



CHICAGO
DEBATES

*Impact*REPORT

Mission

Our mission is to advance the educational achievement, community contributions, and life success of Chicago's youth through the transformative power of academic debate.

Vision

We envision a world in which Chicago youth are empowered to find their voice, succeed in college and career, and become leaders in their community.

Letter From Board Chair & Executive Director

For 25 years, Chicago Debates has been bridging the opportunity gap for Chicago youth. In 1997, we partnered with Chicago Public Schools to bring the benefits of debate to deserving Chicago students. We began with just five high schools and 35 students. Since then, we have significantly increased the number of students we serve, added a middle school program, and more than doubled the number of schools with debate teams. We have grown to become a national model for peer organizations across the country and are now the largest urban policy debate organization in the country. Pre-Covid, we served over 1,700 students a year and thousands more over our 25-year history.

Alongside the untiring global pandemic, local nonprofits were forced to face the reality that things were not "going back to normal" anytime soon. A commitment to innovation, creativity, and mission would be required if we were to thrive amid this unfortunate adversity. Thus, we are more committed than ever before to providing Chicago Public School students with an after-school program that supports their academic, career, and leadership success.

Chicago Debates is making great strides with a successful history, enduring strength, promising results, and lifelong impact for the youth and communities we serve. Supporting Chicago Debates is an investment in Chicago, our youth, and in our future leaders. Together, we can ensure that significantly more Chicago youth from high poverty schools have the opportunity to leverage the powerful benefits of debate to achieve life success—and contribute productively to their communities.

We are beyond grateful for your dedication and support. THANK YOU. Here's to the next 25!

With gratitude,

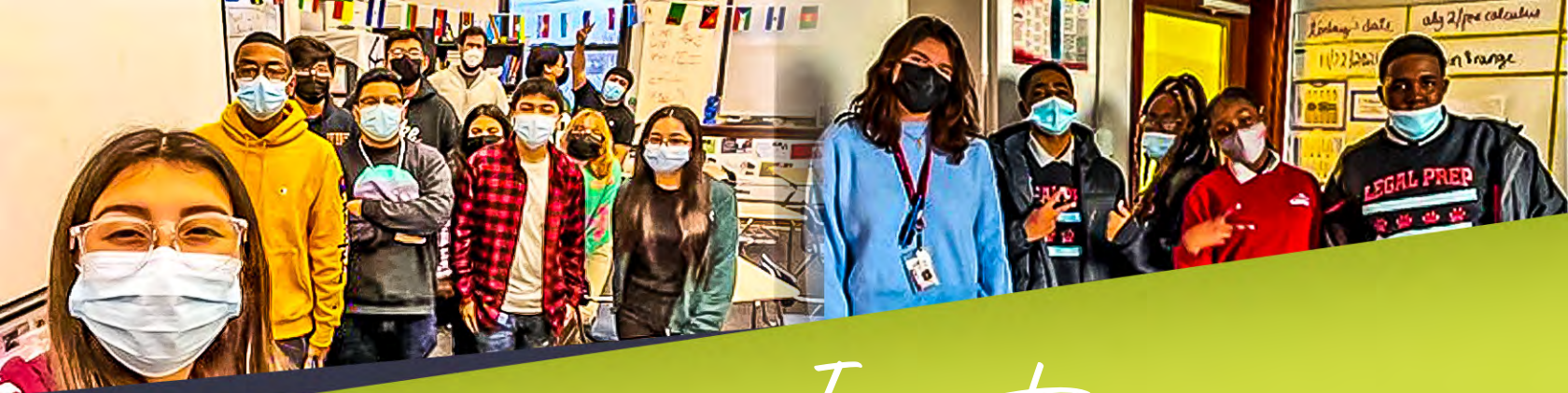


David Nadig, Chair
Board of Directors



Dr. Toinette Gunn
Executive Director





A YEAR OF *Impact*

Last year highlighted the resilience and dedication of our Chicago Debates community. Remaining true to our organizational values, we developed and executed equitable virtual programming to ensure Chicago students retained access to the opportunities offered through the transformative activity of debate.

