

Denver Urban Debate League



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**Denver Urban Debate League announces the *Baker and Hostetler Debate Classic*
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Second debate tournament of the 2008-09 DUDL competitive season hosted by Manual High School

The Denver Urban Debate League (DUDL) Advisory Board, in conjunction with the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues (NAUDL), and Denver Public Schools (DPS) is proud to announce the launch of the Denver Urban Debate League. Debate has traditionally been a central avenue for suburban and private school students to develop the academic life, and leadership skills needed for success in high school, college, and beyond. Yet urban school systems like Denver's too often do not provide urban students debate opportunities. DUDL is working closely with DPS to bridge that gap by building a UDL in Denver. Since 1997, Urban Debate Leagues have enabled 33,000 students from 325 urban public secondary schools to enjoy the immense benefits of debate. The Denver UDL is the 26th Urban Debate League to join the national movement.

The first DUDL tournament, sponsored by Benezra & Culver, LLC, and hosted by MLK Early College was a tremendous success. 32 students took part in the competition, with Manual High School and Thomas Jefferson High school winning first and second place overall team awards. The second DUDL tournament of the 2008-09 season, sponsored by Baker & Hostetler, LLC, will be a two day competition with over 40 students from five schools competing in 6 preliminary rounds, before breaking to elimination rounds.

The High Schools participating in the Baker and Hostetler Debate Classic are: George Washington, Manual, Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College High School, 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.* Denver UDL will hold four more tournaments throughout the school year, culminating in a City Championship at Denver University Law School in March 2009. The winners from the City Championship will be invited to compete in the National Urban Debate Championship, in Chicago this coming 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.