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## Millard North Debate cordially invites you to join us for The Milo Cup at Millard North in Omaha, NE!

### Why Attend The Milo Cup?

Year in and year out, we run one of the best and one of the most consistent tournaments in the country.

We promise to provide:

- A great and efficient tournament experience
- Single-flighted rounds ALWAYS
- A judges' and coaches' lounge that will contend for *Best in the Country*
- 6 prelims in all divisions of PF and LD with ALL 4-2 and better records clearing to elims
- Helpful, responsive, and independent tournament administrators

### Date & Host Site

The tournament will take place on February 17-18, 2017, with all events starting competition on Friday the 17th at Millard North High School (1010 S. 144<sup>th</sup> St. Omaha, NE 68154). The Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas Round Robin will occur on February 19, 2017, and information will be emailed out as teams are invited.

### Events

We offer open competition in Congressional Debate, Lincoln Douglas, Policy, and Public Forum

The Milo Cup at Millard North is a **QUARTERFINALS BID** to the **Tournament of Champions in Public Forum** and a **FINALS BID** to the **Tournament of Champions in Lincoln Douglas**.

### Fees

Policy -- **\$30**

Lincoln-Douglas -- **\$35**

Public Forum Round Robin -- **\$125**

Student Congress -- **\$20**

Public Forum -- **\$45**

Lincoln Douglas Round Robin -- **\$125**

### Online Entry

Entries will only be accepted online via [www.tabroom.com](http://www.tabroom.com). Deadline for regular tournament entries and judges entries is 5pm on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. For

Round Robin entries, the deadline is 11PM on Monday, February 6. Changes or drops can be emailed after this date to [awschurevich@mpsomaha.org](mailto:awschurevich@mpsomaha.org).

## Awards

We will present the following awards:

- We will award Speaker Awards to the top 6 or the top 10% of the field – whichever is greater – in each division with special awards noted below for particular fields.
- Policy – Trophies for all quarterfinalists and beyond
- Congress – A gavel to the top PO in each preliminary house as well as a trophy to those finishing in the top 6 of the final house
- Lincoln-Douglas – Awards for octofinalists and trophies for Quarters and beyond
- Open Public Forum – Awards for octofinalists and trophies for Quarters and beyond
- Sweepstakes – A sweepstakes trophy for each of the top two finishing schools

Event breaks are subject to change based on entry numbers and/or judge availability.

## Special Awards

### **The Milo Cup - Sweepstakes:**

The Milo Cup will be presented to the team that finishes first in sweepstakes in honor of former Millard North debate coach Scott "Milo" Milliken. Milliken was the coach at MNHS for a stretch of time that covers 3 decades, and under his leadership and tutelage, thousands of students learned, competed, and grew. Milliken retired in 2014, and it is our pleasure to continue to honor his legacy by presenting The Milo Cup as an annual tradition.

### **The Schlessinger-Schuller Award - Public Forum Top Speaker:**

The PF Top Speaker Award is named in honor of Claire Schlessinger and Ygal Schuller, the first Millard North Public Forum squad to qualify to the Tournament of Champions. Schlessinger and Schuller were monumentally important to the long-term existence and stability of the Millard North debate team given that, at a great many tournaments of their era, *they simply were the entire Millard North debate team*. It will be our pleasure to award this trophy in Schlessinger and Schuller's honor for the first year of many to come.

### **The Burdt Award: Lincoln Douglas Top Speaker**

The LD Top Speaker Award is named in honor of Lauren Burdt, without whom Millard North Debate would not have had a NSDA runner-up and a TOC quarterfinalist. Burdt's contribution to our team and students has been monumental from her first moments at practice. When she came aboard, Millard North had never qualified an LD debater to the TOC, and within mere months, that was no longer true. Her skill as a debater is trumped only by her skill as an educator and coach, so it is our pleasure to award this trophy in Burdt's honor.

### **The Raksin Friend of Debate Award - Coaches/Judges/Volunteers:**

A solid wood, personalized baseball bat – a reference to Omaha's status as the home of the NCAA Men's College World Series – is awarded to a coach, judge, or volunteer that has dedicated themselves to the advancement of debate in high schools. The award is named in honor of Millard North alumni Alex Raksin and his monumental support for debate and the Millard North squad. Raksin's vision of the life-changing power of debate affirms the essential importance of our activity, and he actively dedicates himself to making debate accessible to as many students as possible.

## Judge Coverage

Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas judges are obligated through at least octofinals and then for one round beyond their teams' elimination. If a team's entries are eliminated prior to octofinals, their PF and LD judging obligation would be met following the octofinal debate.

Judges in policy are obligated for one round beyond their teams' elimination, and congressional debate judges are obligated for all prelims and finals.

The cost to hire a judge is as follows:

- Policy -- One judge per two entries  
(May be hired for \$200)
- Lincoln-Douglas – One judge per two entries  
(May be hired for \$200)
- Public Forum – One judge per two entries  
(May be hired for \$200)
- Congressional Debate – One judge per six entries or part thereof  
(May be hired for \$25 per debater)

Please limit your judge hire requests as there are only a limited number of these judges available. Teams traveling from out of state will have priority on hired judges and may be able to negotiate a lower hired judge fee.

