



2022 “THE MENDOZA DEBATES AT LEE COLLEGE” BAYTOWN, TX – FEBRUARY 4-6, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Lee College, the faculty of the Division of Speech Communication, Languages & Teacher Education, and the competitors of the Lee College Debate Team, I would like to cordially extend an invitation for you to attend the Spring 2022 “Mendoza Debates at Lee College” in Baytown, TX on February 4-6, 2022. Yes, we’re planning to be back on campus with reasonable safety protocols in place to provide you with the most enjoyable tournament experience possible.

The competition will feature both TIPDA and IPDA (Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional) in a single kickoff weekend. In addition to our four Team Debate rounds, there will be six preliminary rounds of individual competition on Saturday.

All entries must be received by Tuesday, January 31, 2022, at 5:00 pm. Digital registration will occur via ForensicsTournament.net. Changes will be accepted without charge until Wednesday, February 1, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at which point fees will be set. Late fees will be charged for any changes after the 1st at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry).

Our hope is that this will be an excellent chance for colleges and universities in the mid-South to hit their stride with a face-to-face tournament early in the Spring as we all gear up for Nationals in April. Pre-tournament updates will be distributed via the IPDA Listserve and ForensicsTournament.net.

Cordially,

Joe Ganakos,
Director of Forensics
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2022 SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

- While Texas higher educational institutions are currently prohibited from mandating masks or vaccination, we STRONGLY encourage all participants to wear masks while indoors (including for competition).
- Hand sanitizer stations are located in every tournament building, and we strongly encourage basic hygiene (rigorous hand washing, etc.) to be practiced by all participants.
- We strongly encourage minimizing physical contact (avoiding shaking hands, hugs, etc.) between participants and to practice social distancing to the greatest degree possible.
- We will be endeavoring to keep one team per prep space to permit you greater flexibility.
- Any participant experiencing symptoms (fever, sneezing, coughing, extreme fatigue, etc.) consistent with COVID should be immediately reported to the program’s coach. Coaches should liaise with the tournament director regarding any potentially ill participant or possible exposure with their teams.
- We ask that anyone displaying symptoms self-isolate in their hotels rather than traveling to campus for any part of the tournament weekend.
- Any changes to this policy will be communicated to all coaches.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

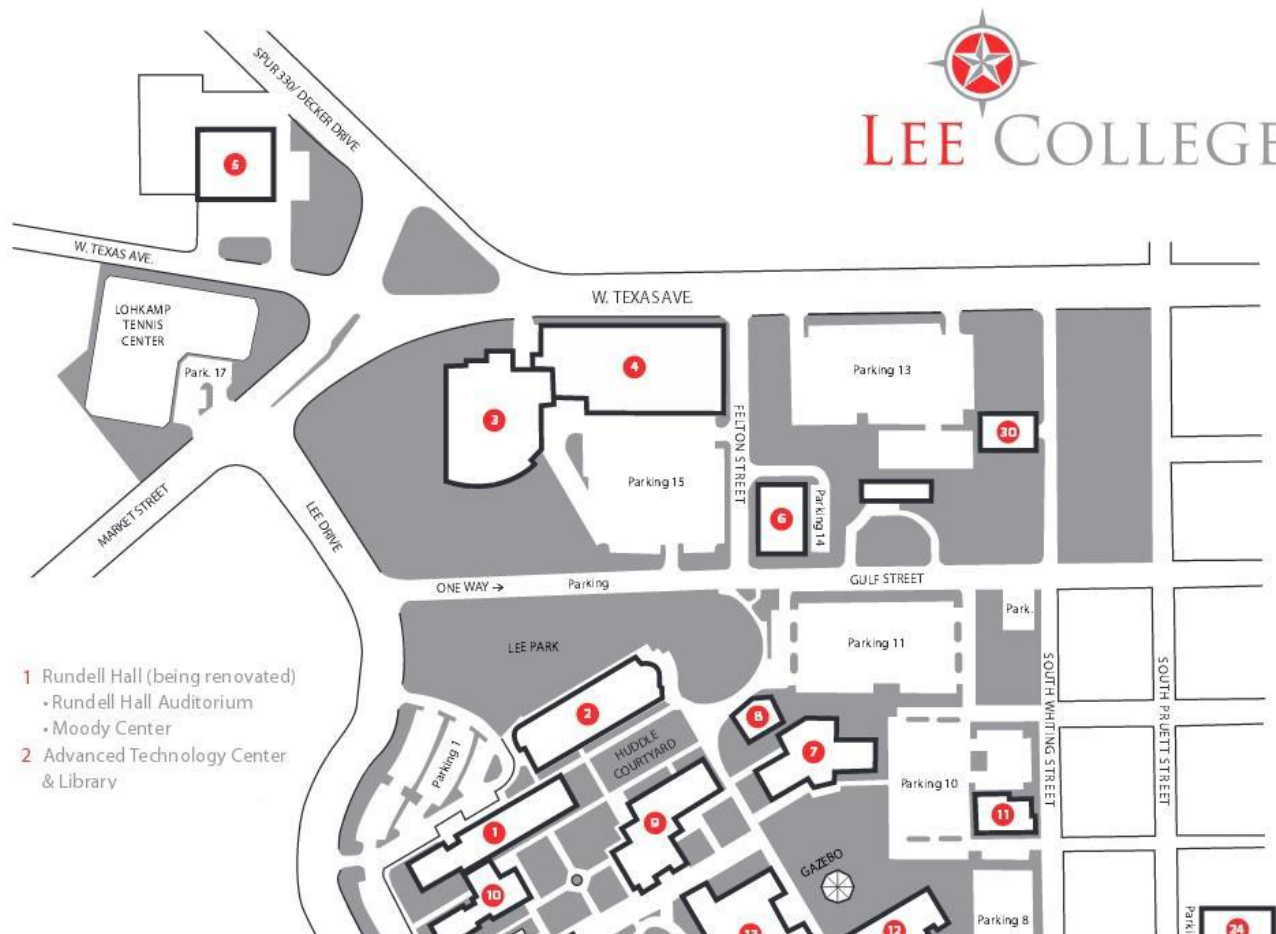
We have a wide variety of local hotels convenient to the Lee College campus easily accessible from I-10, and near shopping and dining that you may wish to consider:

- La Quinta Inn 281.421.5566
- Baymont Inn & Suites 281.839.1400
- Hampton Inn 281.421.1234
- Days Inn 281.421.2233
- Days Inn – Baytown East 281.573.1400
- Comfort Suites 281.421.9764
- Sleep Inn 281.421-7200
- Econo-Lodge Inn & Suites 281.837-5560

If you have questions regarding alternative lodging please call me for more options.

ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION:

Registration will be in the first floor lobby of the Lee College ATC & Library (“2” on the map below) located at 150 Lee Drive, Baytown, TX. Each team will be provided a welcome packet with a schedule, map, and information about local restaurants and activities. Parking lots 1 and 11 are the most convenient. Awards will be in Rundell Hall (“1” on the map below).



PARKING:

No parking passes will be required for the duration of the tournament. We anticipate ample parking for cars and vans with handicapped-accessible parking convenient to all facilities.

DIRECTIONS:

The Lee College physical address is 200 Lee Drive, Baytown, TX 77520; registration, tab room, prep rooms and most competition rooms will be in the LC Advanced Technology Center & Library located at 150 Lee Drive.

FROM HOUSTON, TX

1. Take I-10 East to Spur 330 (Baytown).
2. Exit Spur 330 to Decker Drive.
3. Follow Decker Drive for approx. 1.5 miles as it merges with Market St. and turn left on Lee Drive.
4. Parking Lot 1 for the ATC Building will be your second left (across from Baytown Centennial Park).

FROM TOURNAMENT HOTELS

1. Take Garth Road from the intersection of Garth Road and I-10.
2. Turn left on Decker Drive and it will merge into Market St.
3. Turn left on Lee Drive.
4. Parking Lot 1 for the ATC Building will be your second left (across from Baytown Centennial Park).

MEALS & STUDENT SERVICES:

Since most of the tournament falls on a weekend preceding the beginning of the semester, our campus food service will be closed for the majority of the tournament. Numerous options for quick dinners will be available convenient to both the campus and hotels we've recommended. Due to pandemic safety measures, we will be unable to provide complimentary pizza this year (due to risks of common food provision); instead, we've extended the Saturday lunch break to accommodate bringing in meals from local restaurants or having meals delivered (Uber Eats, Waitr, Door Dash, etc.). Vending machines will be available in all buildings.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to all elimination round participants in all events. Awards shall be presented to the top five speakers in each debate division. The three top programs and the top community/junior college shall receive awards for Sweepstakes. In addition, we'll be continuing to offer the "Mendoza Cumulative Sweepstakes" award.

