The Nicholson School of Communication and the UCF Debate Team will host the Sunshine State Showdown intercollegiate debate tournament on Saturday, October 7, 2017 and Sunday, October 8, 2017. All debate rounds, hospitality, and awards presentations will be in the Nicholson School of Communication. All rooms are accessible. Awards will be given for top 5 speakers in novice, finalist and winner in novice, and top 2 open teams.

All debate rounds will be based upon the 2017-2018 CEDA/NDT debate resolution. We will use the 9-3-6 format, with 10 minutes of prep time per team. There will be a Novice division using the ADA Packet and an Open division where we hope to field at least a round robin tournament. We will have four preliminary rounds and an elimination round in Novice. Three rounds will take place on Saturday, with the last preliminary round and the elimination round on Sunday. Debate Teams are asked to provide 3 rounds of judging per team, and registration is 35 dollars per person.

Parking will be across from the NSC at the Visual Arts surface lot. This lot is open on the weekends. Park in either B, C, or D spots.

All participants are expected to follow all behavioral rules/guidelines of CEDA, ADA, the University of Central Florida, and the State of Florida. Please note that UCF is now a smoke-free campus. For smokers, it is a very short walk from the NSC building to the edge of campus, and we will be happy to make sure you know the easiest route.

Coffee, water, and snacks will be provided by the NSC and UCF Debate Team on both days. Additionally, dinner will be provided Saturday, and breakfast will be provided on Sunday.

Registration at: http://ucf.tabroom.com.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Registration: In Person or Electronic 9 am-10 am in NSC 162.

11:15 am Round 1

2:00 pm Round 2

4:15 Dinner/Food

5:00 Round 3

Sunday

8:00 am Breakfast, Snacks and Coffee

9:00 am Round 4

11:00 am Awards

11:45 am Novice Finals

We hope you will join us for this event, and look forward to seeing you in Orlando!

Best,

Dr. Nick J. Sciullo

Director of Debate