Our 2020-2021 season saw nearly 1,100 students from 66 different schools participate in 50 debate tournaments and activities. Our Policy Debate season culminated with the successful execution of our first-ever virtual City Championships with over 300 middle and high school student participants. Debaters from 50+ communities across the city came together to bond and build connections, while also engaging in civil discourse on the benefits and impact of Criminal Justice Reform.

Following the success of our Policy Debate season, we piloted a new format of debate called Public Forum, which centers on current events, logic, and evidence. Students debated on whether policing in the United States should be defunded or reformed. Through this extremely relevant topic, we engaged 123 students, 70% of whom were brand new to debate! The introduction of this new format continues to illustrate the appeal of debate and the power it offers in engaging students in skill-building activities.

This past summer, we again hosted our annual Chicago Debates Summer Institute (CDSI). Our camps continue to provide Chicago students access to a debate camp experience that is high in quality and extremely affordable. This allowed us to increase our Title I student participation by 200%! In total, nearly 150 students engaged in our two-week curriculum, developing stronger argumentation skills and creating new bonds with students from across Chicago.

Recognizing the fact that students can only aspire to be what they are exposed to, Chicago Debates is committed to creating more partnerships with businesses, community organizations, and institutions of higher learning. Through collaboration, hard work, and a commitment to excellence, our team was able to deliver one of our most successful debate seasons in recent years. We look forward to another exciting and impactful year.

Anthony Bolden
Director of Programs

PROGRAM *Impact*



1040
Students



66
Schools
Served



756 Hours
Coach Training
& Support Hours



81%
Students
of Color



72% of our
Debaters attended
a Title I School



50
Tournaments

STUDENTS *Said Debate...*



Improved Critical Thinking
& Communication Skills (HS)



Strengthened Their
Academic Performance



Improved
Reading Skills



Improved
Debate Skills



Improved
Noncognitive Skills



Increased Their Interest in
Politics & Community
Engagement



Will Help Them Be
Successful in College (HS)



Tournaments
Were Organized

COACHES *Said...*



97%
Felt supported
by staff



100%
Tournaments
were organized



100%
Staff communicates
well with them



95%
Coach Satisfaction
Rating

PROGRAM *Highlights*



Debater OF THE YEAR

The Debater of the Year award recognizes a debater who best demonstrates commitment to debate, improvement in their academic performance and exhibited leadership in their school, urban debate league and community. Our 2021 Debater of the Year, Gregorio Chavez from Pritzker College Prep, exemplifies all of those things! His passion for debate extends beyond his devotion to his team, which is evidenced through co-coaching and teaching debate to students in other schools. **"Debate has revealed the myriad of problems that exist in the world and made me realize that I need to care," said Gregorio. "Because of debate, I know I'm not alone in this. The struggle is ours to fight, and we can't back down."**

Novice Team

Rebecca Chan
Jenny Chen
Whitney Young High School

Junior Varsity Team

Dev Shah
Muhammad Saeed
Walter Payton College Prep

Varsity Team

Benjamin Katz
Annie Wang
Northside College Prep

TEAM

CITY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Novice Speaker

Kinsey Weisenberger
Northside College Prep

Junior Varsity Speaker

Muhammad Saeed
Walter Payton College Prep

Varsity Speaker

Felix Jones
Lane Tech College Prep

SPEAKERS

Alum OF THE YEAR

Illustrating the importance and impact of debate on Chicago's youth, Chicago Debates recognized Alum of the Year, Sharone Mitchell (Morgan Park, Class of 2001) who was recently appointed Cook County Public Defender. A fierce advocate for justice and change, an avid supporter of Chicago Debates, Associate Board member and former chair, Sharone credits the power of debate for much of his success. **"I think Chicago Debates is a great engine of social change because we are building up the leaders of our city," he said. "We're putting them on a path to change the world. Our city needs people who are going to be actively engaged in our betterment and improvement. I think Chicago Debates does such a great job of molding those leaders."**



