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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the University of Washington Department of Communication, the University of Washington Debate Union, and the Policy Debate Coalition at the University of Washington, I am pleased to announce the return of the **Becky Galentine Memorial Tournament**, to be held **February 13-14, 2015** on the beautiful campus of the University of the Washington in Seattle. I hope you will join us as we build a high quality, nationally-recognized tournament in as many formats of competition as possible

This year's tournament will offer a full complement of events, including the return of individual events to our tournament. These will include:

- Cross-Examination debate.
- Lincoln-Douglas debate.
- Public Forum debate.
- Congressional debate.
- Individual events.

We will include six preliminary debates in all divisions of debate (except Congressional debate). Our goal is promote quality debates and give opportunities for elimination round competition. Open divisions of cross-examination debate and Lincoln-Douglas debate will clear to quarterfinal levels, if entries permit. For scheduling reason on Saturday, competitors in Open CX debate will not be permitted to enter into individual events. We will also offer three rounds of individual events competition and subsequent final round. We will consider conducting a semi-final round, time permitting, in any division of individual events with sufficient entries.

Details on our schedule and fees will be forthcoming, but we expect to **our fees to be significant reduced** from the last year's project schedule. At this time, we are planning debate competition to conducted all day on Friday and continuing on Saturday, with IE events beginning Saturday. A forthcoming document on details will be placed on [forensicstournament.net](http://forensicstournament.net).

I hope you can join us for the Galentine. There is no better way to express our love for forensics than by spending Valentine's Day at the University of Washington honoring Becky Galentine, a great coach and mentor whose legacy in debate stretches throughout the Pacific Northwest and the nation.

Sincerely,

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