

Join the Debate Outreach Network Today!

Public Debate Program Charter Document

Middle School Public Debate Program/High School Public Debate Program

Mission

The Claremont Colleges Debate Union (CCDU) supports class and contest debating through its national *Public Debate Program* network, including the Middle School Public Debate Program (MSPDP) and High School Public Debate Program (HSPDP). The Debate Union pursues its mission of promoting critical thinking, public speaking, and argumentation skill development through class, public, and contest speech, debate, and discussion events. Programming educates students for academic, leadership, and professional success. Through debate, argumentation, conflict resolution, and performance instruction and practice, debate outreach efforts help its participants foster critical inquiry, investigate contemporary public affairs, promote public discussion for citizen participation in democratic governance, and energize intercultural communication and discussion and debate across borders.

Membership

Any national or international college or university, primary or secondary school, speech or debate organization, education ministry or public department of education, educational enrichment center or academy program, homeschool group, non-profit educational institution, business, or CCDU-approved organization is eligible to become a member of the network. Membership is required for schools registering for MSPDP and HSPDP league competition.

Active members may participate in designated school-based contest debate leagues, sanctioned public debates and discussions, international exchanges, demonstration teams, video productions, essay and academic competitions, sponsored regional and national championships, leadership programs, and other designated activities and events. Members receive supplemental and specialized public speaking, argumentation, refutation, and debate and education curricular materials, newsletters, and participation opportunities that are unavailable to non-members. Institutional membership for contest debating – competitive debate league participation – is open to any educational institution or approved public speaking or debating club representing students from Grades 5-12 (within USA) or ages 10-18 (outside USA). The charter fee for contest debate leagues will be established each year. The Debate Union has the right to cancel membership at any time.

**TO JOIN, PLEASE COMPLETE THE PDP MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND MAIL THE APPLICATION AND ANNUAL FEE TO
JOHN MEANY, CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE, 500 E. 9TH STREET, CLAREMONT, CA 91711.**

Public Debate Program

A National and International Debate Outreach Organization for Secondary School Debating

Membership Application – 2010-2011



high school public debate program

Please register _____
(name of institution or individual [individual membership])

Please Check – Applying for MSPDP _____ HSPDP _____

Name _____
(institutional representative)

Street Address of Institution _____

Street Address of Individual [individual membership] _____

City, State, Zip, Country _____

Phones – School or Other Institution/Mobile _____

Email _____