Congressional Debate

Online Expectations

Mean Green Comet Congressional Debate is an unrivaled camp that teaches students of all levels how to be an award-winning congressional debater. Designed and taught by Terrick Brown, coach of state and national finalists, this online course is a one-stop-shop for all of debate training needs. From learning core fundamentals to practicing effective speech delivery strategies, this online course will accelerate students’ success in Congressional Debate.

Participants will benefit from:

- Live lectures taught by Terrick Brown and award-winning junior staff
- Personalized coaching feedback from one-on-one training sessions
- Explorative learning during office hours led by lab leaders
- Head start with research and speech prep for the fall TFA Congress docket
- Training on the fundamentals of being a Presiding Officer

Critical Takeaways:

1. Argument Construction & Deconstruction
2. Research Skills & Packet for the Fall TFA Docket
3. Dynamic Public Speaking Skills & Drills
4. Parliamentary Procedure – Leave a Presiding Officer
5. Unique Legislation (for submission at “circuit” tournaments)

Sample Schedule

**Morning Session 1:** Theory Lecture, “Congressional Calculus: Understanding In-round Mechanics”

**Morning Session 2:** Workshop, “Parli Pro: Pushing Limits and Sustaining Debate”

**Afternoon Session 1:** Topic Lecture, “The United States Constitution in action”

**Afternoon Session 2:** Daily Debate, “Practicum – Direct Questioning”

**Evening Session:** Research Pods & Office Hours

Congressional Debate Schedule 2020

[Download the Daily Schedule (PDF)]

Director's Statement

Congressional debate mimics real life and equips students to think critically, research thoroughly, and work collaboratively. I truly believe congress bridges the competitive genres of interpretation, limited preparation, oration, and debate. Students are challenged to role play, think on their feet, speak clearly and concisely, and engage in substantive debate. The goal of the MGCDI Congress lab is to develop students, at any level, to be
stronger thinkers, researchers, debaters, and speakers. By focusing on foundational skills and advanced strategies, this program is equipped to benefit any student looking to reach the next level.

I invite you to join us this summer and rethink the way you debate.

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### Division Director

**Terrick Brown**  
Director of Forensics, Seven Lakes High School  
A two-diamond coach with 14 years of coaching experience. Competitively, he has coached students at every level: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. Currently, Terrick serves as the Director of Forensics at Seven Lakes High School, where his team consistently ranks among the top 10 schools at the TFA state tournament. In the last three years, the Congress team has earned a total of 30 state qualifications to the TFA state tournament, with several students reaching the final round. Moreover, he has coached Congress and Speech finalists at Harvard, Emory, The Sunvitational, University of Texas, George Mason, Montgomery Bell Academy, and NSDA Nationals.

https://debatecamp.utdallas.edu/congressional-debate/makepdf
Terrick was also involved in the production of the film, The Great Debaters (2007), serving on the team of coaches that prepared Denzel Washington and the cast for their roles. He is a firm believer that all students have great potential, and they require encouragement and nourishment for their potential to materialize. He has experienced the transformative impact speech and debate has had on his life, and it is his desire to use this activity as a tool to equip young people with the skills to be productive citizens.

Division Staff

Faizan Asif

Faizan is currently a senior at Seven Lakes High School, serving as the Congressional Debate Captain of his team and competing primarily in Congress and IX. In his career, he’s amassed over 12 bids and finalled at every national tournament he’s competed in. Most notably, he placed 5th at the Glenbrooks Invitational, 4th at the Harvard Invitational, State Champion in IX, and 2nd at NSDA Nationals in the Senate. Outside of debate, Faizan is passionate about sports, music, and traveling.

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MGCDI enrollment is open! Follow the link above to reserve your spot in our 2020 summer program. The final
deadline for all registration is June 22, 2020.