PROGRAM *Highlights*

Coach OF THE YEAR



Ryan Howell of Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center was recognized as the 2021 High School Coach of the Year and was presented with the Golden Gavel Award, which recognizes the debate coach who has best demonstrated extraordinary dedication and outstanding educational and competitive achievement. ***“Even though this season brought about a whole new set of social, emotional, economic, and technological challenges, the debaters proved, once again, that a debate team is what the debaters make it,” said Ryan. “The truly transferable skills associated with debate--researching, reading, speaking, listening--make the world go ‘round! It has been an honor supporting our team’s growth over the past four years, and I very much look forward to many more years of student-owned, student-led success with me cheering and supporting from the sidelines.”***

LONGEST SERVING *Coach*



As Chicago Debates celebrates its 25th Anniversary, Phoenix STEM Military Academy debate Coach Robert Edwards is marking his 20th year with the organization. Edwards began this journey with debate as a high school student earning a debate scholarship to attend college. Looking to give other students access to the transformative experience that he had, Edwards turned to coaching as a student teacher and has been using debate to change lives ever since. Edwards has coached over 250 students during his career and many have gone on to earn debate scholarships as well.

Edwards is currently the longest-serving debate coach with Chicago Debates, citing investment in students, commitment, and building sustainable programs as some of the many reasons he’s remained a debate coach. He believes debate tournaments allow students the opportunity to experience the anticipation and rewards of competition, teambuilding, and community interactions and hopes to see more coaches investing long-term in their programs. ***“If a coach commits to at least five years of coaching, they will find an even greater reward on the other side. Building a sustainable program and encouraging alumni to keep in touch and come back is also important to the success of the program,” says Edwards. “Debate is a lifelong skill that prepares students for the future. They learn how to process independent thoughts and are prepared to deal with all types of situations and challenges.”***

PARTICIPATING *Schools*

Middle Schools

Agassiz Elementary School
Beasley Academic Center
Bell Elementary School
Brooks Academic Center
CICS Wrightwood Elementary School
DePriest Elementary School
Dewey School of Excellence
Edgar Allan Poe Elementary School
Fairfield Elementary School
Frazier International Magnet School
Haines Elementary School
Hedges Elementary School
James B. McPherson Elementary School
Kilmer Elementary School
KIPP One Academy
Lincoln Elementary School
Lindblom Academic Center
McCutcheon Elementary School
Nathan Hale Elementary School
National Teachers Academy
O.A. Thorp Scholastic Academy
Owen Scholastic Academy
Peirce School of International Studies
Rudyard Kipling Elementary School
Sawyer Elementary School
Skinner North Classical School
Skinner West Elementary School
South Loop Elementary School
Wadsworth Elementary School
West Park Academy

High Schools

Amundsen High School
Back of the Yards College Prep
Brooks College Prep
Chicago H.S. for Agricultural Sciences
Chicago Military Academy Bronzeville
Chicago Vocational Career Academy
Collins Academy High School
Evanston Township High School
Gary Comer College Prep
Goode STEM Academy
Hancock College Prep
Hubbard High School
Johnson College Prep
Jones College Prep
Kennedy High School
Kenwood Academy
Lake View High School
Lane Tech College Prep
Lincoln Park High School
Lindblom Math and Science Academy
Little Village Lawndale High School
Michele Clark Academic Prep Magnet High School
Northside College Prep
Phoenix Military Academy
Pritzker College Prep
Proviso West High School
Roberto Clemente Community Academy
Senn High School
Solorio Academy High School
South Shore International
Taft High School
Thomas Kelly High School
Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center
Walter Payton College Prep
Washington High School
Whitney Young High School



