

The Hollatz Debates

BP Debate Tournament
September 27th-28th, 2019



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 **2019 BP Hollatz Debates**, held on the campus of Wheaton College on **Friday, September 27th** and **Saturday, September 28th, 2019**.

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. Six 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. Rob Ruiz will be Chief Adjudicator, and Will Silberman will be running tab. 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 27th and 28th. 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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2019 Tournament Schedule

FRIDAY, September 27th, 2019

3:00-3:30	TEAM/JUDGE CHECK IN – Barrows Lobby, Billy Graham Center
3:35	OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS – Billy Graham Center 140
3:45	Topic Announced: Round 1 (Billy Graham Center 140)
4:00-5:00	Round One Debates
5:15	Ballots due – Billy Graham Center 140
5:45	Topic Announced: Round 2 (Billy Graham Center 140)
6:00-7:00	Round Two Debates
7:15	Ballots due - Billy Graham Center 140

SATURDAY, September 28th, 2019

8:00-8:30	TEAM/JUDGE CHECK IN – Barrows Lobby, Billy Graham Center
8:30	Topic Announced: Round 3 (Barrows Auditorium)
8:45-9:45	Round Three Debates
10:00	Ballots due – Barrows Auditorium Stage
10:30	Topic Announced: Round 4 (Barrows Auditorium)
10:45-11:45	Round Four Debates
12:00	Ballots due – Barrows Auditorium Stage
12:00-1:30	LUNCH BREAK (on your own)
1:30	Topic Announced: Round 5 (Barrows Auditorium)
1:45-2:45	Round Five Debates
3:00	Ballots due – Barrows Auditorium Stage
3:30	Topic Announced: Round 6 (Barrows Auditorium)
3:45-4:45	Round Six Debates
5:00	Ballots due – Barrows Auditorium Stage
5:30	Topic Announced: Final Round (Barrows Auditorium)
5:45-6:45	Final Round
7:00	Ballots due – Barrows Auditorium Stage
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.

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 24th, 2019. Drops and name changes (but no adds) can be made until Wednesday, September 25th 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 25th. 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 Washington Street. Turn right (north) onto Washington Street and right again (east) onto College Ave. 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 Washington Street in Wheaton. Turn right (north) onto Washington Street and right again (east) onto College Ave. The Billy Graham Center will appear 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 Washington Street in Wheaton. Turn right (north) onto Washington Street and right again (east) onto College Ave. The Billy Graham Center will appear on your right.

LODGING

While the City of Wheaton has no hotels, many of the surrounding cities have nice, reasonably priced hotel options (see hotels.com). 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 Holiday Inn in Carol Stream (<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/carol-stream/csri1/hoteldetail>).

CAMPUS SAFETY

Wheaton College is committed to establishing and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all members of the community and invited guests. If for any reason you feel unsafe during your stay on campus, please do not hesitate to contact one of Wheaton’s Title IX Coordinators or the Wheaton College Department of Public Safety.

Title IX Coordinator—Diane Padilla, diane.padilla@wheaton.edu, 630.752.7885

Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Students—Carrie Williams, carrie.williams@wheaton.edu, 630.752.5797

Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Employees—Karen Tucker, karen.tucker@wheaton.edu, 630.752.5060

Wheaton College Department of Public Safety

On-Campus Emergency or Service: 630.752.5911

Emergency taking place off-campus: 911

Student Health Services: 630.752.5072