

Gary Gillespie Invitational

Inaugural Gary Gillespie Invitational at Northwest University, October 1-2, 2016

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the NU Debate Team and the College of Arts and Sciences at Northwest University, I'm happy to invite you to the inaugural Gary Gillespie Invitational hosted at Northwest University in Kirkland, Washington. Professor Gillespie dedicated his life to speech and debate, serving as the NU debate coach for 30 years and producing many quality competitors and contributing to the broader forensic community. Even in retirement, Coach Gillespie is a tireless advocate for critical thinking, the study of persuasion, and the dedication to the liberal arts. In addition, Professor Gillespie is an accomplished artist and entrepreneur, his art featured in many venues and publications and his art supply company quickly growing.

The tournament will include 6 preliminary rounds of British Parliamentary style debate in a single preliminary field breaking to open semifinals and novice finals. Individual speaker awards given for the top 5 open and top 3 novice debaters. This tournament is a great season opener in the Northwest region.

If you have questions or specific needs, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Jacob Witt
Northwest University
Debate Coach

When: October 1-2, 2016

Where: Northwest University, Kirkland, WA (Eastside of Seattle)

Fees: Team Fee: \$100 per debate pairing

Uncovered Team Fee: \$150 + \$100 team fee per debate pairing (N-1 judge requirement)

We seek to provide high-quality judging for each round and ask that each school provide at least one judge and ideally meet the N-1 requirement. If you bring 3 teams, please plan on 2 judges.

Registration: We will conduct registration through forensictournament.net with a soft team cap at 40.

Meals: Breakfast (Excellent Coffee + Light Breakfast)

Lunch (Provided both days, please designate dietary restrictions with registration)

Dinner on your own (many excellent restaurants within 5 minute of the school)



Hotel: La Quinta Inn & Suites (Closest to NU)

10530 Northeast Northup Way
Kirkland, WA 98033
(425) 828-6585

Rate: about \$112 for Two Queens with 4 ppl (I'm working to lower it to a fixed rate)

Schedule:

Saturday, October 1

8:00 Registration + Breakfast
8:30 Tournament Briefing
9:00 Round 1 Announced
11:00 Round 2 Announced
1:00 Lunch Provided
2:30 Round 3 Announced
4:30 Round 4 Announced
Snacks and things after round
6:30 Round 5 Announced

Sunday, October 2

8:00 Roll Call + Breakfast
8:30 Round 6 Announced
10:30 Semifinals Announced
12:30 Lunch Provided
2:00 Final Round Announced
4:00/ASAP Awards

**FYI, NU is a Tobacco-free campus, but our General Assembly will be a 3-minute walk to a smoking location.