



February 23, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Vanguard Debate Society, I am excited to invite your program to the campus of Arkansas State University – Beebe March 22-24, 2019 for the Abington Cup Collegiate Debate Tournament.

Named in honor of W. H. Abington, a public servant who's time in the Arkansas Legislature was committed to advancing some of the most progressive investments in higher education in the state's history including the chartering of the Junior Agricultural College of Central Arkansas (today ASU-Beebe), the tournament will feature educational competition centered on advancing public discourse.

The Abington Cup Tournament is a sanctioned tournament under the International Public Debate Association (IPDA), where competitors and programs will earn IPDA National Season Long points in competition for respective national awards.

The tournament will be open to any interested collegiate debate program seeking competition in public debate (IPDA); offering sweepstakes awards in University (four-year) and Community College (two year) divisions.

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The tournament will be tabulated on TRPC thanks to Jim Evans and Chris Brown of the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Programs are required to email entries and judges to evans@uamont.edu, brownct@uamont.edu, and zatucker@asub.edu before 4:00PM Monday, March 18, 2019.

The tournament will be headquartered in Dr. Eugene McKay Student Center (610 N Pecan Street Beebe, AR 72023); where registration, debate prep, and tabulation will be hosted.

We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition.

Yours for better discourse,

Zackery Tucker
Vanguard Debate Society, Director
Arkansas State University – Beebe



**ABINGTON CUP COLLEGIATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT
MARCH 22-24, 2019
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019 - TIPDA SCHEDULE

- 12:00-12:30PM: Registration
- 1:00PM: TIPDA Round 1
- 2:25PM: TIPDA Round 2
- 3:50PM: TIPDA Round 3
- 5:15PM: TIPDA Round 4
- 7:00PM: TIPDA Semifinals
- 8:30PM: TIPDA Finals

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019 – INDIVIDUAL IPDA SCHEDULE

- 7:00AM: Late Registration
- 7:30AM: IPDA Round 1, Flight A Draw
- 8:00AM: IPDA Round 1, Flight B Draw
- 9:15AM: IPDA Round 2, Flight A Draw
- 9:45AM: IPDA Round 2, Flight B Draw
- 11:00AM: IPDA Round 3, Flight A Draw
- 12:30AM: IPDA Round 3, Flight B Draw
- 12:45-1:15PM: Lunch (*Pizza Provided*)
- 1:15PM: IPDA Round 4, Flight A Draw
- 1:45PM: IPDA Round 4, Flight B Draw
- 3:00PM: IPDA Round 5, Flight A Draw
- 3:30PM: IPDA Round 5, Flight B Draw
- 4:45PM: IPDA Round 6, Flight A Draw
- 5:15PM: IPDA Round 6, Flight B Draw
- 6:30PM: IPDA Round 7, Flight A Draw
- 7:00PM: IPDA Round 7, Flight B Draw
- 8:15PM: IPDA Round 8, Flight A Draw
- 8:45PM: IPDA Round 8, Flight B Draw

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2019 – INDIVIDUAL IPDA SCHEDULE

- 8:00AM: Ballot Check
- 8:30AM: IPDA Elimination Round 1
- 10:30AM: Awards Ceremony
- ASAP: Remaining Elimination Rounds



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INVITATION DOCUMENT**

1. AWARDS.

Awards shall be presented to **all participants who advance to quarterfinal rounds in TIPDA & IPDA**, the **top five (5) speakers** in each division of debate, and debate **sweepstakes** in each format of debate. The **top three (3) university programs** shall receive awards for sweepstakes and the **top community college** will be awarded for sweepstakes. The **Abington Cup** will be awarded to the university and community college programs (with a minimum of three (3) competitors) with the highest percentage calculated with combine points earned by all competitors within a program divided the total of rounds participated by all competitors within said program.

2. SWEEPSTAKES CALCULATIONS.

Sweepstakes awards will be recognized for earning the most total culmination of points earned by each competitor of a program for the respective sweepstakes.