Please note that all judges provided must be qualified to judge in the event for which you're hiring them. Varsity judges need to be experienced judges and/or debaters and must be out of high school.

An important note that all of your judges should be made aware of prior to the tournament: Judges will also be expected to disclose in round. If detailed oral comments are warranted, that's fine, but a completed ballot should be given to a runner prior to oral critique. Students, it's also important for you to remember that judges who are uncomfortable disclosing in debates often feel that way due to past negative experiences disclosing decisions. If you want judges to disclose decisions in your debates, treat your judges with respect and do not post-round your judges!

All Lincoln Douglas judges need to have a posted paradigm on <https://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/>. See the LD section below for more information.

## Policy Debate

We will follow the standard format with **8 minutes of prep time**. Policy will have five prelims (powered after two) breaking to a TBD elim level (either semis or quarters). The policy debaters at our tournament will have a large measure of control over whether we clear to semis or quarters in that their ability to be on time will have a great effect one way or the other on our ability to run a quarterfinal. If debaters, coaches, and judges keep to the schedule, a quarterfinal won't be a problem; if they hold up the tournament, a quarterfinal will become impossible.

## Lincoln-Douglas Debate

We will be using the January/February topic and follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format with **5 minutes of prep time**. We will have six prelims (powered after two) breaking to all 4-2's. There will be six prelims (powered after two), and all 4-2 records will clear to elimination rounds.

We will be utilizing mutual judge preference for our tournament, so we will need all judges to have a posted paradigm on <https://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/>. These paradigms must be posted by February 10, 2017. Teams with judges that do not have posted paradigms will not have their preferences honored.

### Public Forum Debate

We will use the February topic. There will be six prelims (powered after two), and all 4-2 records will clear to elimination rounds.

### Congress

Legislation will be posted ASAP.

Each school will be assessed a judging fee of \$150 for each six students. You can alleviate this fee by bringing a judge for each six entries. This fee will be prorated. So, if you bring three students you can pay \$75 or bring a judge. Your judges may only be used for ½ a day in congress, so please indicate which other event they would be willing to judge as well. These judges will all be finished before awards. These fees are higher than most of our local tournaments due to our effort to create a prelim/finals scenario at our tournament and the judge requirement that comes from that.

### PF & LD Round Robins

Invitations for our Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas Round Robins will be sent out shortly. If you would like to attend the either Round Robin but did not specifically receive an invite, please feel free to place your team on the waitlist. I'll contact the coaches of waitlisted entries to discuss their potential entry.

The Round Robin will be hosted at a facility yet TBD.

### Schedules

<b><u>PUBLIC FORUM &amp; LINCOLN DOUGLAS</u></b>		<b><u>POLICY</u></b>	
<u>Friday Feb. 17:</u>		<u>Friday Feb. 17:</u>	
Registration	11:00-12:30	Registration	11:00-12:30
Round 1	1:00	Round 1	1:00
Round 2	2:15	Round 2	3:00
Round 3	3:30	Dinner	5:00
Dinner	4:45	Round 3	5:30
Round 4	5:30		
<u>Saturday Feb. 18:</u>		<u>Saturday Feb. 18:</u>	
Round 5	8:00	Round 4	8:00
Round 6	9:15	Round 5	10:00
Double Octos	10:30	Lunch	12:00
Lunch	11:30	Quarters	12:45
Octos	12:15	Semis	2:45
Quarters	1:30	Awards (All Events)	5:15
Semis	2:45	Finals	ASAP
Finals	3:45		
Awards (All Events)	5:15		
<b><u>CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE</u></b>			
<u>Friday Feb. 17:</u>		<u>Saturday Feb. 18:</u>	
Congress Registration:	11:00-12:45	Prelim Session 3:	8:00-11:00
Prelim Session 1:	1:15-4:15	Lunch:	11:00-12:00
Dinner:	4:15	Finals Session:	12:00-4:30
Prelim Session 2:	5:00-8:00	Awards (All Events)	5:00

### **Judges'/Coaches' Lounge & Concessions**

We will provide an incredible lounge for our guests. We will offer many different types and styles of food with fresh options arriving throughout the weekend. For your students, we will have a standard concessions stand, and like last year, we hope to secure deals with a few local food trucks so they will be available at meal times. More details on food truck availabilities will be added to our Tabroom page as it becomes available.

### **Lodging/Housing**

We will have limited housing opportunities for teams considering traveling to join us at The Milo Cup, but we must be made aware of your desire to house ASAP in order to make those arrangements. To set up housing for your students, please get ahold of me as soon as you're able to make those arrangements.

We are working on establishing a block rate with a local hotel. If you'd like suggestions on hotels at which you can make reservations in the meantime, please email me. I'll update our Tabroom page when our hotel block information becomes available.

### **Contact Info**

You may reach me via cell phone at **(402) 720-0999**. Email – [awschurevich@mpsomaha.org](mailto:awschurevich@mpsomaha.org) or [awschurevich@gmail.com](mailto:awschurevich@gmail.com). Please contact me with questions or concerns.

We're looking forward to hosting your teams at Millard North!

**Note:** All information provided here will be specific to the regular invitational tournament. Round Robin specific information will be available on a separate document.

