



Dear Forensics Director:

It is our pleasure to welcome the member schools of the Barkley Forum for High Schools to the 63rd Annual Barkley Forum for High Schools at Emory University in Atlanta, which will be held January 26, 27, and 28, 2018. It is an equal pleasure to invite applications from other schools to be with us in January. Emory University has a historic commitment to forensics, both high school and college. We look forward to seeing the member schools, and we anticipate invitations (which follow applications) for the interested schools of the United States with superior debate and forensic students.

Changes:

- **Very important: Our mailing address has changed!** After many years at “Drawer U,” our new mailing address is:

Barkley Forum
Emory University
Mailstop: 1022-001-1AC
Atlanta, GA 30322

Please make sure your bookkeeper sends any checks to the updated address. Our physical office location remains the same but has a new physical address: Alumni Memorial University Center, 630 Means Drive, Suite 130.

- Also, the **Emory campus is undergoing major construction.** The newer portion of the Dobbs University Center (DUC) has been demolished to make room for a new Campus Life Center. The older portion of the DUC (where Barkley Forum offices are located) is still standing, but it has been renamed the Alumni Memorial University Center (AMUC). As a result of the room shortages the DUC demolition is causing, **at least until December 8th when admittance decisions are made or until notified by tournament staff, Public Forum, Lincoln Douglas, and Pelham Debates will only be able to enter/apply for TWO entries. Please do not enter the names of more than 2 teams/competitors for Public Forum, Pelham, and Lincoln Douglas, as it creates a severe administrative burden on the tournament staff to sift through extra entries.** If we are able to accept third entries, we will let you know once initial admittance decisions are made.
- Pelham Debates
 - The Pelham Debates have historically had the longest days at the BFHS. After extensive conversations with you, we are going to try a new schedule for the Pelham Debates this year. Pairings will be released at noon on Friday, then **round 1 (for Pelham Debates only!) will begin on Emory’s campus at 1:30 p.m.** You will be responsible for paying for your parking on Friday, since this is earlier than we are able to gain access to the parking decks. We will have three rounds on Friday, four on Saturday, and start with octos on Sunday morning.
 - Due to room constraints caused by construction, at least until December 8th or until notified by tournament staff, please **do not enter/apply for more than 2 teams for the Pelham Debates.**
- Public Forum
 - We are adding a partial triples out round to the schedule to make sure that all teams with a winning record clear. We plan on clearing all 4-2 or better teams.

- Due to room constraints caused by construction, at least until December 8th or until notified by tournament staff, please **do not enter/apply for more than 2 teams in Public Forum**.
- The gathering place for Public Forum students will be the lobby of the School of Medicine.
- Lincoln Douglas
 - Due to room constraints caused by construction, at least until December 8th or until notified by tournament staff, please **do not enter/apply for more than 2 entries for Lincoln Douglas**.
- Congressional Debate
 - We will give awards to semifinalists in Congressional Debate.
- Speech
 - We would like to showcase the final round of a speech event and highlight it in a way similar to what we have done for the Pelham Debates since the inception of the tournament. **This year, the finals of Duo Interpretation will be held at the same time as the finals for the Pelham Debates, with Key Coaches adjudicating both events.** After the final rounds, awards for all events will be held simultaneously in the WHSCAB auditorium.
 - We will again offer Prose & Poetry, and each round will be **designated for either prose or poetry**, beginning with poetry in Round 1, alternating each round and ending with prose in the exhibition final round.

Additional Information:

- All events will be held on the Emory campus. Please note that Emory is a **tobacco-free campus**. For more information, please visit www.tobaccofree.emory.edu.
- **We will be using tabroom.com for all divisions.** We require that all judges have an established, functional Tabroom account prior to being registered as a judge. If there are any questions about this requirement, please feel free to let us know.
- For use while you are on campus, consider downloading [Emory Mobile](#). Under “Campus Connection,” there are maps, and there are also instructions for getting your wireless devices connected to WiFi, dining information, etc.
- We will give doubles awards in all debate events following rounds on Saturday night (after the First Tutorial in Public Forum, the Walter Alan Ulrich Tutorial in LD, and the Anne Douglas White Tutorial in Pelham), the semifinals awards in Congressional Debate on Sunday morning, and the quarterfinals awards (tutorial participants) in speech events on Sunday morning.
- If students qualify to participate in the tutorials (i.e., clear), they are expected to be available through the final exhibition round to respect their opponents and the participants who will learn from their performance. If a student must leave the tournament and cannot participate in a tutorial or exhibition round for which s/he has qualified, s/he will forfeit his/her award and all rounds after preliminary rounds. Special circumstances may lead to rare exceptions to this rule at the tournament director’s discretion. We are providing this information so you may make your travel plans accordingly.
- We will have a judges’ lounge with coffee.
- It is an expectation of the tournament that students will accurately represent material read during speeches. In order to ensure compliance, students may record their opponents’ speeches. It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure that their debaters and parents understand this tournament requirement and complete the paperwork necessary to ensure compliance with applicable state laws.
- Please ensure your judges show up, particularly on Sunday. For judges that do not show, we will assess a \$50 per round fine to be added to your 2019 entry fee. In addition, it will endanger any Member Schools’ standing.
- Mavericks in 2-team events cannot clear; they must have debated as a team collectively for at least 4 rounds.
- We ask that you provide a cell phone number on Tabroom so we can reach you with any questions during the tournament.

Applications to attend (including the competitive records for each student applying) from non-member schools must be entered on the BFHS website no later than **December 4, 2017**. Indications of attendance from member schools must be entered on the website by the same date. Shortly thereafter, an email will be sent to all the schools that have been selected to attend.

