**Hi**

Welcome to \_\_ College

My name is \_\_ and I am the Director of \_\_ College’s Speech and Debate Program.

**We are writing to ask: Do you want to Participate in our Award Winning Speech and Debate Program?**

--show pictures of your team; as always emphasize diversity in your pictures to attract all the many kinds of students—different ethnicities, genders, styles, etc.

Speaking and debating are a valuable part of a \_\_\_ College experience, providing hands-on experience with critical thinking, knowledge of the world, and written and oral expression for students from a variety of academic approaches, whether in sciences or humanities. With many opportunities for collaborative work, along with individualized coaching, our program helps students to build their speaking and debating skills, allowing them to take on new challenges and achieve high standards of performance in a supportive environment. We encourage you to join us.

**PARTICIPATING IN SPEECH AND DEBATE**

**OPTION 1: JOIN US FOR OUR PREP SESSION AND BE ON THE TEAM FULL TIME**

The Prep Session will provide you with all the instruction you need to engage in parliamentary debating and speaking. It is a supportive atmosphere that will help you succeed. For new beginners—we’ll teach you step by step, helping you individually. For those with more experience, we’ll provide more advanced training and practice. You can join us:

--Sept xx and xx (Sat and Sun) 10am to 8:30pm; lunch and dinner provided

--After the Prep Session, if you want to participate—you’ll engage in two practice sessions each week and join us for fun and educational tournaments—competing against students from all over the region and sometimes, the nation!

**OPTION 2: JOIN US FOR INTRAMURAL SPEAKING AND DEBATING EVENTS**

We’ll be scheduling the intramural \_\_ campus speaking and debating events for December and provide more details then. This is a great way to get introduced to speech and debate on a more low key level.

**TO PARTICIPATE, email me, \_\_ at** \_\_\_@\_\_\_

**--State your first and last name**

**--State which you want . . .**

**Sept xx-xx Prep Session**

**Intramural Speaking and Debating Events**

*(you can do more than one of the above if you choose)*

**--State any speaking/debating experience** (if you have none—you are very welcome to join—many beginners start in college and go on to great success; if you have a little, some, or a lot of experience—that’s great too—we want you!)

**--that’s it; we’ll get back to you, welcoming you, providing more information and answers to any questions you might have.**

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| Show picture of student that wrote the item to the right (obviously from one of your students rather than this text although feel free to use it) | **I joined the team** because every member of the team I met seemed intellectual, funny, and impressive. I wanted to partake in an activity that would foster those same well-rounded qualities in me over the course of my college experience. The frosh debaters in particular have become a family--a source of support inside and outside debate. |
| Show picture of student | **I joined the debate team** so that I could be part of a community that consistently both aims for and achieves excellence, but I soon discovered that that excellence was a byproduct of the close team atmosphere, in which each person is understood to be a valuable contributor to the team. |
| show picture of student | **I joined the team** because I wanted to take the opportunity to improve my argumentation and public speaking skills. I am interested in politics and it has been very rewarding to engage with these issues in debate with my peers. | |

**Whatever you choose, we hope you have a great end of summer and a terrific quarter \_\_ semester at \_\_ College.**

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Director

\_\_ Speech and Debate Program

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