



June 11, 2016

Dear Colleagues:

We cordially invite you to join us for the newly christened **Dr. George W. Ziegelmueller--“The Ziggy”—invitational tournament at Wayne State University** in Midtown Detroit, MI. This year’s tournament will be held on Saturday-Monday, October 22-24, 2016.

We will offer three divisions of debate and seven rounds of preliminary debates followed by an appropriate number elimination debates. Novice will feature one round that is a teach-in session. Please manage tournament entry through Tabroom.com until October 17 at 6:00 EST. Drops after October 19 at 6 pm EST are subject to a drop fee equal to the participant fee.

Preliminary debates will occur in Manoogian Hall (906 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201) and elimination debates will be hosted in our newly remodeled campus Student Center (5221 Gullen Mall Detroit, MI 48202).

Fees are \$50 per person (debater, coach, judge, or observer). We will provide every meal from Saturday morning through Sunday dinner. Meals on Monday are on your own, but there are several breakfast, lunch, and dinner options in and near our Student Center. If entry fees or hotel costs are prohibitive for your program, please contact us and we will assist as much as possible.

Various tournament information (e.g., current ADA rules, maps, restaurant guides) are located at our website <http://www.wsuforensics.org/tournaments.htm>.

We look forward to hosting you in Motown and the Motor City this October! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelly Young at [Kelly.young@wayne.edu](mailto:Kelly.young@wayne.edu) or 313-577-2953 (office).

Sincerely,

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## **FORMAT**

Topic: The tournament will employ the 2016-2017 CEDA national debate topic.

Sanctioning: Our tournament is sanctioned for ADA, CEDA, and NDT sweepstakes points and offers competition in three divisions: varsity, junior varsity, and novice. We will adhere to the latest ADA rules regarding competition rules, student eligibility for divisions, and tournament administration. ADA rules will be enforced by the tournament director. Current ADA rules may be found at <http://www.wsuforensics.org/tournaments.htm>

Preliminary Rounds: Seven preliminary rounds will be offered in Open and Jr Varsity. Novice will include six preliminary rounds and one novice teach-in session.

We will not require that novices use only the ADA restricted set of novice evidence.

Elimination Rounds: An appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered in accordance with ADA rules and based on the size of the tournament. Brackets will NOT be broken.

Additional Policy Statements: The tournament agrees to comply with the underlying principles of CEDA's Statement on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination and the Statement of Ethical Principles.

In compliance with ADA rules, results of the tournament will be submitted to the ADA Vice President within two weeks of the conclusion of the tournament.

## **ENTRIES**

Eligibility: Participant eligibility in each division is governed by ADA and CEDA rules.

Hybrid Entries: Hybrid teams may compete in preliminary rounds and are eligible to clear to elimination debates and receive speaker awards.

Mavericks/Sick Debater: Mavericks are not eligible to enter the tournament. Should one debater from a team become ill or unable to debate in any given round, that round will be forfeited.

Entry Deadline: Please enter using Tabroom.com by October 17, 2016 by 6:00 EST. After that deadline, please email entry changes to Kelly Young ([Kelly.young@wayne.edu](mailto:Kelly.young@wayne.edu)). Entries must be finalized by October 19 by 6:00 pm EST.

Drops: Teams dropped after October 19 @ 6:00 pm will be responsible for all participant fees.

Tournament Registration: Registration will occur Friday evening at the St. Regis Hotel from 7-9 pm (location in lobby TBA).

## **JUDGING**

Commitment: Each school must provide 4 rounds of qualified judging for each team entered in the tournament (7 for two teams). All judges will be required to judge through the first elimination debate on Monday morning (unless notified otherwise the evening before) or one round after your last team is

eliminated, whichever occurs later.

Hired Judging: A very limited number of judges will be available for hire at \$30 per round (\$120 per uncovered team). If you need to hire judges, we strongly encourage you to use the hired judge exchange on tabroom.com first but please let us know earlier if we might need to offer you hired judges. Please don't assume that they will be available at the last minute.

Placement: Judges will be placed using mutual preference in all divisions.

Speaker Points: We will use a 30-point scale with .1 increments. No ties are allowed.

## **FEES**

Entry fees are \$50 per participant (debater, coach, judge, or observer). Please make checks payable to Kelly Young. I currently do not have credit card payment options, but if this is necessary, please email me and I can likely set something up. Fees include cover 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 2 dinners, snacks during the tournament, and campus parking for 3 days on campus.

## **HOTEL**

We are returning to the recently renovated St. Regis Detroit, located 6 minutes from the competition buildings.

St. Regis Detroit, 3071 W Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48202, 313-877-3000, <http://www.hotelstregisdetroit.com/>. Rate: \$99/double, \$89/single. \$20/day valet parking (there's very limited midtown/downtown parking – this is your best and most secure option). Ask for "Wayne State Debate Tournament Room Block." **Deadline for reservations is early, so please reserve by September 30.**

\*\*\*A great deal of construction is happening in the Midtown/Downtown area as a light rail train and a new hockey arena are being built. I chose the St Regis in part because its location should allow you to avoid a great deal of the weekend headaches caused by this construction. By October, much of this construction should be done near the hotel and WSU campus. The problem will be as you head further downtown. From the St. Regis \*\*\*

Other hotel options include:

**Best Western Greenfield Inn** located in Allen Park. Victorian-themed hotel, popular with high school groups staying in the area. <http://www.bestwesterngreenfield.com/>. 3000 Enterprise Drive • Allen Park, MI 48101 • Phone & Fax: (313) 271-1600. 12-15 minutes from campus – Monday rush hour will be longer. It is also located directly across I-94 from a shopping center with a number of restaurants, stores, and Starbucks.