In order to launch the tournament appropriately and celebrate the 63rd anniversary of the tournament, we will have an **Opening Awards Assembly** for all students, coaches, and judges **from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Friday, January 26th in the ballroom of the Marriott Century Center** during which participants will hear a keynote speaker, recognize the new Key coaches, and honor the winner of the Melissa Maxcy Wade Social Justice Award. We are honored that **Glenda Ferguson**, Key Coach and retired speech and debate coach and teacher from Coppell High School, will be **our keynote speaker** this year. Also, **Dr. Carol Anderson**, Chair of Emory University's Department of African American Studies and author of *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide*, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for criticism, will receive the Georgia Speaker of the Year Award. We anticipate that **pairings will be available** at the end of the Opening Awards Assembly.

For guests wishing to use the **electronic registration** alternative on January 26th in lieu of coming to registration at the Marriott, please note that your **entry fees must be received** by the Barkley Forum prior to registration and you must check in online by 11:00 a.m. (See FAQ section for more information on how e-registration works.)

Please note that students' participation in the Barkley Forum for High Schools constitutes consent to use their image in promotional materials for the tournament/Barkley Forum.

In **Public Forum Debate**, we are accepting two entries from Member Schools. We will accept two applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon space available. After the first round of admittance decisions are made, we might be able to let in third teams and will communicate that with you if space constraints make that possible. Please only enter **TWO** teams on Tabroom prior to December 4, 2017. Teams will get three judge strikes.

In **Congressional Debate**, we are accepting ten entries from Member Schools. We will accept ten applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon the space available.

The Pelham Debates feature two-person, switch-sides debating using the cross-examination format. Member schools will send their most experienced teams since the FORUM IS NOT A PRACTICE-TYPE TOURNAMENT. This year we are accepting two entries from Member Schools. We will accept two applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon space available. After the first round of admittance decisions are made, we might be able to let in third teams and will communicate that with you if space constraints make that possible. Please only enter **TWO** teams on Tabroom prior to December 4, 2017. There will be six preliminary rounds of debate. The top 32 teams will be asked to participate in five exhibition rounds. We will have a mutual **judge preference** system for the Pelham Debates (using an ordinal ranking system), so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com>. More details about prefs will follow via email closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to The Thomas Glenn Pelham Silver Key Debate.

In **Lincoln-Douglas**, we are accepting two entries from Member Schools. We will accept two applications from non-member schools, and admission will be granted based upon space available. After the first round of admittance decisions are made, we might be able to let in third entries and will communicate that with you if space constraints make that possible. Please only enter **TWO** competitors on Tabroom prior to December 4,

2017. Up to the top 32 individuals (with a 4-2 record or better) will be asked to participate in the exhibition rounds. We will have a mutual **judge preference** system for the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com>. More details about prefs will follow via email closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to The Dale Lauder McCall Exhibition.

In **Speech Events**, four entries per school are permitted in any one event. No triple entries will be allowed.

The **Final Awards Ceremony will be held in the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Administration Building (WHSCAB)**. You will not want to miss the Presentation of the Silver Keys and supportive awards, as it is nationally unique.

If there are any last minute changes, please notify us in writing at EmoryBFHS@gmail.com. During the course of the tournament, we will be posting updates on Tabroom.

We hope to bring you the best possible forensics experience we can offer. May we hear from each of you soon.

Sincerely,

Ed Lee, Tournament Director
Kara Grant, Tournament Administrator

HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

1956 - The 63rd Annual BARKLEY FORUM - 2018

The Barkley Forum for High Schools is dedicated to those who have built the current tournament experience. The Barkley Forum for High Schools has several institutions dedicated to honoring excellence in forensics. The [Hall of Champions](#) remembers the winners of past years. The [listing of Member Chairs](#) honors schools with strong forensic programs of today and yesterday. Retired [Key Coaches](#) are recalled and honored. The Forum was in existence long before the birth of any contestant taking part in the 63rd tournament. Thus, the tradition that built the 2018 Barkley Forum for High Schools is an integral part of the future.

The Forum salutes those who guide students in education, citizenship, character, creativity and recognition. The Forum congratulates those moderators who know how to teach students to motivate themselves and direct the necessary work to raise funds, to discipline young minds, to run interference where necessary, and to stimulate educational experience rather than pettiness. The Barkley Forum especially appreciates those coaches who can teach the value of vision beyond the trophy.

Your participation in the 63rd tournament affirms the pride Emory takes in the efforts of the various schools that have built the Forum. Emory recognizes its debt to you. Thus, in a way thanking you and them, the 63rd year will salute success.

BARKLEY FORUM MEMBERSHIP

Two hundred sixty-three schools do hold or have held Chairs of Membership in the Barkley Forum for High Schools at Emory University. Click [here](#) for a full listing of member schools. The currently active schools, all reflecting quality performance of the past, have automatic reservations at the annual January meetings. Their memberships are valid for a minimum of two years. It is not necessary for the schools holding active Chairs to apply for participation in the current year. However, they should register their students online by the deadline to facilitate the acceptance of the maximum number of non-member schools. **Guaranteed reservations will only be held until December 4th to maximize competitive opportunities for all schools.** After December 4, member schools may apply and will be placed on the wait list; at this point, records need to be entered for each student being submitted for consideration.

A member school may be absent for one year without endangering its standing. The second absence in succession vacates the Chair. Likewise, a member school may render an inferior performance at the Barkley Forum for one year without endangering its standing. Two successive years of substandard performance will question the membership. Guests are optional candidates for membership by two successive years of better-than-average performance or instant success. A number of schools are now under consideration.

Engraved plaques are presented to member schools. Membership recognizes high quality forensics performance resulting from commitments from the schools. Charlotte Catholic High School (NC), Harvard-Westlake School (CA), Oxbridge Academy of the Palm Beaches (FL), and Pinecrest (NC) are the 2017 member schools.

