

Be a sponsor at the 2015 Denver Urban Debate League Awards Banquet



Join us on May 16th at the University of Denver to celebrate our students and their supporters. Silent Auction & Reception at 5:30, Dinner at 7:00. Table Sponsorships begin at \$900

Keynote Speaker: Congresswoman Diana DeGette

Chief Deputy Whip Diana DeGette is serving her 9th term in Congress as Representative for the First District of Colorado. As a member of the powerful Committee on Energy and Commerce, an exclusive congressional committee with vast jurisdiction over health care, trade, business, technology, food safety, and consumer protection, she is one of the leading voices in the health care debate in this country. As lead whip, she played a vital role in the reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program, has fought for tough food safety legislation, and was a key player in crafting a comprehensive consumer product safety bill. In 2011 she was elected the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, which conducts investigations into programs within the committee's jurisdiction. U.S. Rep. DeGette is also the chief architect of legislation to expand stem cell research, which has been passed twice with broad, bipartisan support in Congress. The measure was vetoed twice by President George W. Bush – including his very first presidential veto. A life-long Coloradoan, U.S. Rep. DeGette is guided by traditional Western values. She's also the author of the landmark Colorado Wilderness Act, which would protect and preserve pristine land across Colorado for generations to come. She has fought to enhance her constituents' access to affordable quality health care, expand mass transit, improve transportation in the Denver area, clean up environmental waste sites, and improve opportunities for small business.



“Debate saved my life. It taught me to think for myself and to question and resist norms of oppression and exclusion.”

- Reuben Aguirre, '10 DUDL

“The other day I accompanied my mom to the Brighton Courthouse to pay her pending ticket. I stood in front of the clerk interpreting to her, and once we were done, the clerk said, “Eres muy inteligente.” I think you can imagine my frustration to realize that my interpretation skills were unnecessarily put to use. My mom quickly chimed in and said in her thick, Mexican accent, “Yeah, she is going to jale.” I immediately turned red. “No, no,” I said to the clerk. “I’m going to YALE.” His faced eased. Being that we were in a courthouse, it wouldn’t have been strange that I was going to jail, but my mom looked so proud while saying it, I had to clarify. Turns out that one of the strings connecting my interpretation skills and me going to Yale, was the Denver Urban Debate League. During my time with the league, I was able to hone my speaking skills, increase my intellectual capacity and grow a love for this organization. In between my start and my finish, my academic performance increased in ways that were only possible because of debate. That is why I was able to stand in front of a clerk, quickly processing information; that is why I was able to maintain a 4.0 grade average; that is why I found myself with an acceptance and a full ride to an Ivy League institution. It turns out that debate has been the fuel to my fire, and I couldn’t imagine my high school career without it. “

- Viviana Andazola

Debate improves graduation rates

Nationally, 90% of urban debaters graduate on time. In Denver, 100% of our urban debate seniors have graduated from high school for the last four years. That is an incredible outcome in a school district where fewer than 60% of students graduate from high school on-time.

Brandon Arnold, DUDL Class of 2014

Brandon is a Freshman at the University of Denver studying Philosophy and Political Science. He received a scholarship from the University of Denver Debate Team.

Selene Figueroa, DUDL Class of 2013

Selene attends the Colorado Women’s College and is a member of the University of Denver’s competitive debate team. Selene was a semi-finalist at the Pan-American University Debate Championship. She is the first generation of her family to attend college.

Adolfo Valdez, DUDL Class of 2011

Adolfo was awarded the prestigious Gates Millennial Scholarship which will cover all of his expenses for both his undergraduate and graduate studies. He is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and plans to go to medical school after graduation.

Reuben Aguirre, DUDL Class of 2010

Reuben was a Daniels Fund Scholar and graduated from DU in 2014. He scored in the 97th percentile on the Law School Admissions Test and is currently a first year law student at Northwestern Law School.



IMPACT OF DEBATE

Independent peer-reviewed research proves that debate improves academic performance. Urban debaters earn higher grades than their non-debating peers and are significantly more likely to test as college-ready in English, Reading, Math, and Science.

Debate Prepares Students for College Success

85% of urban debaters attend college. Debaters are 89% more likely than non-debaters to attend a four-year college or university and 80% more likely to graduate.

“Competitive debate is one of the great equalizers of educational opportunity....To be very clear, the experience of competing on an urban debate team boosts your college readiness and your chance to succeed in life.” – U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan



Members of the DUDL Class of 2014 were accepted to the University of Denver, MIT, and Yale!



2013 DUDL Awards Banquet & Fundraiser

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