Volunteers MAKE IT ALL POSSIBLE

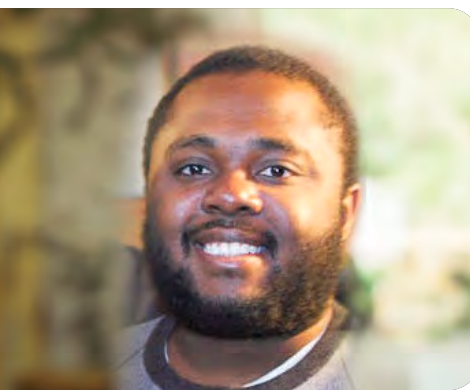
Volunteers are at the core of the work at Chicago Debates. They make all that we do possible. Their tireless efforts and hours of service ensure that our students are able to hone their skills through debate tournaments. Last year, 100% of our volunteer need was met thanks to the generosity of nearly 400 volunteers from across the country. Our volunteers provided over 6,200 hours of support, which enabled us to host 50 tournaments.



Amy Stickel Dattner

Amy Stickel Dattner is a communications professional with particular experience in higher education and the legal industry. Amy got involved in debate through her daughter who currently debates for Chicago Agricultural High School. Joining with little debate experience, Amy has managed to learn quickly and always brings enthusiasm to her role.

"As a judge, I'm impressed over and over again by the talent, determination and skill that debaters demonstrate with every round. It's inspirational and exciting to be a part of that," says Amy.

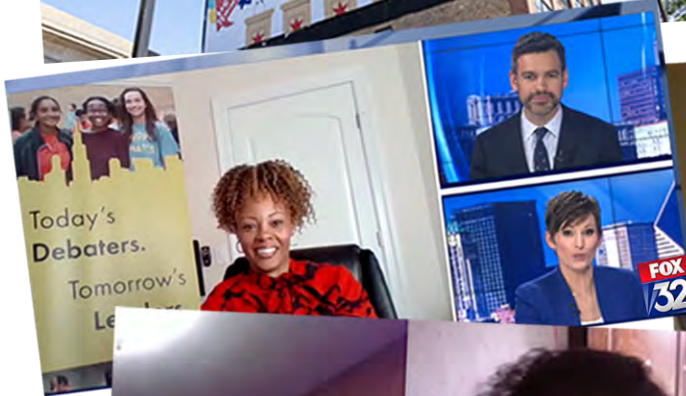


Clinton McClure

Clinton is a Civil Engineer and Alumni of Morgan Park High School. *"Debate has made a lasting impact on who I am as a person. It's only natural for me to help propagate that effect to the students that I judge," says McClure.*

IN THE Media

Chicago Debates mural makes a splash CHICAGO SUN•TIMES



Morten Group, LLC Celebrates 20th Anniversary by Awarding a Year of READI Services to Chicago Debates



FINANCIAL Snapshot

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Statement of Financial Position

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 686,654
Grants & Accounts Receivables	\$ 178,463
Contributions Receivables	\$ 94,828
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 7,923
Other Assets	\$ 724
Total Current Assets	\$ 968,592
Current Liabilities	\$ 80,664

Total Net Assets	\$887,928
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Statement of Activities

Revenue	
Corporations & Other Contributions	\$ 165,044
Foundations	\$ 245,691
Board & Individual Contributions	\$ 75,794
Special Events	\$ 183,545
Other Income	\$ 443,303
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 325
Total Revenue	\$1,113,702

Expenses	
Program Services	\$ 633,980
Management & General	\$ 105,182
Fundraising	\$ 149,176
Total Expenses	\$ 888,338

Net Revenue	\$225,364
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FY 21 EXPENSES

MANAGEMENT
& GENERAL

12%

FUNDRAISING

17%

PROGRAMMING

71%

LOOKING *Ahead*

Over the next five years, Chicago Debates aims to expand debate in Chicago Public Schools by serving 1,000 more students. We continue to be innovative in our programming to provide more students with the access and opportunity to experience the transformative activity of debate. As we aim to serve more students, we remain focused on equitable and diverse programming to ensure we are supporting students in high poverty communities, where the needs are the greatest.

