



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Bossier Parish Community College, the Division of Communication and Performing Arts and the BPCC Debate Team, I invite you to the **7th annual Eddy Shell Invitational Debate Tournament, February 20-22, 2015, at Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, Louisiana.**

The competition will feature **7 preliminary rounds of IPDA Debate & 4 preliminary rounds of Team IPDA Debate**, 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 Saturday evening at the conclusion of the competition – so that you will not have to wait around for breaks): <http://BPCCdebate.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

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

BPCC 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://BPCCdebate.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 20

11:00-11:30: Registration
11:45: TIPDA Round 1
1:15: TIPDA Round 2
2:45: TIPDA Round 3
4:15: TIPDA Round 4 (tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)
6:15-6:35 Coaches Review
6:45: TIPDA Quarterfinals
8:15: TIPDA Semifinals

Saturday, February 21

8:00: TIPDA Finals
8:30-9:00: Registration for Individual Debate Only Schools
9:30: IPDA Round 1
11:00: IPDA Round 2
12:30: IPDA Round 3
2:00 Lunch Break (pizza provided)
2:30 IPDA Round 4
4:00: IPDA Round 5
5:30: IPDA Round 6
7:00: IPDA Round 7 (tab open to all coaches for early review of ballots)

Sunday, February 22

8:00-8:20: Coaches Review
8:30: IPDA Double-Octofinals
10:15: IPDA Octofinals
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**. Awards shall be presented to the **top five speakers** in each division. The **top three programs** shall receive awards for sweepstakes and the **top community college** will be awarded for overall sweepstakes. This year we will also be continuing the **“Debate Commander” award** – this award will recognize proportional competitive success based on a program’s total win percentage in prelim rounds (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 2015 Eddy Shell Invitational are as follows:

| | Total | Pts. Reset | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Arkansas Tech University | 87.5 | | | 45 | 42.5 | | | |
| College of the Mainland | 94 | | 55 | 39 | | | | |
| Crowder College | 36 | | | | | 36 | | |
| East Texas Baptist University | 292.5 | | 97 | 32.5 | 67.5 | 42.5 | 53 | |
| Harding University | 190.5 | | 60 | 31.5 | | 35 | 48.5 | 15.5 |
| Henderson State University | 395 | | 100 | 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 | | | |
| Lee College | 30 | | 30 | | | | | |
| Louisiana College | 0 | -646 | 99 | 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 | 499.5 | -989 | 265 | 234.5 | 254 | 299 | 250.5 | 185.5 |
| McNeese State University | 68 | | | | | | | 68 |
| Mississippi College | 140 | | 9 | 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 | 348.5 | | 33 | 97.5 | 15 | 60.5 | 57 | 85.5 |
| Texas A&M International University | 42 | | | 42 | | | | |
| Tulane University | 65 | | | 42.5 | | 22.5 | | |
| Union University | 518.5 | | 210 | 156 | 152.5 | | | |
| University of Arkansas-Monticello | 114 | -606 | 114 | 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 | 277 | | 189 | 88 | | | | |
| Wiley College | 384.5 | | | | 296.5 | | | 88 |
| William Carey University | 219 | | | | | | | 219 |

Past Winners:

2014: Louisiana College (646 points)
 2013: University of Arkansas - Monticello (606 points)
 2012: LSU-Shreveport (553 points)
 2011: Sam Houston State University (397 points)
 2010: LSU-Shreveport (436 points)

2. Novice, varsity and professional IPDA debate shall be offered in addition to Team IPDA debate. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event; however, only the top 4 debaters in each division will count for sweepstakes awards (for purposes of the debate commander award, all debaters accumulate sweepstakes points).

- A. 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).
- B. All **Team IPDA 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.
- C. BPCC competitors will not participate in the tournament unless individuals are needed to make the next level of outrounds. 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:
 - 3 points for each preliminary round win (6 points for team debate)
 - 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds (6 points for team debate)
 - 5 points for 1st speaker
 - 4 points for 2nd speaker
 - 3 points for 3rd speaker
 - 2 points for 4th speaker
 - 1 points for 5th speaker

4. **Tiebreakers:** For determining competitors 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, we will look first to high/low adjusted speaker points and second to total speaker points. In the event of a sweepstakes tie, we will look first to the number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds and second to total preliminary round win percentage.

5. **Judges:** One judge during debate rounds covers up to 4 debaters per format (the same judge may cover 4 individual debaters and 2 debate 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 Entries are \$25 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$15 each. TIPDA entries are \$40 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$25 each. **Change Fees:** Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 18, 2015. 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 17, 2015, at 5:00 pm. They may be emailed to BAlexander@BPCC.edu (preferred) or phoned to 318-678-6460. Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 18, 2015. 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 17, 2015. 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 18, 2015; relevant tournament updates will also be posted on <http://BPCCdebate.org>