GOLD KEY AWARDS

The most prestigious presentation made by the Emory Barkley Forum is the presentation of the GOLD KEY. A select number of Directors of Forensics will be added in 2018 to this exemplary list of previous recipients. The recognition of those so named will take place at the Opening Awards Assembly on Friday, January 26th to which all participants, coaches, and judges are invited.

The complete listing of the notable coaches and honorary designees can be found [here](#). Invitation to the KEY Society is a lifetime designation as long as the KEY coach comports himself or herself with dignity and the high standards to which role models in the debate community are held.

In 2017, David Heidt (Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart), Larry Moss (in honorarium), Chris Palmer (Lexington), Jordana Sternberg (Westminster), and Nicole Wanzer-Serrano (in honorarium) were tapped into membership in the KEY society.

THE PAUL SLAPPEY AWARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF DIVERSITY

In March of 1995, the Barkley Forum created an annual award for the promotion of diverse participation in interscholastic speech and debate competition. We seek to advance the vision of promoting the recruitment and retention of traditionally underrepresented populations of both students and teachers. This effort has led to a true partnership between high school and college communities to develop curriculum, support teachers, educate administrators, and provide powerful opportunities for experiential education for socio-economically challenged students. In no individual is that partnership better expressed than in the leadership of the late Paul Slappey, Coordinator of Debate at the University of Iowa, the first recipient of this award.

A former high school forensics coach, Paul was reared in rural Georgia where he encountered poverty and the educational disparity that characterized rural school systems. He came to the University of Iowa with an understanding of the barriers faced by many students who could profit from participation in forensics. He developed high quality educational programs, workshops, and institutes for high school students and teachers at Iowa, recruiting the services of some of the best high school and college faculty in speech communications in the United States. Few realize the tireless efforts he dedicated to raising money and providing opportunities for those who faced seemingly insurmountable barriers to participation, for whom financial support was not, in the words of one Urban Debate League/National Forensic League Phillips Scholar, “an easy way out, but the only way in....”

The Barkley Forum hopes that in creating this award, we can recognize the efforts of those who have developed an educational mission to enfranchise all students in the rich experience of communications. The 2017 recipient was Tommie Lindsey from James Logan High School. Past recipients of this award include Dr. Larry Moss, Brent Farrand, Elizabeth Slagle, Angelo Brooks, and Dr. Alfred “Tuna” Snider.

AWARDS TO THE PARTICIPANTS

The SILVER KEY - In commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Barkley Forum in 1980, the Grand Championship was denoted by the SILVER KEY, a small sterling silver emblem duplicating the design of the prestigious Gold KEY awarded only to the KEY Coaches. The SILVER KEY indicates a Barkley Forum Champion and may be worn only by the first-place individual debaters in the Pelham Debates, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum and the first-place winners in the Pelham Debates, Lincoln-Douglas, Extemporaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Prose & Poetry, Humorous Interpretation, Public Forum and Congressional Debate. The KEY has no written marking visible to the public and is a piece of fine jewelry suitable for any occasion. While trophies will be granted as usual for the appropriate victories, the SILVER KEY belongs to the Barkley Forum victors of the future.

The Trophy KEY - Uniquely, the Barkley Forum trophy is a larger KEY cast from an antique brass KEY hidden in Georgia from Sherman's March to the Sea in 1864. This original KEY was discovered and donated to the Emory Barkley Forum by Susan and Thomas Glenn Pelham. Nashville attorney Larry David Woods, a distinguished alumnus of Emory and former President of the Forum as well as National President of the Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha debate fraternity, gave a grant to have KEYS cast each year from the original.

MELISSA MAXCY WADE SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Emory University forensics has a long history of encouraging students to use their forensics skills for the greater good of our society. Both as a collective and as individual members, the Barkley Forum encourages service to others. The Barkley Forum was at the forefront of the urban debate league movement to bring debate to disenfranchised students. When middle school students expressed a desire to debate in Georgia, the Barkley Forum formed partnerships to provide those opportunities to students. The Barkley Forum for High Schools itself was originally founded as a service to the forensics community in Georgia.

While we value and reward competitive success at the Barkley Forum for High Schools, we also value service to others, and we wish to reward and recognize a student competing in our tournament who has a passion for social justice work and a desire to continue to use his or her gifts and skills to serve others in his or her community.

The Barkley Forum established this award in 2013 as the Social Justice Award, and in 2016 we renamed the award the Melissa Maxcy Wade Social Justice Award in honor of Melissa's retirement after 43 years of service to Emory University. Melissa embodies the spirit of this award. She has always sought out ways to empower people from all walks of life to find their voices to make the world a better place.

Any forensics competitor who is active on his or her squad and who will be attending the 2018 Barkley Forum for High Schools may be nominated for the award. Nominations can be from coaches, judges, or other members of the forensics community who are familiar with the student's work.

Nominations should include:

- The name, school, and year in school of the nominee
- The reasons for the nomination, preferably including anecdotes and examples of the student's service
- The name and affiliation of the person submitting the nomination

Nominations should be emailed to emorybfhs@gmail.com using the form found [here](#) by January 8, 2018. Finalists for the award will be announced during the week prior to the tournament, and the award will be presented at the Opening Ceremony on Friday, January 26th at 11:00 a.m. in the Marriott Century Center Ballroom.

In addition to a framed award, the award recipient will receive a \$400 cash prize to be directed to the charitable organization of the recipient's choice and a \$100 cash prize for the recipient's/nominator's debate program. The 2017 recipient was Esther Reyes from Achievement First Brooklyn High School (NY).

