California Lutheran University
2017 Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament
Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19, 2017
Thousand Oaks, California

Dear Coach:
The Cal Lutheran Debate Team and the La Reina Speech and Debate team invite you and your squad to participate in our Fifth Annual Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament to be held on Saturday-Sunday, February 18-19, 2017 (President's Weekend). We are also happy to have the help of the La Reina High School program in co-hosting the tourney at CLU.  Due to the size of the CLU campus, we may limit the total entry into the tournament at some point prior to the published deadline to registration, so early registration is advised.

We will have Open and Novice divisions. Students can double enter within the Events pattern but not in the Debate pattern. We will use the January/February and the November/December NSDA LD topic. Students can choose which topic to enter in. We will use the January Public Forum NSDA topic. Debate formats with low entries may have divisions combined. Parliamentary debate will have open prep with one topic per round. If we double flight we'll announce two different topics.  One for Flight A and one for Flight B. All Individual Events will be in one pattern of Novice and Open divisions. Double entries in Events are allowed. We will also offer one division of Student Congress.

Happy New Year!
Jennifer Marshall, Faculty Advisor, CLU Debate Club
Jewel Soiland, Debate Team President
Melan Jaich, Debate Coach

Big Question Debate

This year we'll be adding one division of Big Questions to the tournament. It will use the debate pattern for Saturday with one elim on Sunday. Please provide one judge for every two entries.

Resolution: “Science leaves no room for free will.”

Students who are competing with a partner will alternate speeches and share their prep time, much like Public Forum or Policy. The first speaker will present the Constructive, participate in the first question segment, and give the Consolidation. The second speaker will give the Rebuttal, participate in the second question segment, and give the Rationale speeches. If an individual is debating, they will give every speech and participate in every question segment. Sides will be assigned prior to the beginning of the round. Tournament hosts may choose to limit their event to one entry type at their discretion, so be sure to check the requirements of the event you are attending.     Affirmative Constructive – 5 minutes  Negative Constructive – 5 minutes  Question Segment – 3 minutes  Affirmative Rebuttal – 4 minutes  Negative Rebuttal – 4 minutes  Question Segment – 3 minutes  Affirmative Consolidation – 3 minutes  Negative Consolidation – 3 minutes  Affirmative Rationale – 2 minutes  Negative Rationale – 2 minutes     Both sides will receive a five minute period of prep time to be used at any time (excepting in the middle of a speech which has begun) to prepare their speeches. Partners will share their prep time. Prep Time – 5 minutes / side Negative side is expected to present arguments that the resolution is actively false. Negatives must do more than refute the Affirmative case.

Web Registration
Entries will only be accepted on-line at the new site: tabroom.com.
It will take you a few minutes to set up your school's account, but once that is done the system is a breeze. Plus, the system will enter all your judges and competitors - so when you enter the next tournament that uses this system you will not have to type the judges and competitors names again. You will also be able to make changes to your entry up to noon Monday, February 13, 2017, with no additional fees.  If you are new to the online system, you will need to first "Set up a new account" for your school. After the account is set up, go to "Tournament Calendar" and it will let you click on "Entry." Often you need to select number of slots first and names second.

Deadlines
The system will accept entries and changes until  Monday, February 13, 2017. Make drops and adds on the web page. As of noon Tuesday, Tuesday, February 14, fees will be set and changes will not be allowed on-line. If you have drops after that date, please email them to me at mjaich@mac.com. Changes or drops after February 14 at 6pm will be charged a $10 nuisance fee. All space in debate and events will be allocated on a first come, first served basis; register early.

Judges
Each judge covers two teams (Parli or Policy); four Public Forum teams/ four Lincoln Douglas debaters/duo entries or six event entries in each pattern. Please call if you have questions about your judging requirements. Schools will pay a judging penalty fee per event slot, Congress entry, Lincoln Douglas/Duo Interp or debate team not covered by school provided judges.  Varsity debaters in their senior year are allowed to judge Novice division students.

FEES:

School Fee $40

\_\_\_\_ number of Event entries/Congress entered X $10= \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ number of Duo Teams entered X $20 =\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ number of Parli. teams/P. F. teams/ LD entries/Big Questions X $20 =\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ number of Policy Teams X $35 = \_\_\_\_\_

Penalties for Not Providing School Judges

\_\_\_\_ Event entries/Congress entries uncovered X $10 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Duo entries uncovered X $20 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Parli. or PF teams/ L-D entries uncovered X $75  = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Policy Teams uncovered X $100 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Please make checks payable to "CLU Debate Society".

