Dear Colleagues:

It’s my pleasure to invite you to the 2018 Crestian Classic Policy Debate Tournament on Friday, February 16, 2018 to Sunday, February 18, 2018. The Crestian Classic is a Quarterfinal bid to the University of Kentucky’s Tournament of Champions. The Crestian Classic has been held for over three decades at Pine Crest Preparatory School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

This year Gabriel Murillo will be tab director. Returning this year are the Judge’s Lounge shrimp bowl, free dinner Friday and free lunch Saturday. Also returning are pizza dinner Saturday for purchase, bagels and cream cheese breakfast Saturday and Sunday for purchase, the best judge pool of any Tournament our weekend (better than Harvard and Berkeley), and a comfortable schedule that gets you out by 9:30 in the evening and gives you President’s day off to enjoy South Florida or to relax and prepare for the work week. As always, the hired judge pool will contain critics highly qualified to judge any type of debate.

We also retain the Tournament Hotel, The Sheraton Suites Cypress Creek Fort Lauderdale. (http://www.sheratonsuitesfortlauderdale.comor 954-772-5400 ask for **Pine Crest Debate and Forensics 2018** block). The Sheraton Suites have rooms capable of housing 4 students with ease and more with an additional charge of $10.00 per night per student over two.

There are three international airports less than an hour’s drive from our Tournament Hotel and School. (MIA about 50 minutes, FLL about 20 minutes and PBI about 45 minutes).

We are again using www.Tabroom.com for tournament registration. We will also use the electronic ballot feature of that site.

We pride ourselves on being responsive to the needs of our guests. If you need help with hotel rooms or have questions about our area, feel free to contact me and I will try to make it easier for you to join us.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Fort Lauderdale in February.

Sincerely,

Dan Lewis

**CRESTIAN POLICY DEBATES SCHEDULE\***

All Rounds are on the Fort Lauderdale Campus

Friday, Friday, February 16, 2018

3:30pm       Judges' and Coaches' meeting in the Judges' Lounge
4:00pm       Round 1 – CX  (Dinner after This round)

7:00pm            Round  2 - CX

Saturday, February 17, 2018

8:30am       Round 3 – CX

11:00am     Round 4 – CX [Lunch after this round]

2:00pm       Round 5 – CX

4:30pm       Round 6 - CX

6:30pm       First Elimination Round - CX

Sunday, February 18, 2018

8:30am       Continue Elims – CX

11:00am     Continue Elims - CX
2:00pm       Continue Elims - CX, if necessary.

4:30 pm      Continue Elims - CX, if necessary.

Elimination Rounds will continue without interruption, if necessary.

Novice Schedules will mimic the varsity schedule.

\*the schedule will be accelerated by the Tab Room when possible.

*HOTEL & DINING INFORMATION FOR THE 2018 CRESTIAN*

THE TOURNAMENT HOTEL is

* Sheraton Suites Fort Lauderdale at Cypress Creek
* 555 NW 62nd Street
* Fort Lauderdale, FL  33309
* Reservations - (888) 627-8250 and (954) 492-5845
* Hotel Fax – (954) 556-2461

Hotel e-mail contact: Jeff.peterson@sheratonsuitescypresscreek.com

Ask for the **Pine Crest Debate and Forensics 2018** rate.  This is extremely important. Please book early so we can expand the block if necessary.

The reduced rate for *The 2018 Crestian* is **$152.00/night** plus tax. Note that the rooms are suites with pull out sofa beds and double queens allowing four to 6 children comfortably. (Ten Dollars extra for each student above two). Please do business with our Tournament Hotel.  The cut-off date for Crestian Reservations is **January 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.  *Please book rooms through the above numbers.  Reservations are non-refundable if cancelled within 72 hours of guest arrival.***

Dining choices directly across the street from the Hotel include Five Guys Burgers, Hooters, Sweet Tomatoes, Longhorn Steakhouse, and others.  Within three minutes driving time are Chili's, McDonalds, Burger King, Wendy's, Arby's, Grande Pizza and others.  Within ten minutes are Outback, Fridays, Moe's Southwestern, Bonefish Grill and others.