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Hello All,

The OSU Forensics Team would like to invite you to participate in the 1<sup>st</sup> GREATER PORTLAND INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE LEAGUE (GPIDL) tournament of 2017, which will be held on the Oregon State University campus on Saturday, January 14, 2017. I hope you are able to take advantage of this format which allows competition in a friendly, low-cost, atmosphere which doesn't take up a whole weekend.

We will offer IPDA debate in Open and Novice divisions (but reserve the right to collapse depending on number of entries). We will attempt to single-flight rounds (but also reserve the right to double-flight if entries require it). If we can adjust the schedule for an earlier end-time, we will certainly do so. We will be providing 'unique' awards (meaning: no crappy laminated particle-board trophies!) for elimination round competitors and for top speakers in each division; the plan is to advance the top four debaters in each division into bronze and gold/silver rounds and to recognize the top three speakers in each division.

You need to provide a judge for every 2 debaters entered. Please cover your judges. I may be able to hire a few judges on an individual basis. Please contact me directly as soon as possible if you would like me to try to find a judge for you.

IF YOU COVER YOUR JUDGES, THERE WILL ONLY BE A \$5.00 ENTRY FEE PER DEBATER (cash preferred; checks are fine too)!!! However, there will be a judging fee of \$75.00 per uncovered debater, and we will request you drop teams if we can't find judges for your entries.

There is ample free parking on our campus on Saturdays and a host of food options on nearby Monroe Ave. The best parking for attendees is the lot behind Graf and the lot between Wngr and Gilb (please see the interactive map at <http://oregonstate.edu/campusmap/>).

The deadline for entry is Tuesday, January 10, at 5:00 pm. But please send an indication of your interest earlier if possible. Please send your entries to **BOTH** Shannon Valdivia, the Tab Room Guru, at [shannon.valdivia@mhcc.edu](mailto:shannon.valdivia@mhcc.edu), and to Mark Porrovecchio, the So-So Tournament Gofer, at [mark.porrovecchio@oregonstate.edu](mailto:mark.porrovecchio@oregonstate.edu).

Our tentative tournament schedule is very, very simple in a world that is increasingly complex:

#### **SATURDAY, JAN. 14**

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Registration (Shepard Hall 209)
9:00 am – 10:45 am	Round One (Draw/Gathering Place in Dearborn 118)
10:45 am – 12:30 pm	Round Two
12:30 pm – 2:15 pm	Round Three
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	Late Lunch (Linner?)
2:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Elim Round One
4:30 pm – 6:15 pm	Elim Round Two (and awards ASAP)

We hope you can join us in Corvallis in January 2017!

Mark Porrovecchio, Director of Forensics  
Stephanie Saracco, Assistant Coach