TRAVEL AND LODGING

HOUSING

It is suggested that each school make its own arrangements for housing as early as possible. There are no rooms available on the Emory campus for guest accommodations. The Barkley Forum suggests that you contact one of the following unless you have other arrangements for the weekend:

SPECIAL TOURNAMENT HOTELS

Marriott Century Center (\$103/night; click [HERE](#) for online reservations; free WiFi in Guest Rooms; discount available until 1/5/18)

2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345

(404) 325-0000

Emory Conference Center (\$132/night; click [HERE](#) for online reservations)

1615 Clifton Road, NE

(404) 712-6565

(800) 933-6679 (toll-free)

OTHER HOTELS NEAR THE CAMPUS

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites (near Marriott)

2920 Clairmont Rd.

(404) 248-1550

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites

2183 North Decatur Rd.

(404) 320-0888

LaQuinta Inn

2535 Chantilly Drive N.E.

(404) 321-0999

Courtyard by Marriott

1236 Executive Park Dr., N.E.

(404) 728-0708

Hampton Inn

I-85 and North Druid Hills Rd.

(404) 320-6600

University Inn

1767 North Decatur Road

(800) 654-8591

TRAVELING DIRECTIONS

Emory, in the Druid Hills section of Atlanta, is located on Oxford Road, N.E., and is bordered by North Decatur and Clifton Roads. It is suggested (if traveling by car) that, regardless of your point of origin, you travel to Emory from Interstate 85, take the Clairmont exit south (toward Decatur). Traveling south on Clairmont, turn right on North Decatur Road, then a right on Haygood. Continue through the light at Clifton Road (where the road name changes to Asbury Circle). We are still in negotiations with the parking office, so further details about where to park will be sent closer to the tournament date.

For those arriving by air, please be informed that Atlanta is one of the world's largest passenger airports and requires much time in moving from one place to another. Atlanta's mass transit train (MARTA) travels to the airport. The station closest to Emory (approximately 5 minutes) is the Candler Park Station on the East-West Line. If traveling to a hotel, ask the hotel which MARTA train station is closest to their location. Taxis are usually NOT waiting at the train stations. Taxis should be called in advance from the airport prior to boarding the train. It normally takes around 50 minutes to get to the north side of the city when boarding MARTA at the airport. There is a \$2.50 charge per person for riding the MARTA train plus a \$1 charge to obtain a Breeze Card on which to load fares.

Directions to the Marriott Century Center (where registration/opening assembly will be held): 2000 Century Blvd., Atlanta, GA 30345. From Interstate 85, take Exit 91 (Clairmont Road). Go North/Northwest on Clairmont, away from the Emory University campus. Proceed through the traffic light at the McDonald's/Sam's Club. At the next traffic light, turn right onto Century Boulevard. Follow the road around until you come to a 4-way stop, and the Marriott will be on your right.

PARKING

Special parking arrangements will be required due to the lack of parking on the Emory University campus. Special instructions will be emailed closer to the tournament date.

With the exception of those with participants in the Pelham Debates (who will need to pay for their parking on Friday), please do not arrive on campus until 4:00 on Friday, which is the earliest we can secure access to the parking decks.

DATES, CONTACT INFO, APPLICATION PROCESS

IMPORTANT DATES

December 4, 2017: All entries and applications due online (Members and Non-members). On this date, Member Schools who are not entered will forfeit reserved entry. **For non-member school applications to be considered, each student's competitive record should be entered on Tabroom.**

December 8, 2017: All non-members will be notified about whether they have been accepted for entry into the tournament.

December 21, 2017-January 1, 2018: Barkley Forum office is closed. Please do not attempt to leave messages by voicemail.

January 8, 2018: Congressional Debate bills and resolutions are due (upload to <https://goo.gl/n8wEmy>) by 6:00 p.m. EST. Reminder: we will accept up to two per school, but no more than one per student.

January 8, 2018: Nominations for the Melissa Maxcy Wade Social Justice Award are due (fill out form [here](#) and email to EmoryBFHS@gmail.com)

January 9, 2018: Last day for drops without penalties in Congressional Debate.

January 12, 2018: Preliminary legislation released for Congressional Debate by noon EST.

January 19, 2018: Last day changes can be requested without penalty fees (for all events except Congressional Debate, whose drop deadline is January 9th).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Barkley Forum Email Address (preferred method of contact): EmoryBFHS@gmail.com

Tournament Administrator Telephone (preferred phone contact): 678-205-6281

Barkley Forum Telephone: 404-727-6189

Tournament Website: <http://bfhs.tabroom.com>

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process at the Barkley Forum High School Tournament is required to accommodate an efficient registration process. Please review the following procedures. **These procedures apply to both member schools and non-member schools.**

Step 1

Enter students online, including student records and judges, which will automatically place them on the waitlist. **ALL entries—including students' competitive records for non-member schools—must be entered online by December 4, 2017.** We will assume any MEMBER school not submitting entries will not be in attendance because they will not want to prevent the entry of worthy non-member schools.

NOTE for Non-Member Schools:

We ask you to provide records for each student who is being recommended for entry at the tournament. Entry into the Barkley Forum High Schools Tournament for non-member schools is based

on the student's record. Therefore, it is important that the student records be carefully completed. The records should be entered online by December 4, 2017.

Step 2

The Barkley Forum will first count the MEMBER entries for each event. Non-member applications will be considered based on available space and the student's record in each event.

Step 3

The Barkley Forum will email the coach listed in tabroom.com as the primary contact when students are admitted. When coaches look at their entry on tabroom.com, students who are admitted into the tournament will have "In" under "status" next to their names, and students who are still on the waitlist will have "WL" under "status" next to their names.

