

A DEBATE SUMMIT AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

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The initiative for a national development conference for policy debate emerged from the National Debate Tournament (NDT) Board of Trustees through conversations with the NDT Committee and the leadership of the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA). This conference will mark the third national development conference for intercollegiate debate in the last half century. Previously, college debate educators have convened in Sedalia, CO at the Sedalia Retreat House in 1974 and in Evanston, IL at Northwestern University in 1984.

The conference is a forum for active coaches and directors to examine commonality on a host of issues related to intercollegiate policy debate and the coaching profession. One of the primary goals of the conference is to draft and publish a "State of the Debate Vocation" which addresses the following themes:

Professional Development, Research, and Advancement
Innovation, Practice, and the State of the Art
Community and Organization Building
The Rationale and Agenda for Policy Debate in the 21st Century

A productive conference will require the energetic participation of all members of the debate community—present and past—who find virtue in the power of a debate education. If you are interested in chairing or serving as a member of the working groups which emerge from these themes send an email of self nomination to debatesummit@gmail.com by January 15th, 2008.

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