



**Univ. of Central Arkansas**

**“End of Hi-BEAR-Nation”**

**Debate Tournament**

**University of Central Arkansas**

**March 30 – April 1, 2012**

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the University of Central Arkansas Debate and Competitive Speech program, we are pleased to invite you to the 4th Annual End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament at the University of Central Arkansas on March 30—April 1, 2012. Our tournament is open to all who wish to participate. We will feature all three divisions of individual IPDA debate (Professional, Varsity, and Novice). Once again, we will prepare everyone for the IPDA National Championship by offering eight preliminary rounds.

You will find all of the pertinent information included with this invitation. We look forward to seeing all of you on our campus.

Sincerely,

Mark Lowery, Director of Forensics  
Anthony McMullen, Director of Debate  
UCA Debate and Competitive Speech

## Tournament Headquarters

The tournament will be headquartered at the College of Business Building on the University of Central Arkansas campus. There should be plenty of parking near the building (but do not park in the row of spaces marked “Reserved 24/7”).

- From I-40 East: Take Exit 127, then turn right onto E. Oak Street. Drive about three miles (through Downtown Conway, where Oak Street will turn into Caldwell Street), then turn left onto Donaghey Avenue. Drive about one mile, and the College of Business will be on your right.
- From I-40 West: Take Exit 129, then take Dave Ward Drive West. Drive about three miles, then turn right onto Donaghey Avenue. Drive about one-half mile, and the College of Business will be on your left.

**The University of Central Arkansas is a No Smoking Campus. The prohibition against smoking extends to all UCA property, including parking lots.**

## Hotel Information

Conway has a number of area hotels, but the following are right off Interstate 40 and less than ten minutes from the UCA campus. We have secured special rates at 3 different price points. Just reference “UCA Debate” when you call to make reservations. The following hotels are all in the same vicinity and near a number of restaurants and shopping areas:

### **Best Western**

816 E. Oak Street  
Conway, Arkansas  
(501) 329-9855  
\$68.58 - double room  
incl. contl. breakfast

### **Hampton Inn**

810 Museum Road  
Conway, Arkansas  
(501) 329-8999  
\$79.00 - double room  
incl. hot breakfast for 4

### **Hilton Garden Inn**

805 Amity Road  
Conway, Arkansas  
(501) 329-1444  
\$89.00 - double room (queen beds)  
incl. cooked to order breakfast for 4

## Registration and Fees

The fee is \$25.00 per covered entry; uncovered entries are \$15.00 extra (\$40.00 total). One judge covers four entries, and in IPDA, there are no requirements to be a judge (other than the ability to be open-minded and be of reasonable intelligence). As is standard procedure at most IPDA tournaments, judges are obligated until one round after their team’s last debater is eliminated, and competitors who do not reach the elimination rounds may be used as judges.

The divisions are as follows:

**Novice:** Competitors must not have competed in more than ten tournaments in any format of debate on any level (high school or college) and must be eligible to compete in Varsity

**Varsity:** Competitors must not have received a four-year undergraduate degree, must be currently enrolled students at the institution they are representing, and must not have represented a college or university in debate for more than ten semester (or fifteen quarters)

**Professional:** Any competitor may enter

The entry deadline is **Tuesday, March 27, 2012** at 4:30 p.m. Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, March 28, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Each individual change after that will be \$10.00. Register by sending an e-mail to Anthony McMullen at [amcmullen@uca.edu](mailto:amcmullen@uca.edu).

### **Tournament Notes**

All of the rules guiding IPDA will apply to our tournament. These rules can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.info>. We will follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format.

Because this will be the last competitive opportunity before the IPDA Championship, UCA debaters may be competing in some divisions. Every effort will be made not to have UCA competitors judged by UCA judges. In the event that more judges are needed than clean judges available, we guarantee that UCA competitors will be judged by UCA lay judges and not debate team members.

### **Sweepstakes and Awards**

We will present awards to the top five speakers in each division, to individuals reaching the elimination rounds, and to the top three schools. The top four entries in each division will count toward sweepstakes, which will be calculated through the conclusion of out rounds. Sweepstakes will be counted as follows:

- 5 points for each preliminary round win/bye
- 5 points for each break
- 10 points for each elimination round win
- 10 points for 1st speaker in each division, 8 points for 2nd speaker, etc.

We will also present our “Bear It All” award to the team with the highest preliminary round winning percentage, regardless of size (three competitors minimum).

### **Tentative Tournament Schedule**

#### **Friday, March 30**

3:30 Registration  
4:00 Round 1 Draw  
5:45 Round 2 Draw  
7:30 Round 3 Draw

#### **Saturday, March 31**

8:30 Round 4 Draw  
10:15 Round 5 Draw  
Noon Lunch  
12:45 Round 6 Draw  
2:30 Round 7 Draw  
4:15 Round 8 Draw  
6:30 Coaches Review  
7:00 1<sup>st</sup> Elimination Rd.

#### **Sunday, April 1**

9:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Elimination Rounds  
10:45 Awards  
ASAP Remaining Elimination Rds.

*Plans are to provide lunch Saturday afternoon.*