The Barkley Forum will continue to admit students off the waitlist until the tournament starts. If your student is accepted off the waitlist, tabroom.com will generate an email to the coach on record for the school. We expect that those students will attend unless you email emorybfhs@gmail.com to let us know they will not.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL SCHOOLS:

Once you receive the email confirming your entry into the tournament, we expect that you will attend. If you decide not to attend the tournament and do not drop your entrants by the January 19th drop date, you will be charged for your entries.

If students qualify to participate in the tutorials (i.e., clear), they are expected to be available through the final exhibition round to respect their opponents and the participants who will learn from their performance. If a student must leave the tournament and cannot participate in a tutorial or exhibition round for which s/he has qualified, s/he will forfeit his/her award and all rounds after preliminary rounds. Special circumstances may lead to rare exceptions to this rule at the tournament director's discretion. We are providing this information so you may make your travel plans accordingly.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- What is the best way to contact the Barkley Forum if I have questions or need to make changes?
 - Email is the best way to reach us: emorybfhs@gmail.com
- To whom should checks for payment be made payable?
 - Emory University. A current W-9 for the university can be found [here](#).
 - **NOTE NEW ADDRESS!!** Checks should be mailed to Barkley Forum, Emory University, Mailstop: 1022-001-1AC, Atlanta, GA 30322
- The website is telling me the application for one of my students is incomplete. What do I do?
 - You need to enter the competitive records for all your students so we can consider them for admission.
 - Member schools do not need to enter records if they are entering prior to the December 4 deadline, but after 12/4, Member Schools need to enter records for their students to be considered, as well.
- How can I tell if my students are admitted or on the waitlist?
 - After the December 8, 2017 admittance date, when you look at your squad on tabroom.com, the students who have “In” under “status” next to their names are ADMITTED. Students who have “WL” under “status” next to their names are WAITLISTED.
- How will I know if students are removed from the waitlist and entered in the tournament?
 - When students are removed from the waitlist, an email is automatically sent to the email address on record with tabroom.com.
- I would like to do electronic registration the morning of the tournament. What are the requirements to do so and how do I do that?
 - Your check for payment must be in the mail by January 12, 2018 to ensure we receive it in time for registration (make sure you use the new mailing address above!). Please also make sure you are familiar with all the information on Tabroom, as any changes to venues, etc. will be posted there.
 - On the morning of registration, log in to your tabroom.com account, and click on your login name/e-mail address in the top right-hand corner. Under the "tournaments" tab, click on the Barkley Forum for High Schools, and click the button that confirms you are here **by 11:00 a.m.**
- I don't have students debating in the Pelham Debates, but we have to wait until after the final debate in Pelham before the awards assembly is held. Why?
 - The Barkley Forum for High Schools is designed to celebrate all forensics events. The Awards Assembly celebrates speech and debate in all of its forms, and the tournament is one of the few tournaments that continues the tradition of recognizing that we are all part of a broader community celebrating the pedagogy of speech and debate that encourages students to critically engage their world and become part of a broader citizenry. We encourage everyone who is able to attend the final rounds of all events to celebrate the achievements in all divisions.
- The registration deadline has passed and I just found out about your tournament. What do I do?
 - Email the Tournament Administrator at emorybfhs@gmail.com and indicate which events you have students interested in entering. Any schools (Member schools or non-member schools)

must enter records for each student applying for the tournament if it is after the December 4 application deadline.

- How do I hire a judge?
 - If you are not able to provide a judge in an event, tabroom.com will automatically charge you for a judge hire, and the Barkley Forum staff will make sure a tournament judge covers your obligation.
- Where do I find schedules?
 - All events have a separate schedule under the “schedules” tab on tabroom.com; they will be posted closer to the tournament date when rooms are finalized with the university.
- Why can't you publish the building locations for all events until so close to the tournament date?
 - Since our tournament falls very close to the beginning of the semester, we have to wait to get final confirmation from the university about rooms and buildings until after classes are underway.
- I would like to be hired as a judge for the tournament. How do I do that?
 - Email the tournament administrator at emoryBFHS@gmail.com and indicate what event you are interested in judging.
- Do you have a judges' lounge?
 - Yes, we will have one centrally located place on campus where judges can congregate and provide coffee.

JUDGING AND FEES

JUDGING

Each school will be responsible for furnishing competent judges in each event in which they participate. In an attempt to discourage hired judging, schools not furnishing a judge will be charged a fee. Judging requirements pertain to preliminary rounds. All judges are expected to judge in elimination rounds. **All entered judges are expected to be available unless the tab room has been informed otherwise.** If you are in the judging pool and fail to show up for your judging commitment, there will be a penalty assessed by tournament administrators.

Placing judges in elimination rounds becomes more difficult each year because judges leave once their school's competitors are eliminated from the tournament without fulfilling their commitment to adjudicate one round beyond their school's last outround. **Directors are responsible for making sure that their school's judges are available to fulfill their ENTIRE judging commitment, including making appropriately timed airplane reservations.** We always try to release individuals as quickly as possible, but the tournament requires the highest quality judging pool possible even after any particular school is finished competing. **Schools who have judges that do not meet their elimination round obligation may not be invited to return and/or will have their membership suspended, and they will be assessed a \$50 per round fee on their 2019 entry fee.**

Judging Requirements:

Pelham Debate	3 rounds per team. An individual judging Pelham cannot judge anything else during the preliminary rounds. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com .
Lincoln-Douglas	3 rounds per entry. The preliminary rounds are flighted, and one round consists of two flights. An individual judging Lincoln-Douglas cannot judge anything else during the preliminary rounds. One judge can fulfill this requirement. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com .
Speech Events	Minimum 1 full-time judge for every eight (8) entries or fraction thereof.
Congressional Debate	Minimum 1 full-time judge specifically designated to judge Congress. Please let us know (via email at emorybfhs@gmail.com) if your judge can serve as parliamentarian
Public Forum	3 rounds per team. An individual judging PF cannot judge anything else during the preliminary rounds.

