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HOUSTON URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE ASSOCIATION

The Houston Urban Debate League (HUDL) today announced a brand new partnership with the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) that provides HUDL students and coaches with free debate resources.

“The National Speech & Debate Association envisions a world where every student has access to competitive speech and debate activities,” NSDA Executive Director Scott Wunn said. “We are pleased to partner with the Houston Urban Debate League to provide needed-curriculum resources and honor society membership for hundreds of students and coaches in Houston. We’re extremely thankful for the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation for sponsoring this partnership.”

Once students and coaches create a free account at <http://www.speechanddebate.org>, they have access to an abundance of debate resources including scholarship opportunities, webinars and instructional videos. Along with these educational assets, they are also able to connect with millions of other individuals in the forensics community allowing for online collaboration.

"By joining their speech and debate teams, these Houston students join our network of over 1.5 million alumni who used their speech and debate skills to become engaged citizens, skilled professionals, and honorable leaders in our global society," Wunn said.

The National Speech & Debate Association believes communication skills are essential for empowering youth to become engaged citizens, skilled professionals, and honorable leaders in our global society. NSDA connects, supports and inspires a diverse community of honor society members committed to fostering excellence in young people through competitive speech and debate activities.

The Houston Urban Debate League is a non-profit 501(C)(3) dedicated to re-introducing academic debate to under-served and at-risk students in Houston area high schools. HUDL serves more than 1000 students in 30 HISD high schools and 12 middle schools. HUDL has enjoyed increasing competitive success in local, state and even national tournaments with teams placed among the top in the nation. Through the generosity of its supporters, HUDL is able to offer students the life-changing benefits of debate.

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