August 19, 2014

Dear Colleagues:

The University of North Georgia Debate Forensics Interpretation (DFI) Club invites you to attend the 6th Year of the revival of the Chicken or the Egg Tournament on September 26-28, 2014.. The tournament will offer the following events, held at its Oakwood, or Gainesville, Campus at 3820 Mundy Mill Road in Oakwood, GA.

DEBATE:

September 26-27, 2014:

Novice NPDA Debate (no high school debate experience of any sort, first year

of college debate).

Varsity NPDA Debate

September 27-28, 2014

IPDA Debate—Novice (first ten tournaments), Varsity, and Pro Divisions

This year, Dr. Michael Eaves will be joining us in the NPDA tabroom, which Dr. Tom Preston, will run. Pat Richey of Middle Tennessee State University will direct the IPDA tabroom.

The University of North Georgia is the 6th largest public university in the state of Georgia, resulting from a January, 2013, consolidation from University of North Georgia and North Georgia College and State University. UNG has campuses at Watkinsville, Cumming, Oakwood, and Dahlonega, GA. The tournament will be held on the same Oakwood campus and same headquarters as last year and previous years.

For more details, please read through the Invitation. Entries will be accepted by email only at [Tom.Preston@ung.edu](mailto:Tom.Preston@ung.edu) no later than 11:59 PM ET Wednesday September 24, 2014.

All the best,

Fernando Gonzalez, President and CEO C. Thomas Preston, Jr., Ph.D.

University of North Georgia DFI Club- Director of Forensics, UNG

Gainesville Professor of Communication

Darrelyn Thomas, President and CEO

University of North Georgia DFI Club, Dahlonega

**Schedule of Events**

**Chicken and the Egg Tournament**

**University of North Georgia (Oakwood Campus)**

**Friday, September 26, 2014**

**12:00 PM ET Registration, 3rd Floor Lobby, Academic IV Nesbitt Bldg**

**2:00 PM ET Round I NPDA Debate (preset pairings) Topic Announce, 3td Floor**

**Lobby**

**2:15 PM ET Round I NPDA**

**3:30 PM ET Round II NPDA Debate (preset pairing) Topic Announce**

**3:45 PM ET Round II NPDA**

**5:15 PM ET Dinner Room 3110**

**6:00 PM ET Round III NPDA Debate (powered hi-hi on rds 1 and 2) Topic Announce**

**6:15 PM ET Round III NPDA Debate**

**7:30 PM ET Round IV NPDA Debate Topic Announce (powered hi-lo within**

**side constraints on rds 1 and 2.**

**7:45 PM ET Round IV NPDA Debate**

**Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**8:00 AM ET Ongoing Registration, IPDA only schools 4214 Nesbitt**

**8:30 AM ET Round V NPDA Debate Topic Announce (powered hi-hi).**

**8:45 AM ET Round V NPDA Debate**

**10:30 AM ET Quarterfinals topic announce, NDPA**

**10:45 AM ET Quarterfinals NPDA Debate**

**12:00 PM ET Awards Luncheon**

**1:15 PM ET Semifinals Topic Announce NPDA Debate**

**1:30 PM ET Semifinals, NPDA Debate**

**3:00 PM ET Finals NPDA Debate Topic Announce**

**3:15 PM ET Finals NPDA Debate**

**4:15 PM ET Topic Announce Round I IPDA**

**4:45 PM ET Round I IPDA preset\***

**6:00 PM ET Dinner**

**7:00 PM ET Topic Announce Round II IPDA**

**7:30 PM ET Round II IPDA preset**

**\*In case a fourth elimination round is needed in NPDA, students double entered in finals of NPDA and IPDA will receive a bye the first round of IPDA. All 3-2 teams will qualify for eliminations in NPDA; and ONLY the 3-2 or better teams will advance. Entry Deadline 11:59 PM ET September 24.**

