Intra-IU Debate Tournament Invitation

Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students of HHC,

The IU Competitive debate team and I are excited to inform each of you about the upcoming first annual Intra-IU debate tournament to be held on November 4th (4PM-8PM) and 5th (10AM-5PM). The IU debate team will be opening our expertise as well as research files for all IU students, whether undergraduate or graduate, who are willing to engage in public deliberation over this year’s National Debate Tournament policy debate topic. The tournament will include five to six rounds of debate against a peer-team with one judge per round.

The cost to participants is free. Food and drinks will be provided to participants as well as judges. Awards purchased from the IU memorial union Bookstore will be provided to the top competing teams and individual speakers.

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Call-out and Informational meetings will take place: These meetings will be informational for competing team members including evidence analysis, the schedule, format, and practice debate.

Oct 27: Ballantine 240 (5:30-6:30)
Nov 3: Ballantine 240 (5:30-6:30)

Registration! Registration!! Registration!!! Registration!!!!
Send an email to IUDebateTournament@gmail.com, subject-line “Intra-IU Registration.” Include your name and your partner’s name. If you do not have a partner, that is ok we will assign a partner to you.

The Deadline for Registration is October 28th.

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The topic to be discussed is timely and pertinent to the future of the United States’ role in the Middle East:

Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its democracy assistance for one or more of the following: Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen.

The debate team and I have researched as well as utilized the nation’s debate community to produce several research briefs that can be used to advocate for and against the topic. Files include arguments such as: Affirmative arguments like building civil society in Egypt, engaging the Muslim brotherhood, building water-user groups in Yemen, internal budget and mission tradeoffs (USAID and Democracy Assistant Specific), relationship arguments (Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Israel), NGO specific arguments, imperialism criticisms, and so on. All participating students will receive the same file set, and will be encouraged, while not necessary, to do their own research to supplement the arguments.

Each team will be comprised of two students. Students are advised to locate a partner, otherwise the tournament will randomly select a partner for the participant. Rounds will be held in Ballentine with a reception to follow.
Faculty, if you are interested in being involved we are in need of judges. We promise nothing more than excitement in watching your students engage in the age-old rhetorical-clash of argument and ideas. The logical as well as persuasive method of debate provides an interesting as well as fun forum for developing strong liberal arts students.

I ask that if you have the space and time, whether during class-meetings or email space to help us spread the word about Indiana University’s first all IU competitive debate event. The best place to direct potential participants is to our website: www.iub.edu/~iudebate/. An "Intra-IU Tourny" tab has been created for the event. Students can sign up for the event by emailing IJDe