

# LYNN UNIVERSITY

## The Gold Coast NPDA Debates Lynn University – Fall 2019

On behalf of the Lynn University Debate Team, I am pleased to invite you to participate in a parliamentary debate tournament on September 28, 2019. We will have four rounds of preliminary competition, followed by semifinals and finals. We will host the tournament at our campus in Boca Raton: 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33431

**Deadline for entry:** Tuesday September 24 at 5:00 pm. Please e-mail entries of teams (include novice designation for those students in their first competitive year) and judges (include first and last names) to [rhamm@lynn.edu](mailto:rhamm@lynn.edu).

### **Saturday, September 28 (ASSAF Building):**

8:30 – 9:00 am	Check-In / Light Breakfast (provided by Lynn University)
9:00 am	Round 1 Topic Announce
9:20 am	Round 1
10:20 am	Round 2 Topic Announce
10:40 am	Round 2
11:40 – 12:40 pm	Lunch (provided by Lynn University)
12:40 pm	Round 3 Topic Announce
1:00 pm	Round 3
2:00 pm	Round 4 Topic Announce
2:20 pm	Round 4
3:20 pm	Semi-Finals Topic Announce
3:40 pm	Semi-Finals
4:40 pm	Awards
5:00 pm	Finals Topic Announce
5:20 pm	Finals

- NPDA Rules will be followed, with Points of Order at judge discretion (competitors should ask their judge before the round) <http://www.parlidebate.org/npda-rules/>.
- Judges should not disclose in round, but once their ballots are submitted, they are free to give detailed comments and decision to competitors.
- In the interests of scoring consistency, judges are asked to score NPDA on a scale of 25 – 30 points. Keeping to this bracket will ensure fair speaker rankings across judges.
- There will be one round of state or local policy, one round of national policy, one round of foreign policy, and one value or metaphorical resolution.
- Awards will be given to competitors advancing to semifinals, finals, and to the tournament champions. Speaker awards will be given to the top five competitors in open division; speaker awards will be given to the top three competitors in novice. Novices are eligible to receive open speaker awards.
- Lynn students will be eligible to compete and win awards.
- Many of the rounds may be “lay” rounds where the judges are members of the Lynn University faculty or staff, depending on judge coverage from participating schools. Lynn students may be judged by Lynn faculty, though Lynn debate coaches will not judge Lynn debaters.
- On Saturday morning, bagels and coffee will be provided. Lunch will be provided on Saturday as well, including a vegetarian option.
- We ask that competing schools bring one judge for every two teams. Uncovered teams can still be accommodated, and we encourage as many teams as possible to attend, regardless of judge coverage.
- There is no registration fee for this tournament.

We look forward to seeing you!

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