



# Make Room for Debate

**Support the Chicago Debate Commission  
& help make room for debate for Chicago students.**



## Honoring Andrea Zopp 2018 Champion of Debate

As the new President and CEO of World Business Chicago, Andrea leads the organization's mission

of inclusive economic growth, supporting businesses, and promoting Chicago as a leading global city. Most recently, she served as Deputy Mayor, Chief Neighborhood Development Officer for the City of Chicago.

Andrea has dedicated her career to being a force of change. From her role as former CEO of Chicago Urban League to her service on Chicago's Board of Education, she has been a champion of job creation, access to education, corporate responsibility and economic development initiatives in underserved communities.

We are proud to honor her as our 2018 Champion of Debate.

**June 20th, 2018**

**Fairmont Hotel**

200 N. Columbus Dr., Chicago

Registration and Reception 11:15 am – 12 pm

Luncheon and Program 12 pm – 1:30 pm

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*Empowering the Voice of Urban Youth*

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Empowering the next generation of leaders in Chicago's neighborhoods is how we turn today's ideas into tomorrow's impact. The Chicago Debate Commission continues to be a champion for CPS students, helping them realize their full potential as strong leaders of our future. That is why I am proud and honored to be named CDC's 2018 *Champion of Debate*.

– Andrea Zopp, *President and CEO of World Business Chicago*



## Our Impact

1,400+  
students this year

14,000+  
students since the beginning

## Academic Growth



Higher **GRAD** rates  
Higher **GPA**s &  
Higher **ACT** scores

Across the  
academic  
spectrum

300% more likely  
to graduate high school

80% more  
likely to graduate college



## A Plan for Growth

### Schools



### Debaters



## Rigorous Skill Building

- Critical thinking
- Use of evidence
- Communication
- Collaboration

## Preparation for Civic Leadership

## Platform for Student Voice

"Debate gives you a feeling that you have a voice, and that your opinion matters."



"Debate gives me so much more than my other classes. In school, the teacher writes everything out on the blackboard and gives you assigned reading. In debate I get to decide what to research and what arguments to make."

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**As a teacher and debate coach, I saw debate transform students into self-confident thinkers and advocates. As a principal, I saw the impact of debate in elevating the value of academic success throughout the building. As a CPS leader, I strongly endorse debate – and hope this program can be extended to as many of our schools as possible.**

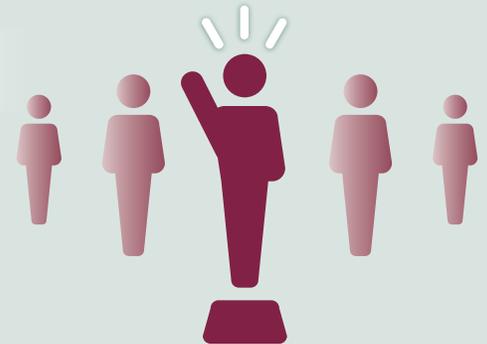
– Dr. Janice Jackson, CEO, Chicago Public Schools



## The training ground for tomorrow's leaders

Over the last 20 years, the Chicago Debate Commission has partnered with Chicago Public Schools to provide a rigorous after-school debate program to more than 14,000 Chicago students. By offering debate to students from all over the city, including some of our most under-resourced neighborhoods, the CDC is closing the achievement and opportunity gap, elevating diverse voices on important community issues, and preparing our kids to change the world.

The CDC's award-winning program is the largest policy debate league in the country and a model for how public-private partnerships can provide a platform for young people to reach their full potential.



## Rocket fuel for success

Debate gets students excited about learning and propels them to college and career success. A research-proven strategy to improve academic results and school engagement for at-risk students, debate is unparalleled in teaching critical thinking, evidence-based analysis, communications, and collaboration. With an innovative program that makes rigorous learning both meaningful and fun, the Chicago Debate Commission's work is uniquely important to Chicago students.





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## Sponsorship Benefits

Deadline for inclusion in invitation: April 20, 2018

Deadline for inclusion in program book: May 25, 2018

Final Sponsorship Deadline: June 15, 2018

### Platinum Sponsor \$25,000

- Two VIP luncheon tables for 10 with preferred seating
- Premier logo placement on 2,000 invitations and email blast to 2,500+ prospective attendees
- Prominent logo featured on event signage and event web page
- Special acknowledgement and opportunity to present from podium during lunch
- Full page ad with premium placement in program book
- Organization's name in press releases and promotions related to the event

### Silver Sponsor \$5,000

- Luncheon table for 10
- Logo placement on 2,000 invitations and email blast to 2,500+ prospective attendees
- Logo featured on event signage and event web page
- Special acknowledgement from podium during lunch
- Half page ad with premium placement in program book

### Gold Sponsor \$10,000

- Luncheon table for 10 with preferred seating
- Logo placement on 2,000 invitations and email blast to 2,500+ prospective attendees
- Logo featured on event signage and event web page
- Special acknowledgement from podium during lunch
- Full page ad with premium placement in program book
- Organization's name in press releases and promotions related to the event

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- Luncheon table for 10
- Logo placement on 2,000 invitations and email blast to 2,500+ prospective attendees
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- Quarter page ad with premium placement in program book

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