

The Baltimore Urban Debate League

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The mission of the Baltimore Urban Debate League (BUDL) is to improve educational opportunities for Baltimore City students by empowering them to become engaged learners, critical thinkers and active citizens who are effective advocates for themselves and their communities. Through student participation in team policy debate, BUDL strives to increase student academic achievement, increase graduation rates and encourage more students to continue on to college. BUDL is determined to make debate and its related academic and social benefits available to all students in Baltimore's public middle schools and high schools.

In partnering with the Notre Dame Mission Volunteers – AmeriCorps, the BUDL's College Access Program will be developed to help make educational opportunities more available. A core value for BUDL is encouragement for every participant to gain confidence in her or his ability to learn and succeed as a student, as a debater, and as an active leader in their schools and the community. BUDL's College Access Program enables BUDL participants to continue their educations and enhance their success by gaining access to a college or university after graduating from their high school.

The College Access Program provides college counseling, tutoring in college essay writing, SAT test preparation, and assistance with the financial aid application and process. Rising seniors participate in an intensive, five-day Countdown to College summer camp where they complete a college admissions portfolio.

Member Duties:

College Access Coordinator (2 positions)

Specific Duties of the two (2) NDA members working in cooperation:

- Conducting after school site visits to participating schools to provide college awareness workshops to debaters in areas like:
 - *Taking the right classes in high school
 - *Goal setting
 - *College Selection
 - *Application Assistance
 - *Financial Aid Search and Technical assistance
- Organizing and coordinating the League's fall College Fair
- Coordinating and overseeing the College Access Roundtable at monthly tournaments
- Working to recruit college students and community members to volunteers as mentors and role models to work with our students
- Holding office hours to help individual students with their applications
- Parent support and outreach to engage BUDL parents in the League and College Admissions process
- College Access Newsletter and website bulletin

- Coordination and administration of one week Countdown to College Camp for rising seniors

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree
- Great interpersonal skills
- Good written and verbal skills
- Enthusiasm for mission of the program
- Willingness to learn ins and outs of college admissions process
- Own car (mileage reimbursement provided)
- Experience or strong desire to work with teens
- Strong computer skills

For more information visit <http://www.budl.org/>.