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On behalf of the University of Central Arkansas, the UCA School of Communication, and UCA Debate and Forensics, we invite you to our campus for the Tenth Annual End of Hi-BEAR-Nation Debate Tournament, to be held March 9-11, 2018. Before you travel to the IDPA National Championship, we hope that you will join us for a fun weekend of IPDA Debate.

Our tournament is open to all who wish to participate. You will find all of the pertinent information included with this invitation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Go Bears!

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Tournament Headquarters: The tournament will be headquartered in the College of Business (COB). COB is located just north of the AETN headquarters on Donaghey Avenue. Parking passes will be unnecessary, but do not park in the row of spaces marked “Reserved 24/7.”

The University of Central Arkansas is a non-smoking campus. The prohibition against smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes) extends to all UCA property, including parking lots.

Hotel Information: There is no tournament hotel. Conway has plenty of hotels located near Interstate 40, and most are near restaurant and shopping options. Please contact us if you need help locating options or want recommendations.

Registration: Fees are \$25.00 per covered individual and \$40.00 per covered team. Uncovered entries are an additional \$15.00 per uncovered individual and \$25.00 per uncovered team. Please make checks out to the UCA Foundation. (Put “UCA Debate and Forensics” in the memo line.)

One judge covers four individual entries and/or two teams. In IPDA, undergraduates may be used as judges without jeopardizing their eligibility. As is standard procedure at most IPDA tournaments in this region, judges are obligated until one round after the team’s last debate has been eliminated, and eliminated competitors may be used as out round judges.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Changes may be made without penalty until Wednesday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m. At that time, fees will be locked. Register by sending your entry to Anthony McMullen at amcmullen@uca.edu.

Tournament Notes: All rules guiding IPDA debate, including division eligibility and times, will apply to this tournament. These rules can be found at ipdadebate.info. Per our tradition, preliminary rounds will be themed (e.g., domestic policy, economy and finance, education, pop culture, etc.).

Our goal is to provide eight rounds of IPDA debate for all divisions, but that might be difficult if we receive an insufficient number of Professional division entries. We reserve the right to reduce the number of Professional rounds if we receive insufficient entries.

UCA may enter competitors in to this tournament. However, we will ensure that UCA competitors are not judged by members of the UCA community, and UCA will not be eligible for any sweepstakes awards.

For Team IPDA, we will offer three elimination rounds. For IPDA, we will offer an appropriate number of elimination rounds, including partials to ensure that all winning records have a chance to break.

Awards: Awards will be given to all out round participants, the top five speakers in each division, and the top three programs in Team IPDA, IPDA, and overall. Sweepstakes will be calculated as follows:

Team IPDA: 2 pts/prelim win, 4 pts/break (two teams max)

IPDA: 1 pt/prelim win, 2 pts/break (three individuals per division max)

Speakers: 5 pts for 1st, 4 pts for 2nd, etc.

We will also present the “Big Bear” award to the team with the highest preliminary round winning percentage across all forms and divisions of debate, regardless of team size (three competitors minimum).

Tentative Schedule:

Friday:

12:00 – Registration

1:00 – Team Rd. 1

2:20 – Team Rd. 2

3:40 – Team Rd. 3

5:00 – Team Rd. 4

7:00 – Team Quarterfinals

8:30 – Team Semifinals

Saturday:

7:00 – Late Registration

7:30 – IPDA Rd. 1

9:00 – IPDA Rd. 2

10:30 – IPDA Rd. 3

12:00 – Lunch Break

12:30 – IPDA Rd. 4

2:00 – IPDA Rd. 5

3:30 – IPDA Rd. 6

5:00 – IPDA Rd. 7

6:30 – IPDA Rd. 8

Sunday:

8:00 – Ballot Check
and Team Finals

8:30 – IPDA Elim. Rd. 1

10:00 – Awards

10:45 – Remaining Rounds

Team IPDA Finals: If it is possible to schedule Team IPDA Finals without delaying IPDA Elim. Rd. 1, we will schedule that round during Sunday’s ballot check. Otherwise, that round will take place Saturday night at 8:00 p.m.