SCHEDULE:

Due to the constraints of online competition, we'll be starting at 10:00am to reduce the impact on any West Coast competitors. Additionally, all rounds will be single flighted in order to encourage an on-time schedule.

<u>Friday, Sept. 17</u>	<u>Saturday, Sept. 18</u>	<u>Sunday, Sept. 19</u>
11:00-11:30: Registration (TIPDA/IPDA)	9:00: TIPDA Finals	8:30-8:50: Coaches' Review
11:45: TIPDA Round 1	9:45-10:15: Registration (IPDA)	9:00: IPDA Elim 1
1:15: TIPDA Round 2	10:45: IPDA Round 1	10:30: Awards
2:45: TIPDA Round 3	12:15: IPDA Round 2	11:00: IPDA Elim 2
4:15: TIPDA Round 4	1:45: IPDA Round 3	12:15: IPDA Elim 3
6:15-6:35: Coaches' Review	3:15: Lunch Break	1:30: IPDA Elim 4 (if needed)
6:45: TIPDA Quarterfinals	4:15: IPDA Round 4	
8:15: TIPDA Semifinals	5:45: IPDA Round 5	
	7:15: IPDA Round 6	

EVENT INFORMATION:

A. General information

1. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate sweepstakes awards.
2. We will provide ADA accommodations upon request; please let us know at the time you enter if you need any special arrangements.
3. The tab room will operate on a closed basis; tab staff will be available via chat and cell phone.

B. IPDA/TIPDA Considerations

1. Please adhere to all rules expressed in the Bylaws and Constitution of the IPDA.
2. In order to keep the tournament running on time, please remind your competitors that they should activate their timers when draw begins, not after the strike process ends.
3. Please remind your judges that electronic devices are NOT permitted for anyone while rounds are in progress.

C. Tournament Ethics Statement

1. The behavior of all attending the Mendoza Debates at Lee College will be in keeping with the [NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct](#). We encourage all programs to review these expectations prior to entering this tournament.
2. The Mendoza Debates at Lee College expects that behavior between all participants, coaches, judges, and guests be respectful and appropriate at all times. If any participant has concerns over propriety or good sportsmanship, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach, judge, or guests should address any concerns with the Tournament Director exclusively.
3. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is binding and final.

JUDGES:

One judge during debate rounds covers 4 IPDA debaters or two TIPDA pairs. As is commonplace in IPDA, once eliminated from competition, IPDA competitors may be used to judge IPDA elimination rounds. All judges are obligated to judge one round beyond the elimination of their program. If you do not bring judges, you will be charged additional fees. For the first time ever, we definitely need your judges more than the fees; PLEASE assist us to the greatest degree possible. We will reserve the power to limit entries to make certain we can provide sufficient judging pools needed to keep clean rounds throughout the tournament. Your Judges and Competitors MUST provide email addresses (in ForensicsTournament.net) to receive their ballots, and providing cell phone numbers is STRONGLY encouraged.

ENTRIES & FEES:

Entries will be made via ForensicsTournament.net. **Please make any checks payable to “Lee College Debate Team”.**

Entry confirmations will be emailed to all coaches on Wednesday, February 1st, 2022 by 8:00 p.m.

Any program that has previously attended the Mendoza Debates and is experiencing financial hardship please contact Joe Ganakos at jganakos@lee.edu to discuss options.

Please Note: All entries must be received in ForensicsTournament.net by **Tuesday, January 31st at 5:00 p.m.** Changes will be accepted without charge until **Wednesday, February 1st at noon**, at which point fees will be set. Late fees of \$10.00 per alteration will be due for any changes after Wednesday, September 15th at noon (in addition to any fees associated with the entry). Any changes made after noon on Wednesday will need to be directly emailed to jganakos@lee.edu, and will be subject to a fee of \$15.00 per alteration, correction, or drop.



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SCHOOL: _____

COACH: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, January 31st at 5:00 pm CDT
 Changes Deadline: Wednesday, February 1st at 12:00pm CDT

	<u>IPDA Competitor</u>	<u>Division (PRO / VAR / JV / NOV)</u>
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	<u>IPDA JUDGE (one judge covers four debaters)</u>	<u>TIPDA JUDGE (one judge covers two teams)</u>
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REMINDER: ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COVERED

FEES

IPDA (Covered) _____ @ \$25.00 each = \$ _____
 IPDA (Uncovered) _____ @ \$40.00 each = \$ _____
 TIPDA (Covered) _____ @ \$50.00 each = \$ _____
 TIPDA (Uncovered) _____ @ \$65.00 each = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

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