FEES

**Please make all checks payable to Emory University and either bring to registration or mail to
Barkley Forum
Emory University
Mailstop: 1022-001-1AC
Atlanta, GA 30322**

Event Fees:

Pelham Debate	\$110 per team
Lincoln-Douglas	\$75 per singleton
Speech Events	\$65 per entry slot
Congressional Debate	\$65 per entry slot
Public Forum	\$85 per team

Judging Fees for Hiring Judges:

Pelham Debate	\$200 per uncovered team
Lincoln-Douglas	\$300 per uncovered participant
Speech Events	\$150 per uncovered judge (per eight entry slots or fraction thereof)
Congressional Debate	\$200 per one to ten uncovered Congress entries
Public Forum	\$200 per uncovered team

Penalty Fees:

In an effort to control delays in a tournament this size, we are being forced to impose a penalty for last minute changes. Last minute changes are those made after January 19, 2018! Hopefully these penalties will not be imposed. The Barkley Forum feels that we must impose these so that the timely entrants are not penalized by those less organized.

Pelham Debate Cancellation	\$110 per team
Lincoln-Douglas Cancellation	\$75 per singleton
Speech Events Cancellation	\$65 per entry slot
Congressional Debate Cancellation	\$65 per entry (any drops after 1/9/18)
Public Forum Cancellation	\$85 per team

REGISTRATION

To prevent tournament delays we must INSIST that registration be completed (either in person or by e-registration the morning of the tournament) by 11:00 a.m. on Friday.

2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Schedules will be posted closer to the tournament date.

Registration will be from 9-11:00 at the Marriott Century Center on January 26th, the opening awards assembly will be from 11:00-12:00 at the Marriott.

Pelham Debates ONLY will start on campus at **1:30**; they will be responsible for paying for parking.

All other events (besides Pelham Debates): **please do not arrive on the Emory campus earlier than 4:00** on January 26th, when we have permission to park on campus. Rounds for all other events will start at 4:30 on the Emory campus.

The final awards assembly is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 28th.

EVENT INSTRUCTIONS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PELHAM DEBATE

For 31 years, Mr. Thomas Glenn Pelham presided over the Barkley Forum for High Schools. As the winning coach at the tournament in 1959, he appreciated the difficulty of competition. As Director of Forensics at Emory from 1960-1972, he was the architect who crafted the traditions of the tournament and of the Barkley Forum organization. His death in April 1987 created a void in national forensics, which simply cannot be filled. In recognition of his striking achievements, the Barkley Forum honored him by naming the policy debate competition The Pelham Debates.

The Barkley Forum for High Schools will use the National Speech and Debate Association topic for the current year. **A member school is guaranteed entry for two teams** of varsity strength composed of two speakers each. The Barkley Forum tournament is highly competitive. In fairness to your debaters, we recommend that you only bring students fully prepared for experienced level debate.

Non-member schools will be granted admission on the basis of applications that speak to the varsity experience of debaters. Substitutions will be discouraged. The Barkley Forum will designate a swing team should it be necessary to even the number of participating teams.

Each team will debate both sides of the proposition, three rounds affirmatively and three rounds negatively in a cross-examination (8-3-5) format with eight (8) minutes of preparation time. All teams will debate the six preliminary rounds. There will be five exhibition tutorial rounds for the thirty-two teams that are invited to participate.

We will have a mutual judge preference system for the Pelham Debates, so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** More details will follow via email closer to the tournament date. We will be using an ordinal ranking system. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to the Thomas Glenn Pelham Silver Key Debate. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com>.

Judges will be assigned by mutual preference in all preliminary rounds and in the tutorials up to and including The Richard B. Sodikow Tutorial. The exhibition rounds in all divisions will be evaluated by a panel of judges from the Key Coaches of the Barkley Forum.

Judges are required to vote for one and only one team and to make their decision within 2 hours and 15 minutes from the posted start time of the prelim debates, and 2 hours and 30 minutes for elimination debates. This time limit will be strictly enforced by the tournament. Participants in the Phyllis Flory Barton Tutorial (octos) must flip for sides on Sunday morning by 7:15 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

The purpose of Lincoln-Douglas debate is to provide a public forum for issues of value. Thus, arguments should be constructed using sound and ethical rules of persuasion. Clash is required. Affirmative teams must support the resolution and negative teams must oppose the resolution. The affirmative position must be fully developed in the first speech. Cross-examination is to be emphasized in the evaluation process. The time limits for the contest will be as follows:

Affirmative Constructive

Six minutes

Negative Cross-examination	Three minutes
Negative constructive	Seven minutes
Affirmative Cross-examination	Three minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	Four minutes
Negative Rebuttal	Six minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	Three minutes

Four minutes of preparation time will be assigned to each speaker to be allocated as the speaker chooses. The topic for debate will be the national topic debated during the months of January and February.

A member school may enter two debaters of varsity strength. A non-member school may apply for two slots. Up to the 32 individuals (with a record of 4-2 or better) with the highest win-loss records will be selected for exhibition tutorial performances.

We will have a mutual judge preference system for the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, so it is especially important that your judges are entered accurately in a timely fashion. **If your judges are not entered by the time prefs go up, you will be required to pay the full judge hire fee.** More details will follow via email closer to the tournament date. Please note that the judge preferences do not apply to The Dale Lauder McCall Exhibition. Please have all judges post his or her judge philosophy at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com>.

