**Inaugural Lenoir-Rhyne University College Debate Invitational**

Colleagues,

I welcome you to join the community of Western North Carolina and Lenoir-Rhyne University at our inaugural debate tournament. Lenoir-Rhyne University was a long member of the debate community until it ended in 1991. We are very glad to be back in action due to the assistance of the Lenoir-Rhyne University administration and the contributions of an overwhelmingly generous former Board of Trustee member, Charles Dixon.

We ask that you consider joining us for debate competition in the parliamentary and public debate format. We will be hosting NPDA debates on February 19-20 and IPDA debates February 20-21. Each format will have five preliminary rounds and the necessary amount of elimination rounds to determine our champions.

Entries are due by February 12 at 5:00 PM. Entries should be sent by email to cade.hamilton@lr.edu. Entries should include a list of the debate partnerships for NPDA or individuals for IPDA. Each entry should be accompanied by a determination of eligibility (novice or varsity). The last part of each entry should be a list of judges.

Lenoir-Rhyne University is located in Hickory, NC, about an hour from Charlotte and Asheville. We hope that you will join us in February for what we believe will be a fantastic experience.

Sincerely,

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**Tournament Schedule**

Friday, February 19

4:00-5:00 Final Registration

4:45-5:15 Coaches/Judges Meeting

5:30 Round 1 NPDA

7:00 Round 2 NPDA

Saturday, February 20

8:30 Round 3 NPDA

10:00 Round 4 NPDA

11:30 Round 5 NPDA

1:00 Lunch

2:00 First Elim NPDA

4:00 Second Elim NPDA

5:30 Round 1 IPDA

6:45 Round 2 IPDA

8:00 Round 3 IPDA

Sunday, February 21

8:30 Round 4 IPDA

9:45 Round 5 IPDA

11:30 First Elim IPDA

1:00 Lunch

2:00 Second Elim IPDA

3:15 Awards

**Rules and Descriptions**

NPDA

We will be using the official and most recent rules outlined by the National Parliamentary Debate Association. The rules can be found at <http://www.parlidebate.org/npda-rules/>. Teams will be given fifteen minutes of preparation time before each debate. Contestants will be able to access the open Lenoir-Rhyne guest network to utilize the internet. We will enforce a five minute forfeit rule after the fifteen minute time of preparation.

IPDA

We will be using the official and most recent rules outlined by the International Public Debate Association. The rules can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution--bylaws.html>. Debaters will be given thirty minutes of preparation time before each debate. Contests will be able to access the open Lenoir-Rhyne guest network to utilize the internet. We will enforce a five minute forfeit rule after the thirty minute time of preparation. Students who are over five minutes late to the topic striking process will forfeit the opportunity to strike resolutions and the student who is there will be allowed to pick the topic for the debate from the list of five.

**Entry and Judging Fees**

One judge will cover two NPDA entries and two IPDA entries.

Covered NPDA entries are $35 per team. Uncovered NPDA entries are $70 per team. Covered IPDA entries are $15 per competitor. Uncovered IPDA entries are $30 per competitor.

Drops will be free until the entry deadline. Fees for drops after the deadline will increase by $5 per day. We sincerely hope to be flexible enough, but we also really want all of our competitors and entries to come and participate if at all possible!

**Payment**

Please utilize cash or make checks payable to Lenoir-Rhyne University.

**Awards**

We will provide awards for all competitors who make it to the elimination rounds. We will also provide awards for the top five speakers in both the novice and varsity divisions. The top three teams in NPDA and IPDA formats will be recognized, as well as recognizing the top three teams in the combined formats.

Prelims:

Win - 3 points, Loss - 1 point

Elims:

1st - 12 points, 2nd - 10 points, Semifinalist - 6 points, Quarterfinalist - 2 points

**Food**

We will make sure to provide lunch for both Saturday and Sunday for all those who enter. We STRONGLY encourage those submitting entries to include any dietary restrictions for those who will be participating.

**Directions and Map**

While we do not have an official tournament host, there are a number of incredibly reasonably priced hotels and motels to choose from. If you have any questions, please feel free to let Cade know.

The campus is located at 625 7th Avenue NE, Hickory, N.C. 28601. A campus map can be located at <http://www.lr.edu/map/campus-map-interactive.html>. Parking will be available in the lots across from Schaeffer Conference Hall and in the main parking lot next to Moretz Stadium. Registration will be in the Cromer Center and all rounds will be held in the Rhyne Building.