Dear Colleague:

On behalf of the Thomas Kelly Debate Team and Thomas Kelly High School, we would like to invite you to attend the annual Roberto Bustamante Classic Debate Tournament.

#### Date:

January 12-14, 2018

#### Place:

Thomas Kelly High School, 4136 S. California Ave. Chicago, IL. 60638

#### Format:

There will be two divisions (Open and Novice) which will debate six preliminary rounds and a break to quarters. Speech times will be 8-3-5 with 8 minutes of prep time. Rounds must start on time. A 15 minute forfeiture rule will be strictly enforced.

#### Registration:

Initial registration must be received via Tabroom.com by Tuesday, January 9th. Changes/drops will be accepted to existing registration on Tabroom until 5pm on Thursday, January 11th.

#### Judging:

Each school will be required to provide one full judge for every two teams. Schools need to have full coverage for all time periods; two Friday-only judges for four teams is not helpful. Schools also have to find judges that fit the divisions you’re entering; two novice-only judges for one novice and three varsity teams is not helpful. Current debaters in their 3rd or 4th year of high school debate may be entered as novice judges. Judge obligation is through the quarter-finals and then one round beyond the highest finishing team of the judge’s affiliated school. Both Open and Novice pairings and ballots will be on Tabroom; please make sure your judges have created and linked Tabroom accounts.

Schools not meeting these obligations will have teams dropped for compliance. Please contact CDL administration early if you anticipate needing help fulfilling your judging obligation.

#### Awards:

We will present awards for each team in the elimination rounds as well as the top individual speakers in each division. All CDL teams finishing in the top 16 will qualify for the Chicago city debate championships.

#### Food:

Food will be available throughout the tournament. CPS/CDL will provide a single entrée, a side, and a beverage for White conference debaters at both meal times. Any additional items will be at the debater’s expense. Please make sure that your debaters are financially prepared to meet their own needs.

#### Fees:

$40.00 per team. Make checks payable to Thomas Kelly Debate. (Registration fees for White conference schools will be paid by CPS/CDL). Payment must be made before rounds begin on Friday.

#### Directions:

Thomas Kelly is located just south of the I-55 Expressway. From the West, exit at California Ave. and turn right (S). Travel to Archer Ave. Parking lot is on south side of Archer Ave. West of California. From the East, exit at Kinzie Ave. and turn left (S). Travel to Archer Ave. and turn left. From the South, take I-294 (N) to I-55 (E), then follow the directions above.

#### Wireless:

Guests of CPS:  Network:  CPS51582    Password: \*KeL\*high\*535

CPS Employee:  Network: CPS      Password:  cps username and cps password

#### Schedule:

Friday, January 12

4pm Arrival/Registration

5-7pm Round 1

7-8pm Dinner

8-10pm Round 2

Saturday, January 13

7am Arrival/Breakfast

8:30-10:30am Round 3

11am-1pm Round 4

1-2pm Lunch

2-4pm Round 5

4:30-6:30pm Round 6

7pm Awards

8-10pm Quarters

Sunday, January 14

9-11am Semi-finals

11:30am-1:30pm Finals