FUTURE GROWTH



25th ANNIVERSARY *Spotlight*



In 1995, a small group of business and civic leaders, led by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Seymour Simon, held a belief that was followed with a life-changing idea. Realizing that Chicago Public School students didn't have the same access to debate as their suburban peers, and believing they too should benefit from the life changing activity, they founded the Chicago Debate Commission (CDC) in 1995.

Starting small and in partnership with CPS, in 1997 our program began with just 35 students from five high schools. Slow and steady growth continued for several years until 2008 when support from the private sector helped to dramatically increase our program. By 2019, we added a middle school debate league, CPS increased their investment in debate, the Make Room for

Debate Luncheon was an established and successful annual fundraiser, we rebranded and changed our name to Chicago Debates, and we were serving over 1,700 students—earning us the title of largest urban policy debate league in the country!

Then, in 2020, Covid hit and forever changed our world. But, we didn't let it hold us down for long! To fight for our students to ensure they continued to have access to debate, Covid forced us to innovate and use technology to engineer new and different ways to virtually deliver our work, which just two years before was thought to be impossible.

Covid also caused us to delay the roll-out of our new five-year strategic plan, which we slowly began implementing in 2021. In our 25-year history, we have served nearly 20,000 students and have plans to do more! **By 2027, we aim to double our impact and serve nearly 3,000 students annually.**

Strategies to ensure we meet this goal include an increased focus on high-poverty schools, students, and communities, as well as diverse and equitable programming. Additional areas of focus include other formats of debate and speech programs, etc., expanded summer camps and community-based partnerships, doubling our revenue and staff capacity, and increasing our Board, just to name a few. We have accomplished so much in 25 years and we're ready for the next 25!



EVERY *Donation* COUNTS!

Thank you to all of our donors this year who made debate possible for so many deserving Chicago Public School students. **THANK YOU** for your investment in Chicago and our future leaders! Note: FY21 July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021

We appreciate all donations - large or small! Our staff has made every effort to ensure all donations are accurately reflected. However, errors occasionally occur. Please accept our apologies for any inadvertent omission, misspelling or incorrect listing. Please contact our Development team to allow us an opportunity to update our records.

Champion Debater Level \$50,000+

- Arie and Ida Crown Memorial
- Anonymous
- Kirkland & Ellis LLP
- Paul M Angell Family Foundation
- Shippy Foundation

Varsity Debater Level \$20,000+

- Allstate Insurance Company
- Amber Thomas
- FXG Charitable
- W.P. & H.B. White Foundation

Junior/Varsity Debater Level \$10,000+

- Adtalem Global Education
- Amanda Amert
- Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP
- John Hammond
- Helen Brach Foundation
- iManage
- Mayer Brown LLP
- Richard Sullivan
- Stanley McNeil Foundation
- Steans Family Foundation
- The Albert Pick, Jr. Fund
- Wintrust Financial Corp

Novice Debater Level \$5,000+

- Allstate - The Giving Campaign
- Glenbrook North High School
- Erne and Geoff Hammond
- Tony Howard
- Massey & Gail LLP
- McDermott Will & Emery
- Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, PLLC
- David & Cynthia Nadig
- Origami Risk
- Tania A. White
- White & Case LLP