**(more)**

**Sunday, September 28, 2014**

**8:30 AM Topic Announce, Round III IPDA powered hi-hi off 1 and 2**

**9:00 AM Round III IPDA**

**10:00 AM Topic Announce, Round IV IPDA powered hi-hi off 1 and 2**

**10:30 AM Round IV IPDA**

**11:30 AM Coaches Review IPDA**

**12:00 PM Awards Lunch IPDA**

**1:00PM Elimination rounds commence in IPDA with all and only 3-1**

**Entries advancing.**

**Awards**

**Definition of Novice NPDA—Any student who did not debate in any format before at more than two tournament prior to January 1, 2014. This is slightly less restrictive than the practice of five tournaments or fewer, but is more in line with national definitions. This includes high school debate.**

**Definition of Novice IPDA—Any student with fewer than ten tournaments an any debate format may do novice IPDA.**

**Open—Open to any college debater; Pro—Same as Open IPDA but also open to coaches and graduates. There is no “pro” in NPDA.**

**Debate Awards: Trophies for each elimination round team in each division, one for each**

**team member Speaker. Awards for Top 30 per cent of speakers in each division, with anything lower than fifth is a certificate.**

**Within the novice division, we will give speaker awards as well to the**

**top five speakers at their first tournament, or debut awards.**

**Students in the varsity division, even if one partner is novice, will only**

**compete for the varsity speaker awards. It is possible for a person**

**in novice to win a speaker award for debut and novice, if the person**

**doing their first tournament also places for awards in the overall**

**division. Preliminary indications are that this tournament will not have to collapse divisions, but we reserve the right to if entries warrant. In that case, there**

**will be speaker awards given just as was the case last year.**

**Sweepstakes:**

**The Golden Steeple NPDA Debate Sweepstakes—2 points for each NPDA win, and 1 point for each IPDA win, in preliminaries.**

**The Bell Tower Community College Sweepstakes—by the same formula above.**

**All schools are eligible for Golden Steeple; only two year institutions eligible for Bell Tower.**

**Accommodations, UNG Chicken and Egg Tournament:**

**Close to campus, good clean rooms, and reasonable**

**Jameson Inn**

**3780 Merchant’s Parkway**

**Oakwood, GA 30566**

**770-965-0357 or just Google in ‘Jameson Inn’ and go to their website for reservations.**

**This is the inn used to host professors interviewing for job at UNG. It is reasonably nice and reasonably priced, and is across the street within view of campus. Nobody at the Chicken and Egg Tournament has reported going wrong here. Take Exit 16 on I-985, turn left if coming from South or right if coming from North, and after the second stop light you’ll see it to the right of Golden Buddha, and a new Steak and Shake just opened there.**

**Best Western Inn**

**4535 Oakwood**

**Oakwood, GA**

**770-535-8080 or just Google in ‘Best Western” and go to their website for reservations.**

**This is visible from I-985, where you will take Exit 16 on I-985. Note: This hotel was recently renovated, and is like a new property. Turn right if coming from the North; left if coming to the South. It is an immediate left off of State Road 53 after turning.**

**A little further away, and slightly more upscale—but Hampton is still affordable; for those who wish to take over a house, look into the Whitworth Inn—heaven on earth but still may be pricey. Each is only 5-10 miles from campus:**

**Hampton Inn**

**4660 Holland Dam Rd.**

**Flowery Branch, GA 30542**

**770-965-0357 or go to Hampton Website for reservations.**

**The Hampton is visible from Exit 12 on I-985.**

**For those of you who are B and B fans, go to:**

**Whitworth Inn**

**6595 McEver Road**

**Flowery Branch, GA 30542**

**770-967-2386**

**You will have to rely on them for directions, and you have to take a couple of turns to get there—but it is still a reasonable distance from the Oakwood (Gainesville) campus of UNG.**

**Although the Petit Lemans and other conflicts are not there this time, it is still suggested reservations be made early.**

**Entering the UNG Chicken and Egg Tournament and Restrictions:**

**You may only enter this tournament by contacting** [**tom.preston@ung.edu**](mailto:tom.preston@ung.edu) **.**

**678-717-3703 is Tom Preston’s office number, and should only be used for last minute changes or emergencies. When possible such messages should also be accompanied by an email to the address above.**

