

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Seattle University is thrilled to invite you to our annual debate tournament on Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd, 2017. It is open to any team that would like to participate and if there is any way that we, or Seattle University, can help you attend, please feel free to let me know.

Our tournament will feature 6 preliminary rounds of British Parliamentary style debate, and an appropriate number of elimination rounds. There will be not be a separate novice division but, if the numbers allow for it, there will be a novice final.

Additionally, our tournament will feature an experienced judging pool and tab room. We will try to bring in enough judges so that every room of debate can have a panel of 3 judges. We ask that you bring N-1 judges to complete the judging pool.

On the logistics side, the tournament will be providing coffee and a light breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday as well as coffee and snacks throughout the day. There will be a break for lunch on both days, with many restaurants within a short walking distance of the tournament. Seattle University's campus is centrally located, walking distance from many hotels and restaurants.

We are very excited to host you this December and look forward to your entries. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions and please remember to register on [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) by November 28th, 2017.

Thank you,

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## **Registration & Fees**

We will accept entries on [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) Look for “2017 Seattle IV.”

**Registration deadline is Tues, Nov. 28. Drop deadline is Thurs. Nov. 30.**

Tournament fees are as follows-

School Fee: \$50

Team Fee: \$75

Uncovered Team Fee: \$150

We are asking that every team try to make their judging requirements (N-1) to ensure that every room of debate has a multi-judge panel. If for any reason your team cannot afford these fees, please let us know and we can work something out.

All checks should be made payable to Seattle University.

## **Lodging**

We have arranged a group rate at Silver Cloud Hotel that is an affordable and quality hotel option.

### **Silver Cloud Hotel (Right across the street from campus)**

#### **Ask for Seattle IV Debate Tournament Group Rate**

\$139 King; \$149 Two Queens *(note—there are additional taxes, fees, and additional people over 2 costs)*

Address: 1100 Broadway Seattle, WA 98122

Phone: (800) 590.1801

*--ALL: you cannot temporary park/unload at the front of the hotel due to the streetcar route in front of the hotel*

*--AIR TRAVELER: we recommend coming via Uber/Lyft or Light Rail.*

*--VANS-NO BUSES: van parking is limited—most of the garage has a low ceiling height; there is NO parking for buses/large shuttle buses.*

### **Best Western**

Address: 77 Yesler Way, Seattle, WA 98104

Phone: (206) 340-1234

### **Quality Inn and Suites at the Space Needle**

Address: 618 John Street, Seattle, WA 98109

Phone: (206) 728-7666

### **Homewood Suites Seattle**

Address: 1011 Pike Street, Seattle, WA 98101

Phone: (206) 682-8282

We may have limited crash available. If you are requesting crash, please be aware that it is on a first come first served basis so give us an early heads up.

## **Directions**

Come to Seattle University. We will be hosting the tournament in the Pigott Building.

Car and bus travel: <https://www.seattleu.edu/visit/getting-to-seattle-university/>

Plane and light rail travel: <https://www.seattleu.edu/visit/travel-information/>

The week of the tournament, we will send all teams a welcome packet that will include travel directions from the airport, local directions to the campus, information about where to eat, and a schedule with buildings and rooms. This information will also be posted at

[www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net)

**--Be sure your contact information—email address—is in [www.forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) for your school.**

## **Tentative Schedule**

### **Saturday, December 2**

8:30 - Registration (*Coffee and light breakfast provided*)

9:00 - Tournament Briefing

9:30 - Round 1 Announced

11:30 - Round 2 Announced

1:30 - Lunch on your own

2:30 - Round 3 Announced

4:30 - Round 4 Announced

6:30 - Break/Snack

7:00 - Round 5 Announced

### **Sunday, December 3**

8:30 - Roll Call (*Coffee and light breakfast provided*)

9:00 - Round 6 Announced

11:15 - Quarters or Semis

1:15 - Lunch on your own

2:15 - Semis or Finals/Novice Finals

4:30 (or ASAP) – Awards

5:15 (or ASAP) – Finals as is needed