



Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Bossier Parish Community College, the Division of Communication and Performing Arts, and the BPCCC Debate Team, we invite you to the **15th annual Eddy Shell Invitational Speech & Debate Tournament, February 24-26, 2023**, at **Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, Louisiana**. The competition will feature **4 preliminary rounds of TIPDA and 7 preliminary rounds of IPDA – details included in the invitation**. Pizza will be provided midday on Saturday. We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition.

Please note – we will be emphasizing to all judges that everything other than ensuring everyone is “ready” shall be considered “on the clock” (this includes thank you’s, roadmaps, arguments, etc.) and judges will be empowered to penalize competitors at their discretion (via speaker points and/or the assigning of the win) for violations of the time limits that are specified in the IPDA bylaws.

In the pages that follow, you’ll find all the details. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

Bob Alexander & Preston Langley

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### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

We will not have a block of rooms reserved for the tournament, but if you have any questions concerning area hotels – we’ll be glad to provide assistance.

The nearest hotels to campus are the **Holiday Inn Express Louisiana Downs** (7970 East Texas Street, 318-841-9800), the **SpringHill Suites Louisiana Downs** (8010 E. Texas Street, 318-747-7772), & **Comfort Suites Louisiana Downs** (7950 East Texas Street; 318-742-3444).

Other recommended hotels in close proximity to the campus include: **Hampton Inn Gould Drive** (1005 Gould Drive, 318-725-1112), **Hilton Garden Inn Bossier City** (2015 Old Minden Road, 318-759-1950) & the **Homewood Suites Bossier City** (2015 Old Minden Road, 318-759-1940).

### **DIRECTIONS**

BPCCC is located at 6220 E. Texas St., Bossier City, LA 71111; the campus is 1.3 miles west of I-220 near Louisiana Downs. Registration will be located on the first floor of building F (our student center) at a table set-up near the main doors that open to the center of campus. A campus map is available at <https://www.bpcce.edu/about-bpcce/campus-map>

**From the East:** take I-20 West to Exit 26 (I-220); continue .4 miles to exit 17A (US-79/US-80). Turn right on US-79/US-80 and proceed 1.3 miles – the campus is on your left.

**From the West:** take I-20 East to Exit 23 (Industrial Drive). Turn left onto Industrial drive (.3 miles). Turn right onto US-79 E/US-80 E/E. Texas St. Continue 1.3 miles – the campus is on your right.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Friday, February 24**

##### **TIPDA Schedule**

9:15-9:45 Registration  
10:00: TIPDA Round 1  
11:30: TIPDA Round 2  
1:00: TIPDA Round 3  
2:30: TIPDA Round 4 (early review of ballots available for all coaches)  
4:15-4:30: Coaches Review  
4:45: TIPDA Quarterfinals  
6:30: TIPDA Semifinals  
8:00: TIPDA Finals

#### **Saturday, February 25**

8:15-8:45: Registration for Individual Debate Only Schools  
9:00: IPDA Round 1  
10:30: IPDA Round 2  
12:00: IPDA Round 3  
1:30: Lunch Break (pizza provided)  
2:00: IPDA Round 4  
3:30: IPDA Round 5  
5:00: IPDA Round 6  
6:30: IPDA Round 7 (coaches review will be fully online and available ASAP after the end of round 7 – any issues should be emailed by 8:00am Sunday)

#### **Sunday, February 26**

8:30: IPDA Double-Oct’s  
10:15: IPDA Octofinals  
11:30: Awards  
12:00: IPDA Quarterfinals  
1:15: IPDA Semifinals  
2:30: IPDA Finals

## EVENT INFORMATION

1. **Awards** shall be presented to **all elimination round participants** and the **top five speakers** in each division of debate. The **top three programs** shall receive awards for sweepstakes and the **top community college** will be awarded for overall sweepstakes. Additionally, the **Eddy Shell Cumulative Sweepstakes award** will be awarded to the program with the highest total points earned from this tournament combined with all previous appearances at the Eddy Shell Invitational (once a program earns the award, their point total is re-set to zero). Current standings entering the 2023 Eddy Shell Invitational are as follows:

