

## Denver Urban Debate League



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### **Denver Urban Debate League Opens 2010 with The Holland & Hart King Legacy Debates**

***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 Holland & Hart King Legacy Debates**. The competition will be held at **MLK, Jr. Early College High School** on **Friday and Saturday, January 29-30**. Competition will take place from **3:30 PM – 10:00 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM on Saturday**. The debates are open to the public. At least 50 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, Denver School of Science and Technology, Manual, Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College, Montbello, Thomas Jefferson, and West**.

This is the second annual *King Legacy Debates* hosted by MLK in conjunction with DUDL. DUDL is working closely with Denver Public Schools to use debate as tool to improve urban education. DUDL's programming promotes inclusiveness and education equity, striving to make debate opportunities available to more students in the Denver area in an effort to ensure their future success. **Holland & Hart** is excited to sponsor this tournament for DUDL's students in honor of the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.. Holland & Hart's sponsorship of the event ensures that DUDL students can take part in the competition at no cost to their families or schools.

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.

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