

Denver Urban Debate League



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Bartlit Beck Invitational 2009 – The King Legacy Debates

Denver UDL kicks off Spring Semester with 6 round tournament at MLK, Early College H.S.

The Denver Urban Debate League (DUDL) Advisory Board and Denver Public Schools (DPS) are proud to announce the fourth DUDL debate tournament of the 2008-09 school year: **The Bartlit Beck Invitational 2009 – The King Legacy Debates** at **Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College High School** on **January 30th-31st**. Competition will take place from 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Friday, and 8:30 AM – 8:00 PM on Saturday. 50+ students are expected to participate. The high schools participating in The Jefferson Debates are: George Washington, Manual, Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College, Thomas Jefferson, and West.

The UDL teams will debate the 2008-09 National High School Policy Debate Resolution: *Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States*. Debaters will take part in six preliminary rounds, before advancing to elimination rounds on Saturday afternoon.

Competitive debate has traditionally been a prime avenue for suburban and private school students to develop academic and leadership skills that can be critical for success in high school, college, and beyond. Yet urban students, particularly in underserved communities, typically do not have access to debate training and opportunities. The DUDL Advisory Board is working closely with DPS to bridge this gap by building an Urban Debate League (UDL) in Denver, which will expand its reach and impact in coming years.

The Denver UDL will hold two more tournaments throughout the school year, culminating in a City Championship at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in March 2009. The winners from the City Championship will represent Denver in the National Urban Debate Championship in Chicago in April. For more information about the Denver Urban Debate League, please contact Jessica Clark by calling 720.878.2776, or e-mail Jessica at JessicaClark@urbandebate.org. Also visit www.urbandebate.org