

**Connecticut Debate Association  
December 9, 2017 Tournament  
Engineering and Science University Magnet School and Guilford High School**

On behalf of Engineering and Science University Magnet School (ESUMS) and Coach Leon Tynes, and Guilford High School and Coach Ralph Russo, I would like to invite you to attend our third tournament of the 2017-18 season on Saturday, December 9. These Coaches deserve our special thanks because as of our November tournament we had no hosts for December, and both have graciously stepped in. *With two hosts we will be able to have both a Varsity and Novice division at each location, out usual format.*

**Please read the following items carefully:**

1. We have room for close to 450 debaters, but we need to see that they are distributed properly to have good tournaments at both locations. In other words, many of you will have to drive past West Haven and come out to Guilford.

- Those in the far western and northwestern sections of the State should attend ESUMS.
- Those in the Hartford area and Eastern parts of the State should attend Guilford.
- *Schools in Fairfield County towns along I-95 please consider coming further east to Guilford.*

2. If you plan to attend, either register on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) or else email me by Friday evening, December 1 with a reasonable estimate of how many teams you intend to bring. Those registered by this coming weekend will likely get their choice of location. We reserve the right to direct those who register the week of the tournament to the location of our choice.

*Please show courtesy to our hosts by making your plans and registering during the week of November 27! Schools that register at the last minute make it difficult to plan and result in waste if we end up with too many supplies or sending them to the wrong locations.*

3. You must register your teams and judges through [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com). Instructions for using [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) for CDA can be found here: <http://ctdebate.org/PDFs/Using%20Tabroom.pdf>. We will be using [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) for registration for all tournaments.

*All teams will be wait-listed on entry so that we can review them.*

The tournament entry on [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com) has six events, Varsity, Novice and Observer for each of ESUMS and Guilford. You may choose the tournament you would like to attend by registering your debaters in the events for one high school or the other. *We may ask teams that are located along I-95 to switch to Guilford if registrations are unbalanced.*

The tournament will be open for registration on Monday, November 27 at 8AM.

4. Please abide by the rules for Novice eligibility (unchanged from last year):

*The Novice division will be open to Freshman and Sophomores, regardless of experience or record. They may qualify and participate as Novices in State Finals both years. However, they may move up to Varsity at any time if they or their coach choose, and once having moved up, may not return to Novice. Coaches are encouraged to move Sophomores up to Varsity if they have been successful as a Freshman, but are not required to do so.*

*Juniors who have never debated before in CDA may participate as Novices in their first regular CDA tournament. Otherwise they may only debate in Varsity. They may not participate in State Finals except in Varsity. They may only qualify for State Finals while debating in Varsity.*

*Seniors may not participate as Novices in any CDA tournament.*

5. To qualify for State Finals, a debater must win a trophy at a regular tournament, or go 3-0 at two regular tournaments. In other words, simply going 3-0 at one tournament without winning a trophy will not qualify.

6. You can find directions to the schools at their web sites:

Engineering and Science University Magnet School  
 500 Boston Post Rd, West Haven, CT 06516  
<http://esumsnh.net/>

Guilford High School  
 605 New England Rd, Guilford, CT 06437  
<http://ghs.guilfordschools.org/m/>

If you have questions, please email me at [ejrutan3@ctdebate.org](mailto:ejrutan3@ctdebate.org) . I look forward to seeing you there.

**Tournament Day Schedule**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>8-9AM</b>	Registration and coffee	Cafeteria
<b>9AM</b>	Resolution and packet distributed	Cafeteria
<b>9-10AM</b>	Preparation for debaters Workshop for judges	Cafeteria As directed
<b>10-11:30AM</b>	Round 1 (random pairings)	Room listed on round schedule
<b>11:30AM-1PM</b>	Round 2 (random pairings)	Room listed on round schedule
<b>1-2PM</b>	Lunch	Cafeteria
<b>2-3:30PM</b>	Round 3 (power matched, flip for side)	Room listed on round schedule
<b>3:30-5PM</b>	Varsity Final Round	Auditorium or cafeteria
<b>5-5:30PM</b>	Awards	Auditorium or cafeteria
<b>5:30PM</b>	Departure	