Rookie Debater Level \$1,000+

- Alejandra-Contreras-Caballero
- AlixPartners
- Banner Witcoff
- Brian Donlan
- Canary Consulting
- Carlos Penikis
- Christopher Alexander
- Charles River Associates
- Cindy Stuyvesant
- David & Susan Mendelsohn
- Dentons
- DLA Piper LLP
- Dr. Toinette Gunn
- Eli Kay-Oliphant
- Euromonitor
- Exelon Corp
- Freeborn & Peters
- George Johnson & Company
- Husch Blackwell
- Jason Tinsley
- John Tao
- Johnni Rodgers
- Josh Wolken
- Keith Wright
- Lawrence Bernstein
- Byron Wright
- Calandra Lathan
- Calvin Rogers
- Candace Jamil
- Cara Bader
- Carol Been
- Carrie Kozlowski
- Carter Wong
- Cassandra Parker
- Cecile Garcia
- Charise William
- Charisse Conanan
- Charles Alexander
- Charles Cammack
- Charles Smith
- Chelsea Beckford
- Cherise Ledet
- Cheryl Hammock
- Cheryl Soco
- Christina Bartik
- Christina Brophy
- Cindy Talmadge
- Clarence Carson
- Colleen Woulfe
- Collin Mui
- Corey Johnson
- Corliss Garner
- Cornell Franklin-Smith
- Cornell McClellan
- Courtney Barnes
- Cynthia Hobbs
- Cyrus Rab
- Dale Hammond
- Dan Albert
- Dana Eatman
- Daniel Charles
- Daniel Riff
- Daniel Silberwasser
- Danielle Coleman
- Darwin Boss
- David Gobberdiel
- David Shapiro
- David Weissman
- David Zarefsky
- David & Judith Schiffman
- Deanna Charles
- Petrie Family
- Priten Shah
- Rachel Haig
- Renee & Michael Slade
- Sanders Family Foundation
- Seyfarth Shaw LLP
- Sharone Mitchell
- Sidley Austin, LLP
- The Hartford
- Vedder Price
- Wipfli LLP

Scrimmage Debater Level \$5-\$999

- Aashish Chauhan
- Abraham Corrigan
- Abraham Secular
- Ada Li
- Adam O'Mara
- Adriana Gonzalez
- Aiman Imran
- Alan Lev
- Alex Rodriguez
- Alexander Robinson
- Alexandria Davis
- Alicia Lascelles
- Allison Epstein-Miranda
- Alona W. Anspach
- Amanda Crowley
- Amanda De Witt
- AmazonSmile
- Amit Bindra
- Amit Garg
- Amy Harlowe
- Amy Reilly
- Anabel Seiler
- Andrea Reed
- Andrew Hammond
- Andrew Xie
- Aneesh and Jill Sohoni
- Angela Alleman
- Angela W. Smith
- Anita Rice
- Ann Allie
- Ann Marie Lascelles
- Ann Peter
- Anna Murnighan
- Anthony Bolden
- Anthony Pilgrim
- Arlyn and Mark Miller
- Artisan Partners
- Asher Haig
- Asher Perlman
- Autumn Jones
- Barrington Lopez
- Beatriz Castillo
- Bel Foundation
- Benjamin Valdez-Hempel
- Bernard Beneteau
- Beth Niestat
- Bianca Abraham
- Bindu Alexander
- Binita Shah
- Blake Johnson
- Bo Gao
- Boyan Qian
- Brandon Barroso
- Brandon Nadig
- Brenda McGlohon Mitchell
- Brian & Sheri Nadig
- Brian Rubaie
- Brielle Bryant
- Byron Wright
- Calandra Lathan
- Calvin Rogers
- Candace Jamil
- Cara Bader
- Carol Been
- Carrie Kozlowski
- Carter Wong
- Cassandra Parker
- Cecile Garcia
- Charise William
- Charisse Conanan
- Charles Alexander
- Charles Cammack
- Charles Smith
- Chelsea Beckford
- Cherise Ledet
- Cheryl Hammock
- Cheryl Soco
- Christina Bartik
- Christina Brophy
- Cindy Talmadge
- Clarence Carson
- Colleen Woulfe
- Collin Mui
- Corey Johnson
- Corliss Garner
- Cornell Franklin-Smith
- Cornell McClellan
- Courtney Barnes
- Cynthia Hobbs
- Cyrus Rab
- Dale Hammond
- Dan Albert
- Dana Eatman
- Daniel Charles
- Daniel Riff
- Daniel Silberwasser
- Danielle Coleman
- Darwin Boss
- David Gobberdiel
- David Shapiro
- David Weissman
- David Zarefsky
- David & Judith Schiffman
- Deanna Charles
- Debbie Gordon
- Deborah Larsen
- Deepti Heda
- Derrick Braswell
- Derya Ozyurt
- Dorinda Brooks
- Douglas Bacon
- Duane Quaini
- Duane Rylko
- Dylan Quigley
- Eboney Goines
- Eileen Winter
- Elana Godbolt
- Eleanor Choi
- Elena Savona
- Elijah Horton
- Elizabeth Tidmarsh
- Elsa Andrianifahanana
- Emely Gutierrez
- Emory University
- Edith Canter
- Eric Bjerstedt
- Eric Forslund
- Erin O'Brien
- Ernst & Young LLP
- Ervin Dawson Warner

