

CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Administrator Conferences

“Problem Solving and Idea Sharing”

Friday, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

**Leaders: Will Baker (ALoud), Pam Spiliadis (ALoud),
Melissa Wade (NDP/Atlanta Urban Debate League)**

Host: Lenny Gail (NAUDL)

This problem-solution oriented session will begin with each League administrator identifying their three most significant challenges. The panel of experienced league leaders will then guide a discussion that elicits ideas, strategies, and solutions from throughout the Urban Debate Network.

“Networking” (Administrators and Coaches)

Friday, 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

A reception for all administrators and coaches who are not judging Round 4. Beverages and light appetizers will be served. Activities to encourage mingling will take place.

Coaches Conferences

“Cultivating Coach Leadership and Ownership”

Friday, 11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

Leaders: James Roland (NDP) and Les Lynn (NAUDL)

Host: Eric Tucker (NAUDL)

The leaders will describe principles from successful Urban Debate Leagues that foster teacher-coach leadership and ownership, then will outline steps that coaches might take to heighten their own leadership and ownership in their UDLs. The presentation will be followed by an extended discussion of successful examples and real challenges that coaches have experienced.

“Methods to Becoming a Better Debate Coach”

Friday, 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

**Leaders: Scott Deatherage (NU/NAUDL) and Ed Lee
(NDP/Atlanta Urban Debate League)**

Host: Holly Reiss (NAUDL)

Even the best urban debate coaches in the country can improve their practices and effectiveness. The leaders will outline methods they have observed the most successful college and high school coaches employ – including those coaches without a debate background. They will also discuss the development of their own debate coaching practices. The presentation will be followed by a discussion of

methods the coaches in attendance have used.

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Student Conferences

“Careers in Finance and Law”

Saturday, 4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

**Leaders: Martha Diaz (JP Morgan), Linda Listrom
(Jenner & Block), Steve Perry (Claritage Capital) and
Kyle Williams (JP Morgan)**

Host: Mark Koulogeorge (NAUDL)

Each of the leaders will discuss how debate helped them in college and in their careers – and how they took the steps that have led to their career success, including distilling the keys for their having a successful career as a minority. Kyle Williams (JP Morgan) will also talk to students about how their own finances – now and as they get older – will influence their prospects for success, and how they can become financially savvy.

“Youth Voice and Youth Leadership”

Sunday, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

**Leaders: Voltaire Sterling (actor), Jen Johnson (Seattle
Northwest Debate Found.), & Alejandra Frausto (CDL)**

Host: Les Lynn (NAUDL)

Why should urban debaters assume the burden of leadership – in their schools, communities, and Leagues? What are the responsibilities and the key attributes of young leaders? Discussion with students will elicit their own leadership experiences and ideas by which urban debaters might become even more effective and significant leaders.