Debate Topics:

Big Questions Resolution: “Science leaves no room for free will.”
L/D Debate Topic:  January/February Topic and November/December \*
Public Forum Topic:  January Topic OR February Topic \*

2016-2107 Policy Debate Topic
Parliamentary Debate: One new topic will be provided each round and flight.

\*Please make sure your debaters are registered for the correct topics and divisions

Divisions:
Novice and Open Division in Debate and Events except Congress and Big Questions. Novice is defined as the first year of competition without advancing to elimination rounds. Smaller divisions may get collapsed into varsity.

Patterns:
Debate Pattern: Policy, Parliamentary, Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas Debate plus Congress are in one pattern.
Events Pattern: Extemporaneous/Dramatic Interpretation /Expository/Original Prose Poetry / Oratorical Interpretation/ Impromptu /Persuasive /Humorous Interpretation/Thematic Interpretation and Duo Interpretation.

General Rules:
School registration in part or whole may be rejected due to space considerations - please register early! Every year several schools cannot attend or have their entries restricted. The tournament will consist of five preliminary debate rounds and the three preliminary rounds of events. Novice are those students in their first year of competition. All divisions will receive trophies. We reserve the right to combine divisions if the entry warrants.

Sweepstakes:
Because of the novel schedule this year we will offer two Sweepstakes sets of awards: 1rst thru 3rd in Events and 1rst thru 3rd in Debate.

Events Rules:
Students may double enter in Events. Generally we use CHSSA rules but not in all cases. Exceptions include: Persuasive will include both advocacy and other "persuasive" speeches. Extemp is combined national and international. OO, Persuasive and OA are combined as "Oratory". Semifinals will be held in individual events with 50 or more entries or the discretion of the tournament director. Under subscribed events may waive finals.

Debate Rules:
We will accept hybrid pr 3 person teams in debate but you cannot double enter in the debate pattern. We do not accept single person teams.  Brackets will be broken to avoid teams from the same school hitting each other. Debate will advance to octofinals if entry warrants. Check the schedule at registration to determine divisions going to octofinals. Parliamentary Debate uses the CHSSA format.
Computers are allowed in all events except during the Parliamentary rounds. For parliamentary debate, computers may only be used during prep.

Congress Rules:
Congress will have one open division only. Please designate the PO's with a 'po' for every ten entries. Congress bills will be posted on Tabroom closer to the date of the tournament.

SCHEDULE  California Lutheran University Invitational 2017  (Please note there is also free street parking nearby)
Saturday, February 18, 2107
Directions to CLU can be obtained from www.callutheran.edu.
Registration 7:00am-8:00am  Overton Hall, CLU South campus near flagpole
8:30 am Extemp Prep Round I
9:00-10:30 a.m. Round I All Events
9:30-10:30 a.m. Late Registration Debate Only  - Overton Hall
11:00-1:00p.m. Debate Round I Congress Rd. I Bills 1-2\* Big Questions Rd 1
1:00 p.m.  Extemp Prep Round II
1:30 p.m.-2:30p.m.  Events Round II
2:30 p.m.-4:30p.m. Debate Round II Congress Rd. 2 Bills 3-4\* Big Questions Rd 2
4:45 p.m.-6:30p.m. Debate Round III Congress Rd 3 Bills 5-6\* Big Questions Rd 3
6:30-7:00 p.m. Extemp Prep Round III
7:00-8:30 p.m. Round III Events
10:30p.m.   Events and Congress Breaks Posted Online at Tabroom.com

Sunday, February 19, 2017
8:30a.m. Extemp Prep Finals
9:00a.m. - 10:30a.m. Finals All Events/ Congress Final Bills 7-8\*
10:30a.m. -12:30p.m. Debate Round V  Big Questions Elim 1
12:30p.m.  Awards .Events and Congress
2:00p.m. - 4:00pm  Debate Round VI
4:00-6:00 p.m. Debate Elim 1
6:00-8:00 p.m. Debate Elim 2
8:00-10:00 p.m. Debate Elim 3

\*Congress bills will be posted on Tabroom.