Scrimmage Debater Level \$5-\$999

- Ethan Jiao
- Eugene Granovsky
- Eugene M. Reppucci
- Euler Bropleh
- Eun Jung
- Evan Robinson
- Ewa Radecka
- Ezra Haggard
- Falguni Dewjee
- Farzin Parang
- Felencia Terrell
- Felipe Weffer
- Fiona Ortiz
- First Midwest Bancorp Inc
- Fozia Mir
- Fuming Cao
- Gareth Hayes
- Gautam Kalra
- Gelitza Gutierrez
- George Good
- George Houhanisin
- Gerard Gregoire
- Gideon Burnett
- Gilbert Eatman
- Giselle Perez de Donado
- Grant Bent
- Gregor Sosnowski
- Guiveda Francois
- Gwendolyn Lee
- Hillary Davis
- Hollis Griffin
- Ian Burns
- Ian Scott
- InJung Oh
- Itasca Walters
- Jacqueline Maguire
- Jacqueline Gilson
- James A. McVey
- Jamila Trimuel
- Jane Rumsey
- Janet Lang
- Janice Jones
- Janice Lamb
- Janiece Montgomery
- Janine Givens-Belsley
- Jasmine Stidham
- Jason Azul
- Jason Ferdinand
- Jason Hainaut
- Jason McDannold
- Jay & Cheryl Butler
- Jean K James
- Jeanet Dreskin-Haig
- Jeffrey Bacon
- Jeffrey Grinde
- Jeffrey Huppertz
- Jeffrey Liu
- Jeffrey Thomas
- Jennifer Aranas
- Jennifer Lin
- Jennifer Mohring
- Jennifer Rakstad
- Jeremy Wright
- Jeremy Howell
- Jhanelle Thompson
- Jill Cunningham
- Jim Beams Brands, Co.
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- Joann Lewis
- Joanne & John Hasmonek
- Joel Rollins
- John Lopez
- John Oest
- John Vitzileos
- Johnny McClellan Jr
- Jon Magnant
- Jonathan Buckner
- Jonathan Glover
- Jordan Jones
- Jorge Ortiz
- Jorie Wisnefski
- Joseph Deegan
- Joseph Park
- Joshua Friess
- Joy Sorce
- Joyce Carter
- Julie Ong
- Justin Kaufmann
- Justin Scales
- Kara Grant
- Karen Mcmutuary
- Karen Nystrom
- Katalyst Group
- Katherine Ross
- Kathleen Boege
- Kathleen Chmiel
- Kathleen Hill
- Kathleen Pettiti
- Kayce Swift
- Kayleigh Lim
- Kaytlin Richardson
- Kenneth D. Mitchell Jr
- Kenneth Omura
- Kevin Kaye
- Kevin O'Neill
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- Kimberly Dean
- Kimiko Broome
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- Kori Milroy
- Kurt Hilgendorf
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- Kylah Eatman
- LaKeshia Spraggins
- Lakisha Hill
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- Langchi Zhu
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- Lauryn Trautmann
- Lawrence Heftman
- Lee Quinn
- Liam Baltazar-Pruitt
- Lijian Shao
- Linley Bassett
- Lisa Bohl
- Lisa Khosh-Granger
- Lisa Moultrie
- Lora Khosh-Morse
- Lorenzo Gunn
- Lorianne N Venice
- Lynnette Ciavarella
- Madalyn Messer-Brooks
- Madhavi Cherukuri
- Mandee Polonsky
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- Matthew H. Wernz
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- Mayra Romero
- McMaster Carr Supply Company
- Megan Schumacher
- Megan Wong
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- Michael Dickler
- Michael Kanovitz
- Michael Klinger
- Michael Wimsatt
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- Michigan State University
- Honors College
- Mike Clark
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- Miles Taub
- Mili Smith
- Milt and Jill Rose
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- Minghan Yau
- Minnie Howell
- Molly Kean
- Mondira Sengupta
- Monique-Jolicia
- Nadej Mercier
- Nadine Hunt
- Natalie Bennie
- Natalie Mitchell
- Neha Ravani
- Neha Sahni
- Neil Bouhan
- Neil Dagaria
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- Nicholas Greiner
- Nicholas Lepp
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- Nick Tipsord
- Nicole Grant
- Nicole Mitchell
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- Nimay Piparia
- Nina Jackson
- Nina Ruvinsky
- Noah Chestnut
- Noah Kern
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- Onica Matsika
- Pamela Mills
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- Richard Stuckey
- Rishi Agrawal
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- Robert Earles
- Robert Ware
- Roberta A. Clary
- Ronald & Ronna Heftman
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- Rosebelle Lin
- Ruixue Zhou
- Rukiya Johnson
- Ryan Carroll
- Ryan McCarty
- Ryan Prior
- Sabrina Noel
- Sabrina Wing
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- Sam Van Hecke
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- Sheryl Hoyer
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- Shorge Sato
- Shuo Qian
- Siddharth Mukesh
- Simon Burstein
- Smita Agrawal
- Sonia Lascelles
- Sophie Yu
- Stanley Pierson
- Stephanie Greene
- Stephanie Hoeman
- Stephen Harris
- Steve Kay
- Steven Carlson
- Stevens, Heidi
- Su Yang
- Susan White
- Tanesja Young
- Tayo Hill
- Tawa Mitchell
- Ted Fishman
- Terri Boss
- Terry L Howard
- Tiffany Williams
- Tim Ellis
- Tina Ng
- Todd Helfrich
- Todd & Julieann Rainville
- Trevor Peterson
- Turia West
- Tyrina Newkirk
- Tyrone Liaw
- Ursula Moncau
- Valerie McIntosh
- Vedika Subhedar
- Velisha Haddox
- Velma Harris
- Vishal Som
- W. W. Grainger, Inc.
- Warren Tang
- Wayne Tang
- William Barroso
- William Schmidt
- William Tanzman
- William Towler
- William Ziegelmuller
- Xin Huang
- Yan Li
- Yuxin(Charlotte) Shi
- Zainab Ahmad
- Zachary Brown
- Zylan Eatman

