

2016 Betsy Karl Invitational at Pacific Lutheran University, March 12-13, 2016.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the staff and students of the T.O.H. Karl Forensics Forum at Pacific Lutheran University, I would like to invite you to the 2016 Betsy Karl Invitational, to be hosted on Pacific Lutheran University's campus in Tacoma, Washington, on the weekend of March 12-13, 2016. Our tournament will include 6 preliminary rounds of British Parliamentary style debate, and a break to quarterfinals. This is a great chance to warm up prior to USUDC in April.

To assure a well run tournament we are proud to announce Jacob Witt of Northwest University as Tabulation Director and Robert Margesson of Regis University as Chief Adjudicator.

We are excited to host you on our campus for what is sure to be an enjoyable tournament. If you have any questions, please email Justin Eckstein at ecksteja@plu.edu. We hope to see you in Tacoma in March!

Sincerely,

Justin Eckstein
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Tournament Information

Entry Fees

Team Fee: 110.00 per debate pairing

Uncovered Team Fee: 150.00 + 110.00 team fee per debate pairing

We seek to have three quality judges per preliminary round. As such, entries must provide at least one judge per school, and beyond that the number of judges can be one less than the number of teams entered by a given program (N-1). To ensure a quality judging pool, the tournament staff reserves the right to limit the entry of those schools that bring significantly more teams than judges. Discounted entry fees are available for those schools flying to attend, please contact Justin Eckstein to discuss those fees.

Please make all PO's or checks payable to Pacific Lutheran University.

Meals

Tournament fees cover breakfast, lunch and snacks on Saturday and Sunday. As we are providing meals, it is important for us to know of any food allergies or other dietary restrictions. Our caterers require ample time to accommodate dietary restrictions. **Please**

send those by March 3rd to Tori Vigil, vigiltn@plu.edu, with the subject line “Dietary Restrictions”.

Registration

Entries must be submitted via Forensicstournament.net. **Registration deadline is March 9, 2016**

Parking

Parking will be available in the Mortvedt Library Parking Lot and street parking. Below are directions.

Address:
Pacific Lutheran University
12180 Park Ave S
Tacoma, WA 98447

From I-5 North or South...

1. Take exit 127 for WA – 512 East toward Puyallup
2. If coming from North of PLU, turn left onto WA – 512 East, if coming from South of PLU, turn right onto WA – 512 East.
3. Take the WA – 7 South/Pacific Avenue exit toward Parkland/Spanaway
4. Turn right onto WA – 7 South/Pacific Ave South
5. Turn right onto 121st ST South
6. Take the 2nd left onto Park Avenue South. Anderson University Center will be located on the right
 1. There is a large clock tower in front of the building as well as a Viking ship.
7. Parking is available in the Mortvedt Library Parking Lot between Garfield and Wheeler.

<http://www.plu.edu/admission/first-year/visit-plu/directions.php>

Lodging

There are many proximate, reasonably priced hotels near campus.

We have a group block at the Red Lion Inn, Address: 8402 S Hosmer St, Tacoma, WA 98444. The Red Lion will offer a group rate of \$99.00 + tax for double queen and breakfast. To get these rates, please call the front desk at 253-548-1212 and ask for the “PLU Debate Tournament” block. The cut-off date for the block is February 26th. Below is a list of other hotels in the region.

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Tacoma
Address: 8601 S Hosmer St, Tacoma, WA 98444

Phone: (253) 539-2020

Candlewood Suites Lakewood

Address: 10720 Pacific Hwy SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

Phone: (253) 584-0868

The Western Inn of Lakewood/Tacoma

Address: 9920 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98499

Phone: (253) 588-5241

Comfort Inn Tacoma

Address: 8620 S Hosmer St, Tacoma, WA 98444

Phone: (253) 531-3118

Crash

There is very limited crash space available for teams traveling from outside the Pacific Northwest. Please contact Calvin Horne, calvin.w.horne@gmail.com as soon as possible if you plan on taking advantage of the crash space.

Trophies

All breaking teams will receive trophies crafted by Hilltop Artists, a local art cooperative dedicated to providing art education to area youth from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds. To learn more visit: <http://hilltopartists.org/>

Schedule

Saturday, March 12

8:00 Registration at Anderson University Commons (AUC) (Breakfast provided)

8:30 Tournament Briefing

9:00 Round 1

11:00 Round 2

1:00 Lunch (provided)

2:00 Round 3

4:00 Round 4

6:00 Snacks

6:30 Round 5

Sunday, March 13

8:00 Roll Call (Breakfast provided)

8:30 Round 6

10:45 Quarter Finals

12:30 Lunch (provided)

1:30 Semi Finals

3:30 Finals

5:00 or ASAP Awards