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## Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell Hosts Debate League Season Opener

The Denver Urban Debate League Advisory Board and Denver Public Schools kicked off the 2009–2010 debate season with The Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell Season Opener. The competition was at Manual High School on Saturday, Oct. 17. The debates were open to the public and at least 40 students competed in two divisions: novice and varsity. The high schools that participated included Academy of Urban Learning, Manual, Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College, Montbello, Thomas Jefferson and West. The teams debated the 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 took part in four debate rounds, arguing both the affirmative and negative side of the resolution. First place went to MLK, Jr., Early College High School and second place went to Manual High School. The Urban Debate League serves students who face incredible odds at school and at home as they work to graduate from high school and go on to college. The League's mission is to promote inclusiveness, citizenship and education equity by making debate available to every student in the Denver metro area. The League is deeply grateful to the corporate and community sponsors, such as Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, who make the competitions possible at no cost to students.



Second Place Team Sweepstakes Award winners from the host school, Manual High School, show off their plaque after the awards ceremony.



Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell attorney Stephen Oertle speaks to Denver Urban Debate League students at the awards ceremony.

Roberto Corrada, co-chair of the Denver UDL Advisory Board and Diane Hellwig, attorney for Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, congratulate students Dora Chinchilla, front, and Lauren Brown from Martin Luther King, Jr. Early College High School.