Other hotels in the Dearborn area:\*

**Extended Stay America Detroit - Dearborn**

260 Town Center Dr.

Dearborn, MI 48126

### **Hampton Inn Detroit/Dearborn @ Greenfield Village**

20061 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, USA 48124

Tel: +1-313-436-9600 Fax: +1-313-436-8345

\*I cannot speak to the quality of these hotels except that they are in good areas generally and close to both the airport and campus. I have only done business with the Best Western and received no complaints about the hotel (other than its somewhat odd Victorian-theme).

Airport: The Detroit Metro Airport is an outstanding hotel, hub for Delta Airlines. It's located approximately 20 minutes from campus, taking I-94.

## **TOURNAMENT LOCATION & PARKING**

Preliminary debates will occur in Manoogian Hall (906 W. Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201) and elimination debates will be hosted in our newly remodeled campus Student Center (5221 Gullen Mall Detroit, MI 48202).

### DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS FROM ST REGIS & CAMPUS MAPS:

- St Regis to Campus: <https://goo.gl/maps/JBpj8mLTayt>
- St Regis to Student Center drop off: <https://goo.gl/maps/BfTr5B1Sp8B2> (the directions are a little off – you do not have to drive so far south on Anthony Wayne in order to execute a “Michigan Left” turnaround. When you see an Einsteins, Starbucks, and Jimmy Johns on your left, you can use the left turn around there to head back north to where the Student Center drive is located).
- General Campus Map is here [http://maps.wayne.edu/pdf/print\\_map.pdf](http://maps.wayne.edu/pdf/print_map.pdf)
- Manoogian Hall (prelim location) is here: <http://maps.wayne.edu/#buildings-manoogian-hall>
- Student Center (elims location) is here: <http://maps.wayne.edu/view/#student-center>

### DIRECTIONS FOR PARKING:

At registration, I will provide you single-use parking cards for each day. Use either Structure 2 (for cars or minivans <http://maps.wayne.edu/view/#structure2>) or Lot 50 (larger vans <http://maps.wayne.edu/view/#lot-50>).

For Structure 2, after you drop off your students at the Manoogian Building, you will need to drive north on the Lodge Service Drive and resist the urge to pull into the Faculty/Staff only entrance (your cards won't work there) and drive around the structure and then turn right on to a service drive before you get to a street light. This takes you to the front entrance of the structure where you guest parking cards will work.

Be warned: The City of Detroit, as you may have heard, is eager for revenue. As a result, avoid parking on the streets as our meters are a hassle for anything other than short-term parking.

Both lots are a short walk to Manoogian Hall. On Monday, it's about a 10-minute walk from Lot 50 to the Student Center.

## **Miscellaneous**

For further information and/or assistance, you may contact Kelly Young: Kelly.young@wayne.edu 313-577-2953.

Wayne State is a smoke-free campus, kind of. We implemented the policy this year but enforcement has been very lax. If you smoke, your best bet is use the Lodge Service Dr side of Manoogian Hall.

Audio and Video Recording: All rounds (defined as student speeches and judging critiques) should be considered open to the public. As a public activity these debates may be electronically recorded for private educational use by any tournament participant (registered coaches, debaters and helpers). Those who record are encouraged to receive permission from participants before anything is posted to a public forum. The debate rounds are open to the public and Wayne State University employees and student body.

## **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

### **Friday, October 21, 2016 – St Regis Detroit Hotel**

3:00 pm Judge preference info due via Tabroom.com  
7-9 pm Registration, St. Regis Detroit Lobby (location TBA)

### **Saturday, October 22, 2016 – Manoogian Hall**

7:30 am Breakfast & Rd 1 and Rd 2 pairings (pairings online) (Manoogian opens at 7 am)  
8:30 am Round 1 start time  
11:00 am Round 2 start time  
Lunch  
2:00 pm Round 3 pairings  
2:45 pm Round 3 start time  
Dinner  
6:15 pm Round 4 pairings  
7:00 pm Round 4 start time

### **Sunday, October 23, 2016 - Manoogian Hall**

7:30 am Breakfast & Rd 5 and Rd 6 pairings (pairings online)  
8:30 am Round 5  
11:00 am Round 6  
Lunch  
2:00 pm Round 7 pairings  
2:45 pm Round 7 start time  
Dinner  
6:15 pm First Elim released  
7:00 pm First Elim start time

### **Monday, October 24, 2016 – Wayne State Student Center**

7:30 a.m. Awards (Student Center opens at 7 am)  
8:30 a.m. 2nd Elim start time  
All subsequent elimination rounds will follow as soon as possible.