LEAVING A *Legacy*



Helen Sullivan, an annual Chicago Debates donor, recently contributed a legacy gift to establish the new Sullivan Scholarship for this and future years. This scholarship reflects her wish to attract and retain talented students at high poverty schools where debate is new or has low engagement. The Sullivan Scholarship honors her son Richard Sullivan and his 20 plus years of work with Chicago Debates as an organizer, judge, coach, and past Board President.

For more than 20 years, Helen Sullivan has loyally shared our goal to ensure Chicago Public School students have access to research proven debate programs that cultivate skills to support their academic, career, and leadership success. "We are delighted to provide this scholarship to students that need additional resources to increase their chances of long-term success. This scholarship will create brighter futures for students in under-resourced communities involved in debate by providing opportunities that may not have otherwise existed," said Helen.



Charitable giving can be done in many ways, including bequests, legacy or estate gifts, scholarships, corporate and individual donations, matching gift programs, and more. Please contact Dr. Toinette Gunn, Executive Director, at tgunn@chicagodebates.org to learn more about the various ways you can support the Chicago Debates mission.

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Chicago Debates is looking to grow our Boards. If you are passionate about being a leader in your community and transforming lives contact **Dr. Toinette Gunn** at tgunn@chicagodebates.org.



Introduce Chicago Debates to your network of friends by hosting a Game Night, Virtual Trivia Challenge, or other fun opportunities. For more information, please contact our Development Team at development@chicagodebates.org.



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