



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Bossier Parish Community College, the Division of Communication and Performing Arts and the BPCCC Debate Team, I invite you to the **6<sup>th</sup> annual Eddy Shell Invitational Debate Tournament, February 14-16, 2014**, at **Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, Louisiana**.

The competition will feature **IPDA (7 prelim. rounds) and IPDA Team Debate (4 prelim. rounds)**, and pizza will be provided midday on Saturday. We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition. Pre-tournament updates will be posted to the following website (and this site will also be used for posting elimination round participants each evening at the conclusion of the competition – so that you will not have to wait around for breaks): <http://BPCCCdebate.org>

In the pages that follow, you'll find all the details. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Bob Alexander

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### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

We will not have a block of rooms reserved for the tournament, but if you have any questions concerning area hotels – we'll be glad to provide assistance.

The nearest hotels to campus are the **Ramada Inn Bossier City** (an older hotel, but clean & inexpensive; 4000 Industrial Drive, I-20 @ Exit 23, 318-747-0711), the **Holiday Inn Express Louisiana Downs** (7970 East Texas Street, 318-841-9800), the **SpringHill Suites Louisiana Downs** (8010 E. Texas Street, 318-747-7772) & **Comfort Suites Louisiana Downs** (7950 East Texas Street; 318-742-3444).

Other recommended hotels in close proximity to the campus include: **Hampton Inn Bossier City North** (2691 Viking Drive, 318-841-9700), **Hilton Garden Inn Bossier City** (2015 Old Minden Road, 318-759-1950) & the **Homewood Suites Bossier City** (2015 Old Minden Road, 318-759-1940).

### **DIRECTIONS**

BPCCC is located at 6220 E. Texas St., Bossier City, LA 71111; the campus is 1.3 miles west of I-220 near Louisiana Downs. Tournament locations (for registration, etc.) will be emailed during the week of registration – a campus map is available at <http://BPCCCdebate.org>

**From the East:** take I-20 West to Exit 26 (I-220); continue .4 miles to exit 17A (US-79/US-80). Turn right on US-79/US-80 and proceed 1.3 miles – the campus is on your left.

**From the West:** take I-20 East to Exit 23 (Industrial Drive). Turn left onto Industrial drive (.3 miles). Turn right onto US-79 E/US-80 E/E. Texas St. Continue 1.3 miles – the campus is on your right.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Friday, February 14**

11:00-11:30: Registration  
11:45 IPDA-Team Rd1  
1:15 IPDA-Team Rd2  
2:45 IPDA-Team Rd3  
4:15 IPDA-Team Rd4 (tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)  
6:15-6:35 coaches review  
6:45 IPDA-Team Quarterfinals

#### **Saturday, February 15**

8:00: IPDA Team Semifinals  
8:45-9:15 AM: Registration for Individual Debate Only Schools  
9:45: IPDA Round 1  
11:15: IPDA Round 2  
12:45: IPDA Round 3  
2:15: IPDA Team Finals (pizza provided)  
3:45 IPDA Round 4  
5:15: IPDA Round 5  
6:45: IPDA Round 6  
8:15: IPDA Round 7 (tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)

#### **Sunday, February 16**

8:00-8:20: Coaches Review  
8:30: IPDA Double-Octafinals  
10:15: IPDA Octafinals  
11:30: Awards  
12:00: IPDA Quarterfinals  
1:15: IPDA Semifinals  
2:30: IPDA Finals

\*Note: The schedule for elimination rounds will be shortened if possible.

## EVENT INFORMATION

1. **Awards** shall be presented to **all elimination round participants** in all events. Awards shall be presented to the **top five speakers** in each debate division. The **top three programs** and the **top community college** shall receive awards for sweepstakes. This year we will also be adding the **“Debate Commander” award** – this award will recognize proportional competitive success & each program’s sweepstakes points will be divided by the number of entries in the tournament (for purposes of this award, a team debate entry shall be counted as 2 entries; a program must have a minimum of 3 entries to qualify). Additionally, the **Eddy Shell Cumulative Sweepstakes award** will be awarded to the program with the highest total points earned from this tournament combined with all previous appearances at the Eddy Shell Invitational (once a program earns the award, their point total is re-set to zero). Current standings entering the 2014 Eddy Shell Invitational are as follows:

	Total	Pts Reset	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	
Arkansas Tech University	87.5		45	42.5				<b>Past Winners:</b> 2013: University of Arkansas-Monticello (606 points) 2012: LSU-Shreveport (553 points) 2011: Sam Houston State University (397 points) 2010: LSU-Shreveport (436 points)
College of the Mainland	39		39					
Crowder College	36				36			
East Texas Baptist University	195.5		32.5	67.5	42.5	53		
Harding University	130.5		31.5		35	48.5	15.5	
Henderson State University	295		80	52.5	86	53.5	23	
Independent Debate Coalition	58			27.5	30.5			
Jefferson State Community College	26					26		
John Brown University	146.5						146.5	
Lamar State College - Orange	51			51				
Louisiana College	547		137.5	70	125.5	141.5	72.5	
Louisiana State University	213						213	
Louisiana Tech University	90		30	60		-	-	
LSU-Alexandria	217		2.5	35	47	89	43.5	
LSU-Shreveport	234.5	-989	234.5	264	299	250.5	185.5	
McNeese State University	68						68	
Mississippi College	131		15	25	30	61		
Northwest Arkansas Forensics	269		137.5	131.5				
Northwestern State University	38.5						38.5	
Sam Houston State University	317	-397	112.5	204.5	145	153.5	98.5	
St. Mary's University	84.5					53.5	31	
Stephen F. Austin State University	315.5		97.5	15	60.5	57	85.5	
Texas A&M International University	42		42					
Tulane University	65		42.5		22.5			
Union University	308.5		156	152.5				
University of Arkansas-Monticello	0	-606	131.5	167	139	-	168.5	
University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7.5		7.5					
University of Central Arkansas	359				139.5	122.5	97	
University of Louisiana-Monroe	34					34		
University of Mississippi	142						142	
University of Tennessee-Knoxville	88		88					
Wiley College	384.5			296.5			88	
William Carey University	219						219	

2. Novice, varsity and professional IPDA and a varsity division of IPDA Team debate shall be offered. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event; however, only the top 4 debaters in each division will count for sweepstakes awards.

- A. All **IPDA Team Debate** rounds shall follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time and follow the rules established under the International Public Debate Association. One Varsity-Team division will be offered (note the requirement for this "Varsity" division is that the person be currently registered as a student at the institution he/she is representing, has not earned a bachelor's degree, and has not competed in collegiate tournaments during more than 10 semesters). Four Preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered.
- B. All **IPDA debate rounds** shall follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time. Divisions offered will be Novice, Varsity and Professional. 7 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. Division requirements: Novice Division (competitors must not have competed in more than 10 tournaments in high school/college in any format of debate; must be currently enrolled students and the institution they are representing; must not have obtained a bachelor's degree); Varsity Division (competitors must be currently enrolled students and the institution they are representing; must not have obtained a bachelor's degree; and must not have competed in collegiate tournaments during more than 10 semesters;); Professional Division (any competitor may enter).
- C. BPCC competitors will not participate in the tournament unless individuals are needed to make the next level of outbounds. If BPCC places debaters in the tournament, they will neither be counted toward sweepstakes nor will they be eligible for speaker awards.

### 3. Points formula

- A. All of a school's top four debaters in each debate division will count toward sweepstakes totals.
3. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:
  - 6 points for each preliminary round win
  - 6 points for breaking to elimination rounds
  - 5 points for 1<sup>st</sup> speaker
  - 4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker
  - 3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker
  - 2 points for 4<sup>th</sup> speaker
  - 1 points for 5<sup>th</sup> speaker
  - Individual debate points will be halved, with the exception of speaker awards.

4. **Tiebreakers:** For determining teams/individuals advancing to elimination rounds we will look first to the number of wins, second to high/low adjusted speaker points and third to the number of total speaker points. For determining speaker awards, for individual debate we will look first to high/low adjusted speaker points, and second to total speaker points and for team debate we will look first to total speaker points (because there are only 4 preliminary rounds), second to high/low adjusted speaker points and third to ranks.

5. **Judges:** One judge during debate rounds covers up to 4 IPDA debaters (4 individual and/or 2 IPDA-Teams). Once eliminated from competition, competitors may be used to judge elimination rounds. All judges are obligated to judge one round beyond the elimination of their program.

6. **Fees:** Individual IPDA entries are \$25 each and Team IPDA entries are \$40 each. Uncovered individual IPDA entries are an additional \$15 each and uncovered Team IPDA entries are an additional \$25 each. **Change Fees:** Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Any drops or changes after that date until the start of registration will be charged a processing fee of \$5.00 per alteration; only drops will be accepted during registration and any drop occurring during registration or later will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration.

7. **Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received by Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 5:00 pm. They may be emailed to [BAlexander@BPCC.edu](mailto:BAlexander@BPCC.edu) or phoned to 318-678-6460. Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Any drops or changes after that date until the start of registration will be charged a processing fee of \$5.00 per alteration; only drops will be accepted during registration and any drop occurring during registration or later will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration.

8. **Entry Confirmations:** Entry confirmations will be sent by 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2014. If you have sent an entry and do not receive a confirmation by that time, please call Bob Alexander's office at 318-678-6460. Complete entry verifications and relevant tournament information (parking areas, tournament size, etc.) will be sent via email by the morning of Wednesday, February 12, 2014; relevant tournament updates will also be posted on <http://BPCCdebate.org>



**IPDA-TEAM DEBATE**

<u>Team Member 1</u>	<u>Team Member 2</u>

**Judges** \*Note: One team debate judge covers up to two teams. One IPDA Judge covers up to four individuals.

<u>Judge Name</u>	<u>Event(s) to Judge (IPDA, IPDA-Team)</u>

**FEES**

\_\_\_\_\_ IPDA @ \$25 each \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ UnCovered IPDA @ additional \$15 each \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ IPDA-Teams @ \$40 each \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ UnCovered IPDA-Teams @ additional \$25 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Fees: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE ANY CHECKS PAYABLE TO "DEBATE TEAM."**