

2019 United States Universities Western Regional Championships
Pacific Lutheran University
March 23-25, 2019.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the staff and students of the T.O.H. Karl Forensics Forum at Pacific Lutheran University, I would like to invite you to the 2019 United States Universities Western Regional Championships, to be hosted on Pacific Lutheran University's campus in Tacoma, Washington, on the weekend of March 23-25, 2019. Our tournament will include 8 preliminary rounds of British Parliamentary style debate, and a break to quarterfinals.

To assure a well run tournament we are proud to announce Jacob Witt as Tabulation Director, Angie Tinker as equity officer, and Rob Margesson, Marlene Pierce, and Jonathan Taylor as Chief Adjudicators

We are excited to host you on our campus for what is sure to be an enjoyable tournament. If you have any questions, please email Justin Eckstein at ecksteja@plu.edu. We hope to see you in Tacoma in March!

Sincerely,

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Tournament Information

Entry Fees

80 per person (competitor, judge, or observer).

Fees for the tournament will be \$80 per person attending the tournament (this include participants, judges, and observes). This charge covers security and cleaning costs, chief adjudicators, two lunches, three light breakfasts, late afternoon snacks, and quality awards.

Fees can be paid in advance with credit card online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-united-states-universities-western-regional-championships-tickets-54415050882>

To purchase entry with a credit card, tickets are available for each two person team competing in the tournament. If you choose to pre-purchase with a credit card, please be aware of the Eventbrite charges 2.5% of the ticket cost plus **\$0.99 per entry** sold in U.S. dollars. So, if you enter three teams, there will be a fee per team entered.

If you pay by credit card, please bring your receipt to registration.

If you are paying by check or purchase order please make payable to: **Pacific Lutheran University**.

All fees will be calculated **on March 22rd, 2019** at 5 PST. **No Drops will be credited after that time.** Your school will be responsible for all people listed as of that time.

We reserve the right to refuse further entries once the physical capacities of the PLU facilities have been met. First come/first serve entries guarantee a reserved spot for early registration. Once the reserved spots have been taken, no other entries will be accepted.

Internet Policy:

We will allow internet during prep this year to provide more depth to argumentation and debates. Internet usage will be permitted during the fifteen-minute pre-round prep time. Teams may use this time to access online briefs or conduct research. Teams are forbidden from using this time to communicate electronically with other competitors, coaching staff, or any other individuals. Teams are not permitted to access the Internet during rounds. Violation of the Internet policy may result in disqualification from the tournament.

Judging

Uncovered Team Fee: \$180 per debate pairing (100 to pay the judge and 80 to cover her/his/their food)

We seek to have three quality judges per preliminary round. As such, entries must provide at least one judge per school, and beyond that the number of judges can be one less than the number of teams entered by a given program (N-1). To ensure a quality judging pool, the tournament staff

reserves the right to limit the entry of those schools that bring significantly more teams than judges.

All judges are obligated through quarter finals. Judges with teams participating in elimination rounds are obligated one round past their teams elimination.

Meals

Tournament fees cover breakfast, lunch and snacks on Saturday and Sunday. As we are providing meals, it is important for us to know of any food allergies or other dietary restrictions. Our caterers require ample time to accommodate dietary restrictions. **Please send those by March 17th to Josie Courtney, courtnjj@plu.edu with the subject line “Dietary Restrictions”.**

Registration

Entries must be submitted via Forensicstournament.net. **Registration deadline is March 19, 2019** at 5pm PST. You have until March 22, 5pm PST to make changes without any penalty.

Parking

Parking will be available in the Mortvedt Library Parking Lot and street parking. Below are directions.

Address:
Pacific Lutheran University
12180 Park Ave S
Tacoma, WA 98447

From I-5 North or South...

1. Take exit 127 for WA – 512 East toward Puyallup
2. If coming from North of PLU, turn left onto WA – 512 East, if coming from South of PLU, turn right onto WA – 512 East.
3. Take the WA – 7 South/Pacific Avenue exit toward Parkland/Spanaway
4. Turn right onto WA – 7 South/Pacific Ave South
5. Turn right onto 121st ST South
6. Take the 2nd left onto Park Avenue South. Anderson University Center will be located on the right
 - a. There is a large clock tower in front of the building as well as a Viking ship.
7. Parking is available in the Mortvedt Library Parking Lot between Garfield and Wheeler.
<http://www.plu.edu/admission/first-year/visit-plu/directions.php>

On Campus

Please respect the PLU community. You are guests on our campus so we ask that you respect the people and facilities. There will be administrative personnel and PLU faculty in the buildings we are debating in. We would ask that you respect their work by keeping the volume to a reasonable level in competition rooms and common areas.

Internet access will be provided on campus. We will have login credentials when you register.

Smoking, including use of electronic cigarettes, is not allowed on PLU's campus. If you must smoke, please go across the street to the designated smoking area.

It is a violation of PLU policy to use, possess, or distribute any drug or controlled substance. As per federal law, possession, use or distribution of marijuana and cannabis products are not allowed on campus.

Lodging

There are many proximate, reasonably priced hotels near campus.

We have a group block at the Holiday Inn, Address: 8402 S Hosmer St, Tacoma, WA 98444. The Holiday Inn will offer a group rate of \$99.00 + tax for double queen and breakfast. To get these rates, please call the front desk at [253-548-1212](tel:253-548-1212) and ask for the "PLU Debate" block. The cut-off date for the block is March 8th. Below is a list of other hotels in the region.

Candlewood Suites Lakewood
Address: 10720 Pacific Hwy SW, Lakewood, WA 98499
Phone: (253) 584-0868

The Western Inn of Lakewood/Tacoma
Address: 9920 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98499
Phone: (253) 588-5241

Comfort Inn Tacoma
Address: 8620 S Hosmer St, Tacoma, WA 98444
Phone: (253) 531-3118

Trophies

All breaking teams will receive trophies crafted by Hilltop Artists, a local art cooperative dedicated to providing art education to area youth from diverse cultural and economic backgrounds. To learn more visit: <http://hilltopartists.org/>

Bidding for USU Western Champs

United States Universities' Western Debate Championship for next year will be selected via a bid process. Bids should contain information about selection of chief adjudicators, means of travel, available lodging, meals and refreshments provided by the tournament, maximum number of teams able to compete, internet use, an equity policy, costs for registration and proof of institutional support. Bids are due to host institution team one week before the tournament in order to give time for all schools to review applications. The bids will be posted on the BP Facebook page. For this year, the bids will be due to **Bids can be sent to Angie Tinker, assistant**

director of tinkerar@plu.edu. by March 15, 2018 at 5PST. Each institution present at the tournament will be allotted one vote, to be cast by an institutional representative via an open voting system. Votes will be made on the last day of the preliminary rounds of the tournament.

Schedule

Saturday, March 23rd

8:00 am	Registration at Anderson University Commons (AUC)
9:00am	Tournament Briefing
9:30am	Round 1
11:30am	Round 2
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Round 3
4:00pm	Round 4

Sunday, March 24th

9:00am	Roll Call
9:30am	Round 5
11:30am	Round 6
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Round 7
4:00pm	Round 8
6:00pm	Awards & announce breaks

Monday, March 25th

9:30am	Roll Call
10:00am	Quarter Finals
11:30am	Lunch ON Your OWN
1:00pm	Semi Finals (Novice Finals)
3:00 pm	Finals