

## Denver Urban Debate League



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### **Denver Urban Debate League Ends 2009 With Benezra Culver Invitational**

***DUDL closes the Fall Semester with a Policy Debate Tournament at West High School***

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The Denver Urban Debate League (DUDL) Advisory Board and Denver Public Schools (DPS) are proud to announce **The Benezra Culver Invitational**. The competition will be held at **West High School on Friday and Saturday, December 11-12**. Competition will take place from **3:30 PM – 9:00 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Saturday**. The debates are open to the public. At least 40 students are expected to compete in two divisions: Novice and Varsity. The high schools participating in The Benezra Culver Invitational include **Academy of Urban Learning, Manual, Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College, Montbello, Thomas Jefferson, and West**.

In 2009 the DUDL has hosted six league wide debate tournaments, a spectacular awards banquet, two special student training workshops, and an intensive summer debate institute with visiting expert instructors for all of our participants. These programs reached over 70 students in 2009.

West High School is excited to host the closing tournament of the Fall Semester. In April, debaters from West represented Denver at the Chase Urban Debate National Championship in Chicago, and tied for third place "first year team" in the nation. At the last Denver UDL tournament in November, West won first place in the novice division. The West team is coached by Feliz Armijo, a Library Technician at West. Coach Armijo is assisted by a volunteer assistant coach from Qwest Communications, Alan Zimmerman.

The UDL teams will debate the 2009-10 National High School Policy Debate Resolution: *Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase social services for persons living in poverty in the United States*. Debaters will take part in five to six debate rounds, before breaking to semi finals in both divisions. During the tournament students will be arguing both the affirmative and negative side of the resolution. The tournament will conclude with an awards ceremony at 8:00 PM.

The DUDL is deeply grateful to our corporate and community sponsors, such as Benezra Culver LLC, who make our programming possible at no cost to the students

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