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Dear Colleagues,

We cordially invite you and your squad to the Jewell Debate Swing September 20 - 22, 2013. The Gina Lane Classic will be September 20-21, and the Georgia B. Bowman Debate Tournament will be September 21-22, 2013. The tournaments will feature open and junior divisions of parliamentary debate. We will be providing plenty of hospitality amid some excellent competition. The weather in Liberty is typically warm and beautiful this time of year. Kansas City International (MCI) is 20 minutes away and is served by a number of airlines, including low fare favorite Southwest Airlines. Kansas City is famous for football, jazz, and barbeque, and for casino enthusiasts, the riverboat casinos are 15 minutes away.

Appropriate awards will be given to all debaters reaching elimination rounds, as well as the top speakers in each division of debate. A sweepstakes award will be given to the top school (records of a school's best four teams in preliminary rounds will be considered), and swing awards will be given to the top team (total prelim wins, then lowest cumulative seed if needed) and top individual speaker (lowest cumulative speaker rankings, then total pts if needed). Five preliminary rounds and an appropriate number of out rounds will be offered in both tournaments. We will break brackets in elimination rounds. Time limits will be 7-8-8-8-4-5 with 20 minutes pre-round preparation. Central topic announcement will be used. An appropriate number of strikes will be honored in the open division. Joe Gantt, of Lewis and Clark College, will be directing tabulations. All competitors must meet either NPTE or NPDA eligibility rules.

Fees will be \$75 per debate team per tournament. The tournament will provide dinner on Friday, continental breakfast, pizza, an ice cream social on Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. One judge covers two teams. Each uncovered team will be charged an additional \$100 per tournament. You can pay by cash, check (Payable to: William Jewell College with Debate in memo line), or credit card. Please bring judges. We will probably hire additional judges (\$15 per round) that you bring beyond your judging requirement.

Hotel information is enclosed. You should make reservations no later than September 1. You must mention William Jewell College for the rate.

William Jewell College is located north of downtown Kansas City on I-35. Take I-35 north to the Liberty/Kansas Ave. (Hwy 152) exit. Follow Kansas east thru the Liberty square to Franklin. Turn right on Franklin and drive 2 blocks to Mill St. Turn left on Mill, look for the entrance to the College after approx. 3 blocks and turn left. Due to construction at the college, I will send an e-mail to all attendees in regards to accessing the main campus to drop off debaters. **Tournament headquarters will be in Gano Chapel.** Parking on Friday will be in the Commuter lot, which is located immediately to the (east) right after turning in to the campus entrance. Parking on Saturday and Sunday will be in the White Science lot.

We hope to see you in Liberty in 2013!

Sincerely,

Kevin Garner
Director of Debate
William Jewell College

Kyle Dennis
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Friday, September 20, 2013

Registration: Gano Chapel: 12:30pm-2:00pm
Topic announcements in Gano Chapel
Warm Wall in Yates College Union
2:00pm, Opening Assembly and Announcements
Topic Announcement, NPDA Rounds 1-2: 2:20pm
3:00pm, Round One
4:00pm, Round Two
5:00pm, Dinner, provided by the tournament
5:50pm, Topic Announce, Round 3
6:10pm, Round 3 (high-low)
7:20pm, Topic Announce, Round 4
7:40pm, Round 4 (high-low)
9:00pm, Topic Announce, Round 5 (high-low)
9:20pm, Round 5

Saturday, September 21, 2013

7:30am, Continental breakfast, Gano Assembly Room
Topic Announcements in Gano Chapel
8:00am, Topic Announce, Elim 1
8:20am, Elim 1
9:45am Topic Announcement, Elim #2
10:05am, Elim #2
11:30am Topic Announcement, Elim #3
11:50 am Elim #3
12:45pm Pizza Break
1:15 pm, Topic Announcement, Elim #4
1:35 pm, Elim #4
2:45 pm, Topic Announcement, Elim #5
3:05pm, Elim #5 *In case of close out, please provide cell phone information to be notified of a potential earlier start time!
3:45pm Ice Cream Social, Gano Assembly
4:30pm, Awards & Announcements, Gano Chapel
5:00pm Topic Announcement, Rounds 1-2
5:40 pm Round 1
6:40pm Round 2
7:50pm Topic Announcement, Round 3
8:10pm Round 3 (high-low)

Sunday, September 22, 2013

7:30am, Continental breakfast, Gano Assembly Room
8:00am, Topic Announce, Round 4 (high-low)
8:20am, Round 4
9:45am, Topic announce, Round 5 (high-low)
10:05am, Round 5
11:00am, Brunch for all participants
12:15pm, Topic announcement, Elim #1
12:35pm, Elim #1
2:00pm, Awards
2:30pm, Topic Announce, Elim #2
2:50pm, Elim #2
4:00pm, Topic Announcement, Elim #3
4:20pm, Elim #3
5:30pm, Topic Announcement, Elim #4
5:50pm, Elim #4
7:00pm, Topic Announcement, Elim #5
7:20pm, Elim #5

LODGING: All of these hotels are at I-35 and Hwy 152 (Kansas Ave.) This is the Liberty exit. They are surrounded by a number of restaurants, including Chipotle, Panera, Buffalo Wild Wings, Panda Express, Chili's, Longhorn Steakhouse, a number of fast food places, and all night places like Steak and Shake and Waffle House. Wal-Mart and Target are nearby. Mention **the William Jewell College Debate tournament for these rates**. Please make reservations by September 1 to guarantee these rates.

Fairfield Inn by Marriott \$79.00 plus tax
8101 N Church Road (access road to I-35)
I 35 North and Kansas Ave, Liberty
(816) 792-4000 – contact person: Sue

Hampton Inn \$99.00 flat rate
8551 N. Church Road (access road to I-35)
I-35 North and Kansas Ave., Liberty
(816) 415-9600 – contact person: Sherri

Holiday Inn Express \$99.95 flat rate
8230 N. Church Road (access road to I-35)
I-35 North and Kansas Ave., Liberty
(816) 781-5555 – contact person: Jeanne

JUDGING: All judges are committed the first full elimination round – and then one round after the elimination of your team. We ask all critics to adjudicate rounds in a fair and open-minded manner, awarding a win and a loss and speaker points appropriate to the quality of the teams. If a ballot is returned to the tab room without a decision and the critic is unwilling to make a decision, then the tab room will flip a coin on behalf of the teams in the round. If all parties in the debate agree to an alternative, non-competitive experience and the tab room is informed in advance, the tab room will be happy to facilitate this by removing both teams from the competition during that round. We ask that judges constrain themselves from judging former squad members and debaters with whom the critic has a close intimate relationship, romantic or otherwise, that might compromise the critic's ability to be objective. We also ask that competitors only request constraints in these obvious cases, or in cases of sexual harassment or similar extreme situations. Having an occasional disagreement with a critic, concerns about whether the critic will vote for you, or a belief that the critic will fail to adapt to your style of debate, is not a reason for a constraint and should instead be a strike. We ask that you respect this policy as a means of helping us create the best judging pool for the entire tournament.

ENTRY DEADLINE: All entries must be in the hands of the tournament director no later than 5:00pm on Tuesday, September 17. Additional guests beyond committed judges desiring to purchase meal tickets will be charged \$10 per day. All changes must be made before noon on Wednesday, September 18. Fees will be calculated at that time. You can register on Forensicstournament.com for both tournaments.

Questions? Email or call Kevin Garner at 816-377-4306 (cell) or garnert@william.jewell.edu