**REGSTRICTIONS ON ENTRIES—see definitions of novice, open and pro earlier—otherwise there are no restrictions, and students may enter both IPDA and NPDA debate in any division for which they are eligible.**

**You MAY enter both NPDA and IPDA OR NFA-LD—the schedule easily accommodates entering both.**

**ENTRY DEADLINE IS 11:59 PM ET WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2014.**

**Please structure your email with entry by:**

**1) List your parliamentary teams by Student and put the following letters beside individual student names for experience level. Teams will be place in divisions by the most experience level, and novice team members will also be eligible for debut awards if their first tournament. Any student can be designated Varsity (V). Students with five or few tournament of any form of debate including high school are designated Novice (N), and students at their first debate tournament EVER are designated Debut (D).**

**Maker every attempt to cover all entries with judges. We also have hired positions for extra rounds covered.**

**EG:**

**Bertha Smith (V) and Tom Jones (V)**

**Jack Jones (D) and Wayne smith (V)**

**Jerry Smith (D) and Wanda Wallace (D)**

**Bob Bailey (N) and Narcissa Newell (N)**

**Judges: Pop Smith and Raul Gonzalez**

**2) List your NFA-LD and IPDA entries. Judges will be asked to judge both formats; 1 judge for every 4 entries. IPDA will NOT be flighted; but to accommodate this many student judges will be used.**

**Again, list your students varsity (V), Novice (N), or Debut (D),using the same definitions as for NPDA. In IPDA only, indicate (P) if you wish to do a pro division as defined by IPDA.**

**The Fee Schedule--**

**Entry Fees:**

**$40.00 per NDPA entry PLUS $50.00 per each uncovered entry. One judge covers two**

**entries. In other words, two uncovered teams results in $100 in judging feeds**

**in addition to entry fees.**

**$20.00 per IPDA or NFA-LD Entry; one judge covers four entries; $30.00 per uncovered entry fees.**

**Meal Fees: (mandatory)**

**$10.00 per person Friday Dinner for NPDA competitors and judges only.**

**$20.00 per person flat fee for Lunch and Dinner Saturday for all observers, judges, NFA LD contestants, and IPDA contestants. The only exception is NPDA finalists, who may eat lunch for free if that is their only reason for remaining.**

**10.00 for awards luncheon on Sunday**

**Lunch Friday and Breakfast Saturday and Sunday is ON YOUR own**

**UNG Participation Disclosure: Note that UNG will enter and participate in this tournament much more substantially than most tournament hosts due to our limited travel budget, and our students will be able to qualify for elimination rounds and to win individual awards. However, UNG will NOT be eligible for individual or team sweepstakes awards. As well UNG students will participate in ONLY debate, or ONLY individual events, but not both, unless there is a need for a swing partner, or a team to make the number of teams in the division event.**

**UNG Chicken or Egg Description of Debate**

**Parliamentary Debate—will follow the NPDA Rules of Debate found at** [**http://www.parlidebate.org/pdf/npdarules-0608.pdf**](http://www.parlidebate.org/pdf/npdarules-0608.pdf) **, and google the National Forensic League and/or International Public Debate Association Websites for the instructions on those formats, which we will follow.**

**NOTE ON TOPICS—In accordance with NPDA guidelines, we will announce topic areas for IPDA and NPDA but not topics. Three areas will be selected from which all NPDA topics will be derived, with one round being some variation within the area of whether a metaphorical chicken came before an egg. IPDA areas and topics will not be pre-announced.**

**International Public Debate Association: We will follow IPDA rules—surf** [**http://www.ipdadebate.info/**](http://www.ipdadebate.info/) **for details**

**National Forensic Association LD Debate: We will follow their rules—surf** [**http://www.nationalforensics.org/lincoln-douglas-debate**](http://www.nationalforensics.org/lincoln-douglas-debate) **for details.**