Sweepstakes points will be earned by the following matrix:

- 2 point for every TIPDA pre-elimination round win.
- 4 points for breaking into TIPDA eliminations.
- 1 point for every IPDA elimination round win.
- 4 points for breaking into IPDA eliminations.
- 10 points for ranking 1st, 8 points for ranking 2nd, 6 points for ranking 3rd, 4 points for ranking 4th, 5 points for ranking 5th in total pre-elimination speaker points earned per division.

3. TIEBREAKING.

Individual IPDA Debate: For determining competitors **advancing** to elimination rounds in **individual IPDA debate** tiebreaking will be determined on the total number of wins in that event, then high/low adjusted speaker points, and then the number of total speaker points.

Team IPDA Debate: For determining competitors **advancing** to elimination rounds in **team IPDA** debate, tiebreaking will be determined on high/low adjusted speaker points, then the total number of wins in that event, and then the number of total speaker points.

Speaker Awards: For determining **speaker awards** in individual debate, tiebreaking will be determined on high/low adjusted speaker points and then total speaker points.

Sweepstakes: For determining sweepstakes, tiebreaking will be determined on the number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds, then sweepstakes points earned pre-elimination round win percentage in that event.

4. JUDGES.

In individual IPDA debate, each program must provide one (1) judge for every four (4) debaters. In team IPDA debate, each program must provide one (1) judge for every two (2) debate teams. Judges entered in individual IPDA debate may also be entered to cover both team IPDA debate. Programs not be permitted to have uncovered entries. Debaters not advancing from pre-elimination rounds, will be entered as judges for elimination rounds. All judges are obligated to judge one (1) round beyond the elimination of their program.

5. TOURNAMENT FEES.

Entry Fee: Programs will be charged \$25.00 for each individual IPDA entry, \$15.00 for each entries covered at a one (1) judge per two (2) entry ratio, \$40.00 for each team IPDA entry.

Change Fees: Any drops or changes after 4:00PM Monday, March 18, 2019 will be charged a processing fee of \$5.00 per alteration. Any competitor of judge drops or changes made on the day of the tournament will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration.

6. ENTRY DEADLINE.

Email entries and judges to evans@uamont.edu, brownt@uamont.edu, and zatucker@asub.edu before 4:00PM Monday, March 18, 2019.

7. IPDA DEBATE.

The tournament will offer both individual and team formats of IPDA debate and will follow the rules of the International Public Debate Association. Programs should visit ipdadebate.info to review more information on time format(s) rules of evidence, style guide, and other needed guidance.

8. TABROOM AUDIT.

Before debate breaks are advanced, ballots will be made available during the coaches' check and scanned copies of ballots will be emailed to coaches for external reconciliation of results.



LOCAL HOTELS

BEEBE HOTELS	SEARCY HOTELS	CABOT HOTELS
Days Inn Beebe	La Quinta Inn & Suites	Days Inn & Suites
Knights Inn Beebe	Holiday Inn Express	Super 8
Budget Inn	Hampton Inn	Quality Inn
Economy Inn	Best Western Plus	American Best Value Inn
	Quality Inn & Suites	
	Microtel Inn & Suites	

LOCAL BEEBE RESTAURANTS

RECOMMENDED		
Kandela Grill, Mexican 1204 N Main St	Suttle's Roadhouse BBQ 2008 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Bee Aye (Hibachi Truck) Dewitt Henry & Pecan
Hot Basil, Thai 2010 Dewitt Henry Dr	Casa Mojitos, Mexican 1911 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Roper's Restaurant 1035 Hwy 64 W
Rise & Grind (coffee) 1129 Dewitt Henry Dr	Health Nut 1705 W Dewitt Henry Dr	
OTHER		
China Buffet 1703 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Waffle House 2200 W Center St	Sawbuck's Neighbrhd Grill 1901 W Dewitt Henry Dr
Sonic Drive-In 1506 W Dewitt Henry Dr 30 Hwy 64	Taco Bell 1950 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Hardee's 21 Hwy 64
Simple Simon's 1650 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Subway 1709 W Dewitt Henry Dr 2003 W Center (Walmart)	Pizza Hut 2047 W Center St
McDonald's 2415 W Center St		

DIRECTIONS

From Highway 67/167 take exit 29 to head east on North Pecan Street. After crossing Dewitt Henry Drive, the McKay Student Center is the first left.