Judges will be assigned by mutual preference in all preliminary rounds and in the tutorials up to and including The Patricia Bailey Tutorial. The exhibition rounds in all divisions will be evaluated by a panel of judges from the Key Coaches of the Barkley Forum.

Debates should start as soon as all participants and the judge are in the room. All decisions must be entered by one hour and fifteen minutes after the announced start of the flight or tab will flip a coin to decide the winner of the round.

Participants in outounds during Flight A should flip 15 minutes before the announced start of the round in the assigned room (or outside the room, if a round is still going on). Participants in outounds during Flight B should report to the tab room 15 minutes before the announced start of the flight for the flip. If you are not present for the coin flip, the other debater will pick her/his side, and you will be assigned the opposite side.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

Entry: Each member school is invited to enter ten delegates. Non-member schools will be granted admission of up to ten delegates on the basis of applications that speak to the delegates' level of experience. No Pelham debater, Lincoln-Douglas contestant, Public Forum debater, or Speech Events entrant may enter Congressional Debate at the Barkley Forum for High Schools. **The last day for drops in Congressional Debate is January 9, 2018.**

Judges: One qualified judge must be provided exclusively for Congressional Debate by any school who has entries in this event.

Legislation: Each participating school may submit up to two items of legislation (no more than one per students) by **January 8, 2018** using official templates (available [here](https://goo.gl/n8wEmy)) by uploading them to <https://goo.gl/n8wEmy>. Only serious legislation of national scope (no state-specific issues, please) using the official templates will be accepted. The complete docket of accepted preliminary legislation will be released by January 12, 2018. Semis legislation will be released on January 17, and Finals legislation will be released January 26.

Procedure: Unless otherwise stipulated here, or by tournament officials, procedural rules and time limits will be those set forth by National Speech and Debate Association rules (see <http://www.speechanddebate.org/>).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE

Public Forum Debate was added to the events at the Barkley Forum for High Schools in honor of the 50th anniversary of the tournament in 2005. Public Forum Debate is designed to engage students in debate about current, controversial issues in front of community audiences.

Each member school is invited to enter **two teams** in Public Forum Debate. Non-member schools will be granted admission of up to two teams on the basis of applications that speak to the level of experience of the teams. The 32 teams with the highest win-loss records (provided that record is 4-2 or better) will be selected for exhibition tutorial performances, depending on the number of entrants. We are adding a partial triples out round to the schedule to make sure that all teams with a winning record clear. We plan on clearing all 4-2 or better teams.

Unless otherwise stipulated by tournament officials, rules for procedure will be those contained in the National Speech and Debate Association's Public Forum Debate manual. A Public Forum round begins with a flip of a coin between the competing teams to determine sides and speaker position.

The time limits for the contest will be as follows:

First Speaker – Team A	Four Minutes
First Speaker – Team B	Four Minutes
Crossfire	Three Minutes
Second Speaker – Team A	Four Minutes
Second Speaker – Team B	Four Minutes
Crossfire	Three Minutes
Summary – First Speaker – Team A	Two Minutes
Summary – First Speaker – Team B	Two Minutes
Grand Crossfire	Three Minutes
Final Focus – Second Speaker – Team A	Two Minutes
Final Focus – Second Speaker – Team B	Two Minutes
Preparation Time (per team)	Two Minutes

The topic for debate will be the national topic debated during the month of January.

Once confirmed, decisions are final. To encourage the pedagogical aims of the tournament and to avoid any confusion with ballot entry, we encourage judges to disclose their decisions but only *after* they have entered their decision on Tabroom.

No Pelham debater, Lincoln-Douglas contestant, Congressional Debate contestant or Speech Events entrant may enter Public Forum Debate at the Barkley Forum for High Schools.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEECH EVENTS

Each school may have up to four entries in any event at the Forum. No extra entries are allowed due to space limitations. No triple entries will be allowed. No Pelham debater, Lincoln-Douglas contestant, Public Forum debater, or Congressional Debate participant may participate in Speech Events.

SCORING

Each student will be ranked by the judge from 1st place to 9th place and given points within a specified range. Students participating in the Lanny Dean Naegelin rounds will be selected in the following manner:

The top 24 performing speakers in each event after 5 preliminary rounds will be invited to participate on the basis of:

- 1) Total number of ranks. In case of a tie:
- 2) Total number of accrued points. In case of a tie:
- 3) Drop high and low ranks.

The same system will be used to determine which contestants will be invited to participate in the Tutorials. Should the number of entries in any given event not warrant breaking to quarterfinals, the tab room staff will make that determination during the course of the tournament.

TIMING

For each Speech Event, there is a 30-second grace period for going over the time limit. Violations of time limits, including the grace period, may be penalized at the discretion of the judge for the participant. However, unless clear time signals are given throughout the performance, a student should not be penalized for going over time.

JUDGING

All judges should report to the ballot table no later than fifteen minutes prior to the round's scheduled start time in order to facilitate remaining on schedule. **If you are bringing inexperienced judges**, please have them review materials and take the judge training (if available for the event they will be judging) on the [NSDA website](#).

PATTERNS

The events in Pattern A will be Extemporaneous Speaking, Dramatic Interpretation, and Humorous Interpretation. The events in Pattern B will be Original Oratory, Duo Interpretation, and Prose and Poetry.

Dramatic Interpretation

Dramatic Interpretation is NOT an acting contest. No props, make-up or costumes will be allowed. This event stresses the value of the presentation of the written word and the contestant's ability to interpret the author's meaning. Does the contestant appear to have a thorough understanding of the work he or she is presenting? Character development is a key component in the evaluation of a performance. Does the contestant differentiate between characters and capture the essence of the relationship and interplay between them? As well, has the contestant chosen an appropriate selection for the time allotted? Does the selection form a coherent presentation, one that gives the judge and audience an adequate understanding of the total work?