	Total	Point Reset	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Abilene Christian Univ.	410		228		90	92										
AFP-Louisiana	27					27										
Arkansas Tech Univ.	560.5			12	98	84	157			122		45	42.5			
College of Southern Idaho	48			48												
College of the Mainland	302							99	21	88	55	39				
Crowder College	36													36		
Dallas Baptist University	211		211													
Dillard University	54			9	45											
Drury University	219		20		102	35	62									
East Texas Baptist Univ.	0	-824.5		38	45	66	120	106	90	67	97	32.5	67.5	42.5	53	
Freed-Hardeman Univ.	24			6	18											
Harding University	493.5		18			24	66	57	63	75	60	31.5		35	48.5	15.5
Henderson State Univ.	654					78	54	63	64		100	80	52.5	86	53.5	23
Indep. Debate Coalition	143							18		67			27.5	30.5		
Jackson State University	87					45		42								
Jefferson State CC	392			42	88	105	57		74						26	
John Brown University	200.5							54								147
Lamar State Coll.-Orange	51												51			
Lee College	190	-825	91		99	143	136	131	208	177	30					
Louisiana Christian Univ.	355	-646	18	27	51	75	30	48	12	94	99	138	70	126	142	72.5
Louisiana State Univ.	517					152	152									213
Louisiana Tech Univ.	657		63	48	133	93	146	84				30	60		-	-
Lower Columbia College	96			96												
LSU-Alexandria	235						18					2.5	35	47	89	43.5
LSU-Eunice	79				79											
LSU-Shreveport	719	-2523.5	97	166	180	276	227	263	288	257	265	235	254	299	251	186
McNeese State Univ.	68															68
Mercer University	9			9												
Middle Tenn. State Univ.	238			63			100	75								
Mississippi College	239				18			42	39		9	15	25	30	61	
Mississippi State Univ.	747		190	111	182	173	91									
Missouri Valley College	6			6												
Northwest Arkansas CC	72			15	57											
Northwestern State Univ.	424.5		24	15	66	45	74	39	123							38.5
NW Arkansas Forensics	269											138	132			
Oklahoma Baptist University	189		114	75												
Ottawa University	29				29											
Park University	18		18													
Patrick Henry College	35			35												
Sam Houston State Univ.	317	-397										113	205	145	154	98.5
Southern Methodist Univ.	511		116	18	98	106	92	66	15					-	-	-
St. Mary's University	84.5														53.5	31
Stephen F. Austin State U.	735.5				60	55	66	57	44	105	33	97.5	15	60.5	57	85.5
Texas A&M Int'l. Univ.	60									18		42				
Texas Christian University	51		51													
Tulane University	113				48							42.5		22.5		
Union University	548	-1785.5	299	249	228	279	220	279	261	-	210	156	153			
Univ. of Arkansas-Monticello	203	-1327			84	119		232	219	156	114	132	167	139	-	169
Univ. of Arkansas-Pine Bluff	7.5											7.5				

Univ. of Central Arkansas	0	-858	69	27	244	-	-	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	140	123	97
Univ. of Louisiana-Lafayette	63				18	45											
Univ. of Louisiana-Monroe	34															34	
Univ. of Southern Miss.	227		39	49	69		43	27									
Univ. of Tenn.-Knoxville	756		45			81	140	51		162	189	88					
Univ. of Texas-Tyler	53				6	47											
Univ. of the Cumberlands	39			39													
University of Mississippi	142																142
University of Washington	18			18													
Valdosta State University	48			48													
Whitworth University	503			121	382												
Wiley College	676.5					131	161						297				88
William Carey Univ.	297		66	12													219

**Past Winners:**

2022: Univ. of Central Arkansas (858)  
2021: East Texas Baptist Univ. (824.5)  
2020: Union University (1006)  
2019: Lee College (825)  
2018: LSU-Shreveport (778)

2017: Univ. of Ark.-Monticello (721)  
2016: Union University (779.5)  
2015: LSU-Shreveport (756.5)  
2014: Louisiana College (646)

2013: Univ. of Ark.-Monticello (606)  
2012: LSU-Shreveport (553)  
2011: Sam Houston State Univ. (397)  
2010: LSU-Shreveport (436)

2. Novice, junior varsity, varsity and professional IPDA debate shall be offered in addition to Team IPDA debate. Schools shall not be limited in covered entries per event. We reserve the right to limit entries that are not covered by judges.

