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**HOUSTON URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES FOURTH TOURNAMENT WINNERS**

The Houston Urban Debate League (HUDL) today announced the winners of its fourth debate tournament held at Sam Houston Math, Science and Technology Center on December 5 & 6.

This marked the first two-day tournament of the year, and nearly 350 students from 25 high schools across the district came to showcase their skills. The longer tournament allowed for a more in-depth debate experience, and students were able to participate in Octafinals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals.

Winners from the fourth HUDL debate tournament are:

**WSD JV**

Finalists

- 1) David Dorazco, Antarius Williams and Osiel Mosqueda – Challenge
- 2) Yajaira Pena, Alexia Rodriguez and Brenda Rivas – East Early

Semi-finalists

- Caroline Salguero, Xander Ly and Wiley Jones – Westside
- Desyre Mitchell, Akilah Jarrett and Cobi Washington – Challenge

**WSD Varsity**

Finalists

- 1) Sydney Willett, Leilani Lattimore and Kenna McDowell – Westside
- 2) Mariah Rodriguez, Stefany Garcia and Denise Morales – Regan

Semi-finalists

- Annette Mata, Jose Dolores and Daniela Franco – Challenge
- Ridge Nero, Giovanni Figueroa and Vanessa Luna – Sam Houston

**LD Varsity**

Finalists

- 1) Laura Martinez – Westbury
  - 2) Yadira Banuelos – Austin
- Semi-finalists
- Ethan Fowler – HAIS
  - Jaliyyah Hodge – Westbury

**CX JV**

Finalists

- 1) Diana Platas and Mirayda Martinez – East Early
  - 2) Jennifer Arce and Vanessa Ramirez – East Early
- Semi-finalists
- Beyli Keels and Yohanna Franco – Davis
  - Kodilichukwu Akazie and Terrance Dewitt – Sharpstown

**CX Varsity**

Finalists

- 1) Javier Lopez and Emma McHone – HAIS
- 2) Paul Niziol and Paul Flores – HAIS

Semi-finalists

- Read Tatum and Luis Parra – HAIS
- Devin Brown and Jerry Cortez – HAIS

**PF JV**

Finalists

- 1) Dariene Bolds and Jack Spurlock – Sharpstown International
- 2) Rollo Branden and Olivia Moten – Law

Semi-finalists

- Mutmainah Adeyemi and Chinmeri Iko – Westbury
- Tori Weston and Fanny Ramirez – Young Women’s

**PF Varsity**

Finalists

- 1) John Aleman and George Tang – Westside
  - 2) Alexis Valenzuela and Tristan Zvolensky – HAIS
- Semi-finalists
- Asia Bryant and Andrew Conchola – Sam Houston
  - Syed Raza and Marisol Klauer – Westside

*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 1070 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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