Dear Debate Community,

On behalf of Louisiana Tech University, the School of Communication, and the LaTech Debate Team, I invite you to the **Hot and Spicy Tournament, October 14-15, 2017, at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana**.

The competition will feature 7 preliminary rounds of IPDA; lunch will be provided midday on Saturday. We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of debate competition. The awards for this tournament are special to the state of Louisiana as they incorporate our famous Tabasco Sauce, made on Avery Island. Tab will be run by Bob Alexander of BPCC and Trey Gibson of LSUS.

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

Sincerely,

Megan Smith

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

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

The nearest hotels to campus are:

Hampton Inn- 1315 N. Trenton St, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 251-3090

Sleep Inn & Suites-106 S. Service Rd, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 232-1100

Other recommended hotels in close proximity to the campus include:

Days Inn- 1801 N. Service Rd, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 2512360

Holiday Inn Express- 1825 Roberta Ave, Ruston, LA 71270—(318) 513-9777

Super 8- 1101 Cooktown Rd, Ruston, LA 71270 (318) 255-0588

**DIRECTIONS:**

Louisiana Tech University is located at 502 Wisteria Lane, Ruston, LA 71272.

**From the north**: Take Highway 167 south to I-20 west, exit 84. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left onto Tech Drive. Follow Tech Drive to campus. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue. Hale Hall, a three-story building with turrets, is the first brick building on Railroad Avenue. The Office of Admissions is on the first floor of Hale Hall. Visitor parking is available at the front of the building.

**From the south**: Take Highway 167 north to Ruston. Turn left on California Avenue. At the fifth stoplight, turn right on Tech Drive. Proceed down Tech Drive to Railroad Avenue. Turn right. Hale Hall, a three-story building with turrets, is the first brick building on Railroad Avenue. The Office of Admissions is on the first floor of Hale Hall. Visitor parking is available at the front of the building.

**From the east**: Take I-20 west to Ruston, exit 84. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left onto Tech Drive. Follow Tech Drive to campus. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue. Hale Hall, a three-story building with turrets, is the first brick building on Railroad Avenue. The Office of Admissions is on the first floor of Hale Hall. Visitor parking is available at the front of the building.

**From the west**: Take I-20 east to Ruston, exit 84. At the top of the exit ramp, turn right onto Tech Drive. Follow Tech Drive to campus. Turn left onto Railroad Avenue. Hale Hall, a three-story building with turrets, is the first brick building on Railroad Avenue. The Office of Admissions is on the first floor of Hale Hall. Visitor parking is available at the front of the building.

Below is a link to the campus map

<http://www.latech.edu/documents/campus_map_color.pdf>

**PARKING AND REGISTRATION:**

Parking is available in the Student Center Parking Lot across from Toliver Hall. Registration, prep, and tab will be located in Tolliver Hall. We will utilize Woodard Hall, Robinson Hall, and George T. Madison Hall for rounds. If you or any of your debaters have special needs, please indicate this on your entries and we will do everything we can to accommodate those requests.

**SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, October 14 Sunday, October 15**

8:00-8:45- Registration 8:00-8:20: Coaches Review

9:00: Round 1 8:30: Double-Octafinals

10:30: Round 2 10:15: Octafinals

12:00: Round 3 11:30:Awards

1:30: Lunch Break (provided) 12:00: Quarterfinals

2:00: Round 4 1:15: Semifinals

3:30: Round 5 2:30: Finals

5:00: Round 6 \*Note: the schedule for elimination rounds will be

6:30: Round 7 (tab open to all coaches shortened if possible

 for early review of ballots)

**EVENT INFORMATION:**

1. **Awards:** will be presented to all elimination round participants and the top five speakers in each division of debate. The top three programs will receive awards for sweepstakes and the top community college will be awarded for overall sweepstakes.
2. **Divisions**: Novice, junior varsity, varsity, and professional IPDA debate will be offered See IPDADebate.info for division eligibility requirements (or simply ask us if you need clarification). Schools will not be limited in entries per event; however, only the top 4 debaters in each division will count for sweepstakes awards.
	1. All IPDA debate rounds shall follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time.
	2. If LaTech places competitors in the tournament, they will neither be counted toward sweepstakes not will they be eligible for speaker awards. No LaTech competitor will be judged by individuals affiliated with LaTech.
	3. NO TECHNOLOGY ACCESS IS ALLOWED IN A ROUND. This includes use of phones by judges. If your school is found to be in violation of this, a competitor at random will be disqualified from your school.
3. **Points Formula**
	1. All of a school’s top four competitors in a division will count towards sweepstakes totals.
	2. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:
		1. 3 points for each preliminary round win
		2. 3 points for breaking to elimination rounds
		3. 5 points for 1st speaker
		4. 4 points for 2nd speaker
		5. 3 points for 3rd speaker
		6. 2 points for 4th speaker
		7. 1 point for 5th speaker
	3. Tiebreakers
		1. Debate: for determining competitors advancing to elimination rounds we will look first at the number of wins, second to high/low adjusted speaker points, and third to the number of total speaker points. For determining speaker awards in individual debate, we will look first to high/low adjusted speaker points and second to total speaker points.
		2. Sweepstakes: in the event of a sweepstakes tie, we will look first to number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds and second to preliminary round win percentage (debate).
4. **Judges:** One judge up to 4 debaters. Once eliminated from competition, debaters may be used to judge elimination rounds of debate. All judges are obligated to judge one more round beyond the elimination of their program.
5. **Fees:** IPDA Entries are $25.00 each and uncovered entries are an additional $15.00 each. Change Fees: Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 11, 2017. 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.
6. **Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received by Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 5:00 pm. They may be emailed to megan@latech.edu (preferred) or phoned to 318-843-4214. Changed will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, October 11, 2017. 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 Confirmation:** Entry confirmation will be sent by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. If you have sent an entry and do not receive a confirmation by that time please call Megan Smith at 318-843-4214. Complete entry verifications and relevant tournament information will be sent via email by the morning of Wednesday, October 11, 2017.

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| **Competitor(s)** | **Division** **(Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, or Professional)** | **Judges****(One judge covers up to four competitors)** |
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\_\_\_\_ IPDA @ $25 each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ UnCovered IPDA @ additional $15 each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_