- A. All **IPDA debate rounds** shall follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time. Divisions offered will be Novice, Junior Varsity, Varsity, and Professional. 7 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. In the event that a partial elim round (ex: “partial double octafinals”) is offered, a maximum of one partial round per division will be held (ex: If a division qualifies for oct’s with 60 entries and more than 32 have 4-3 records or better, only the top 32 would advance to the “partial” elim round). See IPDAdebate.info for division eligibility requirements (or simply ask us if you need clarification).
- B. All **Team IPDA Debate** rounds shall follow the 4-2-5-2-5-2-4-2-3-4-4-3 time format with 30 minutes preparation time and follow the rules established under the International Public Debate Association. Four Preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. Also, note that TIPDA counts as a separate tournament of eligibility toward novice/junior varsity tournament counts.
- C. If BPCC places competitors in the tournament, they will not be counted toward sweepstakes. No BPCC competitors will be judged by individuals affiliated with BPCC.

**3. Points formula**

- A. All of a school’s top three competitors in an IPDA division and top two teams in TIPDA will count toward sweepstakes totals.
- B. Points will be awarded according to the following formula:  
-3 points for each preliminary round win (6 points for team debate)  
-3 points for breaking to elimination rounds (6 points for team debate)  
-5 points for 1<sup>st</sup> speaker  
-4 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker  
-3 points for 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker  
-2 points for 4<sup>th</sup> speaker  
-1 points for 5<sup>th</sup> speaker

**4. Tiebreakers:**

- A. For determining competitors advancing to elimination rounds in individual debate we will look first to the number of wins, second to high/low adjusted speaker points and third to the number of total speaker points. For determining speaker awards in individual debate, we will look first to high/low adjusted speaker points and second to total speaker points. For TIPDA, the same tiebreakers shall be followed except that total points and high/low adjusted points will be reversed (because of fewer preliminary rounds).
- B. **Sweepstakes:** In the event of a sweepstakes tie, we will look first to the number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds, second to prelim round win percentage.

5. **Judges:** One judge covers up to 4 debaters per format (the same judge may cover 4 individual debaters and 2 debate teams); debaters may be used to judge elimination rounds of debate once eliminated from the competition. All judges are obligated to judge one round beyond the elimination of their program.

6. **Tournament Ethics Statement:**

A. The behavior of all attending the Eddy Shell Invitational will be in keeping with the NCA Policy on Anti-Harassment Code of Conduct (available at: [https://www.natcom.org/sites/default/files/annual-convention/NCA\\_Convention\\_Resources\\_Anti\\_Harassment\\_Policy.pdf](https://www.natcom.org/sites/default/files/annual-convention/NCA_Convention_Resources_Anti_Harassment_Policy.pdf)). We encourage all programs to review these expectations prior to entering this tournament.

B. The Eddy Shell Invitational expects that behavior between all participants, coaches, judges, and guests be respectful and appropriate at all times. If any participant has concerns over propriety or good sportsmanship, they should discuss the matter with their coaching staff. Any coach, judge, or guest should address any concerns with the Tournament Director / Tabulation Room Staff.

C. As a condition of entry, all participants, coaches, judges, and guests agree that any decision issued by the Tournament Director is binding and final.

7. **Fees:** TIPDA entries are \$40 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$25 each. IPDA Entries are \$25 each and uncovered entries are an additional \$20 each. **Change Fees:** Changes will be accepted without charge until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Any drops or changes after that date until the start of registration will be charged a processing fee of \$5.00 per alteration; only drops will be accepted during registration and any drop occurring during registration or later will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration.

8. **Entry Deadline:** All entries must be received by Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 5:00 pm. Entries should be made at <https://forensicstournament.net/BPCC/23> **Please make any checks payable to “Debate Team”**