Contestants will present a cutting from published plays, screenplays, fictional or non-fictional work that is dramatic in nature. **Manuscripts will not be allowed in the 2018 Forum.** Time Limit: 10 minutes, inclusive

of introduction and transitions, with a 30-second grace period for going over time. The cutting should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2017-2018 school year.

No Dramatic Interpretation contestant will be eliminated before performing five times. Those reaching the final exhibition round will have performed eight times.

* Any contestant whose material is challenged and who cannot **produce** an appropriate bibliographic reference and a manuscript is subject to disqualification. The Barkley Forum strongly discourages anyone making an unfounded challenge. The Barkley Forum stresses education over unfettered competition.

Humorous Interpretation

This is an individual category in which the selections are humorous in nature. All other rules are the same as Dramatic Interpretation.

Duo Interpretation

This is a two-person category in which the selection may be either humorous or dramatic in nature. No touching or eye contact is allowed other than in the introduction and/or transitions. Contestants must remain in a general upright position and have off-stage focus. All other rules are the same as Dramatic Interpretation.

Prose and Poetry

Contestants shall present readings from selections of both prose and poetry. **Students will alternate between prose and poetry. Round 1 will begin with poetry, alternating throughout the tournament until the final exhibition, which will be prose.**

Poetry is writing which expresses ideas, experience, or emotion through the creative arrangement of words according to their sound, their rhythm, and their meaning. Poetry may rely on verse and stanza form. Prose expresses thought through language recorded in sentences and paragraphs: fiction (short stories, novels) and non-fiction (articles, essays, journals, biographies). Only published, printed works may be used. No plays or other dramatic materials may be used.

Time Limit: 10 minutes, inclusive of introduction and transitions, with a 30-second grace period for going over time. The cutting should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2017-2018 school year.

No props of any kind are permitted with the exception of the speaker's manuscript. Manipulating articles of clothing, the manuscript, or other objects is not allowed. Speakers should keep gesture and bodily movement to a minimum. The selection must be delivered from center stage. Movement and gestures, if used, should be appropriate to the selection. Walking is not permitted. They should emphasize vocal variety and facial expression to enhance the literary interpretation. Any singing must be limited to a maximum of thirty (30) seconds total within the presentation. Speakers may use a persona, and they may use character voices, but they are not necessary.

* Any contestant whose material is challenged and who cannot **produce** an appropriate bibliographic reference will be subject to disqualification. The Barkley Forum strongly discourages anyone from issuing a frivolous or unfounded challenge. The Barkley Forum stresses the value of education over unfettered competition.

Original Oratory

All oratory must be written by the contestant. Oratory is an event of polished speech art and persuasion. A message should be conveyed by the speaker. Oratory for persuasion with a solution, such as that intended for civic groups, is the intention of this contest. Judges will be instructed to favor the subtle approach.

The speech must be memorized. It should not have been used by the contestant prior to the 2017-2018 school year. The speech must be no more than ten minutes in length with a 30-second grace period for going over time. No orator will be eliminated before performing five times (see section about cumulative scoring). Those reaching the final exhibition round will have performed eight times.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Speakers will draw current interest news topics. They will have a choice of three topics in each round. Topics in each round will, generally, revolve around a theme or topic area. For the 2018 tournament, the themes for each round will *tentatively* be as follows:

- Round 1: The Trump Administration
- Round 2: Middle East and Africa
- Round 3: The Americas
- Round 4: Domestic Social Issues
- Round 5: Eurasia
- Quarters: U.S. Foreign Policy
- Tutorial: Economy
- Exhibition: Potpourri

Speakers will be given thirty (30) minutes of total preparation time before presentation before a single judge, and will be asked to leave the preparation room and to proceed to their rounds twenty-five (25) minutes after drawing their topic. Speakers will be graded not only on speaking qualities, but also on their aptitude for outlining new ideas and interpretations of current events. They should demonstrate knowledge of contemporary history.

The contestant should receive no coaching help in the preparation time before his or her speech. No pre-written speeches or notes will be allowed in the preparation room.

The tournament will follow the National Speech and Debate Association rules concerning the use of electronic retrieval devices.

Each speech must be a maximum of seven minutes with a 30-second grace period for going over the time limits. A speaker will be penalized for failing to observe time limits, although individual judges have absolute discretion on the quantity of the penalty. No contestant will be eliminated before performing five times.

Those selected for the final exhibition round will perform eight times. Those selected for the final exhibition round will also be subject to cross-examination by another round participant for three (3) minutes after completing their speech.

2017 RESULTS

62nd Annual Barkley Forum for High Schools Tournament 2017 Listing of Silver Key Winners*

2017 Silver Key Award Recipients:

Pelham Debates Champions: Andrew Kaplan and Ben Rosenthal, *Montgomery Bell Academy*

Pelham Debates Speaker: Nishad Neelakandan, *McDonogh*

Congressional Debate Champion: Maya Levkovitz, *Dreyfoos School of the Arts*

Lincoln Douglas Champion: Alex Zhao, *La Canada*

Public Forum Champions: Ozan Ergungor and Ammar Lone, *Hawken*

Public Forum Speaker: Ben Koch, *Bronx Science*

Extemporaneous Speaking: Andrew Langford, *Lake Highland Preparatory*

Original Oratory: JJ Kapur, *West Des Moines Valley*

Duo Interpretation: Kerrington Anderson and Derek Collins, *Hattiesburg*

Prose & Poetry: Quest Broussard, *Comeaux*

Humorous Interpretation: Jack Gossen, *Comeaux*

Dramatic Interpretation: Chase Garrett, *Southside*

** for full listing of results, view them on tabroom.com*