your PD binders to T1 for continued professional development.

Tournament 1 Argument Limits

- Middle School:
 - On-Case Aff
 - On Case Neg
 - Single Payers Aff
 - DA - Midterms
 - CP - States
- High School Novice
 - On-Case Aff
 - On Case Neg
 - Single Payers Aff
 - DA - Midterms
 - CP - States
- High School Varsity
 - Open



2026-2027 SY CALENDAR

3-6 AUG MONDAY- WEDNESDAY	12 SEP SATURDAY	17 OCT SATURDAY
Location: University of Miami Arrival: 7:00 AM	Location: MDC - North Arrival: 7:00 AM	Location: MDC - Hialeah Arrival: 7:00 AM
7 NOV SATURDAY	12 DEC SATURDAY	23 JAN SATURDAY
Location: MDC - Kendall Arrival: 7:00 AM	Location: Barry University Arrival: 7:00 AM	Location: MDC North Arrival: 7:00 AM
20 FEB SATURDAY	19-21 MAR FRIDAY- SUNDAY	TBA TBA TBA
Location: FIU Biscayne Arrival: 7:00 AM	Location: High School Nationals Wake Forest University Arrival: N/A	Location: Middle School Nationals Virtual Arrival: N/A



2026–2027 SY CALENDAR

TBA TBA	TBA	1 MAY	SATURDAY
CD3		Inaugural Award Gala	
Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. U.S. Courthouse		Briza on the Bay	
Arrival: TBA		Arrival: 6:00 PM	

