

RICHMOND DEBATE INSTITUTE

6TH ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP

July 30th – August 6th, 2023
VCU School of Business



Experience what it's like to live and learn on a college campus this summer! In partnership with VCU Residence Life and Gladding Residence Center, Richmond Debate Institute is hosting a 7-day overnight camp experience for students across Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic. Students in 8th grade and beyond are welcome to join our Scholars for our jam-packed week of debate lessons, learning workshops, and team socials. Students can expect to have evening activities such as sports, games, movies, and tech forums, as well as inventive college and career readiness workshops.

Our residential Scholars camp ignites student curiosity and motivates social learning. Students spend their days participating in topic lectures from nationally recognized debate instructors and compete in mock competitions and tournaments. Our camp is staffed with enthusiastic mentors and dedicated instructors experienced in the art of public speaking and rational argumentation.

In addition to the daily team lunches and learning activities at VCU School of Business, students will have the opportunities to explore Virginia Commonwealth University's campus: study sessions at Cabell Library, dinner at Schafer Dining Hall, yoga on the dorm lawns, touring the Institute for Contemporary Art, and spending time in centrally located Monroe Park.

Public Forum and Lincoln Douglass debaters – this opportunity is for you! Whether you are an experienced debater looking for additional practice and mastery, or new to the transformational world of debate and want the opportunity to learn from some of the best, we are welcoming students from Richmond and beyond to join us.



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WHY DEBATE IN RICHMOND?



Debate is the cornerstone of the first amendment and how ideas become developed. Our camp gives students the opportunities to learn and grow among peers which they will face again throughout the year. Our instructors are commonly found judging at local tournaments, and our students make life long friends among competitors.



Founded in 2018, the Richmond Debate Institute (RDI) hosts summer camps and weekend workshops to expose middle and high schoolers to the power of debate. Our campers participate in games, lessons, and mock debates discussing topics in international affairs, technology, science, and history. Some of last year's topics include: high-speed rail, criminal justice in reference to open borders, and right-to-work laws.

Our curriculum covers:

Case Structure & Writing – Rebuttal Drills – Advanced Research & Evidence Quality – Impact Calculus

Example Residential Schedule: Monday – Friday

8 - 9 AM: Breakfast

Gladding Residence Center

9 - 12 PM: Debate Camp

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12 - 1 PM: Team Lunch

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1 - 5 PM: Debate Camp

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5:15 - 6:30 PM: Dinner

Schafer Dining Hall

6:45 - 8 PM: Study Sessions

Cabell Library

8 - 10 PM: Downtime

Gladding Residence Center

10:15 - 11 PM: Room Checks

Gladding Residence Center

11 PM: Lights Out!

Gladding Residence Center



Sunday, July 30: Move-In & Orientation

Drop off from 10 AM - 2 PM

Saturday, August 6: Art Tour at ICA, Team

Bonding Activities at Monroe Park

Sunday, August 7: Move Out!

Pick up from 9 AM - 2 PM

Residential Experience Package: \$1250

Commuter Classic Price: \$375

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Our instructors are bright, college level debaters who have won numerous prestigious awards in both high school and collegiate debate. Follow us online to learn more about our team and our 2023 line up of guest lecturers.



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