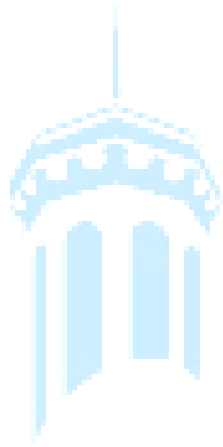


The Hollatz Debates

BP Debate Tournament
September 16th, 2017



Wheaton College

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Wheaton College Debate**

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Dear Colleague:

The Wheaton College Debate team is pleased to invite you and your squad to attend the **2017 BP Hollatz Debates**, held on the campus of Wheaton College on **Saturday, September 16th, 2017**.

For 30 years, Dr. Ed Hollatz (1954-1984) served as the Director of Forensics at Wheaton College. The tournament is named after this extraordinary man to honor his service, not just to our college, but especially to the forensics community.

The Hollatz Debates offers one division of BP-style debate. Four preliminary rounds of competition will lead to a final round per WUDC guidelines.

A number of features make this tournament a unique and competitive choice. There are no fees for participating in this tournament as long as teams provide judges to cover their entry. In addition, the schedule has been arranged to minimize lodging costs. For most schools, this means returning home on Saturday is possible. For those visiting us from outside the Midwest, both O'Hare and Midway Airports offer reasonable airfare rates – in many cases, round-trip flights are under \$200/person. For those institutions without a BP debate program, this tournament is a great opportunity for your students to try out an exciting and educational debate style.

The Wheaton College Debate Team hopes to see you and your squad in Wheaton, IL on September 16th. We are anticipating an excellent weekend of competition. If there is anything we can do, please do not hesitate to contact us.

For Wheaton Forensics,

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2017 Tournament Schedule

SATURDAY, September 16th, 2015

8:00-8:15	TEAM/JUDGE CHECK IN – Barrows Lobby, Billy Graham Center
8:15-8:45	BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO BP DEBATE (Barrows Auditorium)
8:45	Topic Announced: Round 1 (Barrows Auditorium)
9:00-10:00	Round One Debates
10:15	Ballots due – Barrows Auditorium
10:45	Topic Announced: Round 2 (Barrows Auditorium)
10:45-11:45	Round Two Debates
12:00	Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium
12:00-1:30	LUNCH BREAK (on your own)
1:30	Topic Announced: Round 3 (Barrows Auditorium)
1:45-2:45	Round Three Debates
3:00	Ballots due - Barrows Auditorium
3:30	Topic Announced: Round 4 (Barrows Auditorium)
3:45-4:45	Round Four Debates
5:00	Ballots due – Barrows Auditorium
5:30	Topic Announced: Final Round (Barrows Auditorium)
5:45-6:45	Final Round
7:00	Ballots due – Barrows Auditorium
7:00-7:15	FINAL ROUND/TOURNAMENT DEBRIEF (Barrows Auditorium)

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PART ONE: TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Tournament Rules – WUDC regulations will govern the tournament, unless specified elsewhere in this invitation. We will allow hybrid teams to compete. No individual may debate without a partner.

Competitor Eligibility - Any regularly enrolled undergraduate in a two-year or four-year college or university who meets the WUDC eligibility standards is eligible. No person who has competed for eight (8) or more semesters or has competed at a collegiate national tournament in four (4) different years may compete. Wheaton students will participate.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Teams and Judges - Entries are due by 6:00 pm CST on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017. Drops and name changes (but no adds) can be made until Wednesday, September 12th at 12:00 noon. Please email the full names of both debaters and the names (and round restrictions, if any) of judges to rebecca.sietman@wheaton.edu. Please indicate any team constraints a judge may have.

PART TWO: PROCEDURAL ISSUES

DISCLOSURE

Please help us keep **on schedule**. Ballots MUST be returned by the time indicated on the schedule. Delays attributed to judges may, at the tournament director's discretion, result in penalties to that school's teams including automatic losses or removal from the tournament.

PART THREE: FINANCIAL ISSUES

ENTRY FEES

Fees will be assessed at noon on Wednesday, September 12th. The following fees will be assessed:

- \$100.00 per uncovered debate team

JUDGING

Commitment – Schools with only one team entered into the tournament must bring one qualified judge or pay the judging fee. For schools with two or more teams, the N (# of teams) -1 rule will apply. All judges must be available for the final round. We will make EVERY effort to send squads home as soon as possible, but the final round cannot happen without judges.

Available Judges – We REALLY want you to bring your judges. It is unclear at this time how many hired judges we will be able to locate. We are willing to pay judges with a bachelor's degree \$20.00 per round judged beyond commitment. Please alert us to any judge who is willing to be hired.

PART FOUR: AWARDS

ANNOUNCE TOP SPEAKERS

Because we are hosting this tournament without entry fees, we will not be providing awards. However, we will announce and recognize the top speakers after the final debate round.

PART FIVE: LODGING AND DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS

Wheaton College Campus – The city of Wheaton is located 25 miles directly west of Downtown Chicago. The campus address is 501 College Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187. From I-355, exit Roosevelt Avenue and head west to Main Street (Wheaton – do NOT turn on the first main street, which is Main Street-Glen Ellyn). Turn right (north) onto Main Street and right again (east) onto Seminary. The Billy Graham Center will appear on your right.

From Midway Airport to Campus - Leave the airport heading North on Cicero until you reach I-55 South. Take I-55 South to I-294 North. Take I-294 North to I-88 West. Take I-88 to I-355 North and exit on Roosevelt Road. Turn left (west) onto Roosevelt Road and travel through Glen Ellyn until you come to Main Street (Wheaton, NOT Glen Ellyn). Turn right (north) onto Main Street until you come to Seminary Ave. Turn right (east) onto Seminary until the Billy Graham Center appears on your right.

From O'Hare Airport to Campus - Leave the airport on I-190. Take I-190 to I-294 South. Take I-294 South to I-88 West. Take I-88 to I-355 North and exit on Roosevelt Road. Turn left (west) onto Roosevelt Road and travel through Glen Ellyn until you come to Main Street (Wheaton, NOT Glen Ellyn). Turn right (north) onto Main Street until you come to Seminary Ave. Turn right (east) onto Seminary until the Billy Graham Center appears on your right.

LODGING

While the City of Wheaton has no hotels, many of the surrounding cities have nice, reasonably priced hotel options. We suggest two hotels in particular – the Hampton Inn in Carol Stream (<http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=CHICLHX>) and the Red Roof Inn in Downers Grove (http://www.redroof.com/reservations/inn_details.asp?innNumber=87). For other cost-saving options, we suggest hotels.com.