

BDC MONTHLY REPORT

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THE BDC REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HAD MORE THAN 60 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE

Featured Story

On Saturday, March 12th the Bluegrass Debate Coalition hosted the Fayette County Regional Championship at the University of Kentucky.

The Regional Championship was open to all Kentucky elementary school students. Between competitors, volunteers, and families more than 60 people attended the event. Students from over half a dozen schools participated in the Regional Championship.

The event marked BDC's first in-person competition of the 2022 year.

To learn more about this, and future events, visit [our website](#).

Top Debate Teams

1. Aarav Tibrewal and Aaron George
2. Aarko Guha and Havi Sheth
3. Anika Patel and Aryan Rana
4. Ben Carlson and Morgan Miller
5. Michael Zhao and Satvik Garg

Top Individual Speakers

1. Aarav Tibrewal
2. Aryan Rana
3. Havi Sheth
4. Aarko Guha
5. Aaron George

BDC AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING DEBATE CLASSES CONCLUDED FOR 2022 SPRING SEMESTER

The Bluegrass Debate Coalition (BDC) offers a low-cost after school debate program to all elementary, middle and high school students in Kentucky.

The course helps students develop greater self-confidence, increase their critical thinking/reasoning skills, and learn to collaborate effectively.

Throughout 2021-2022, the BDC has hosted hundreds of classes for our students. BDC courses are an 8 week program, broken down into six weeks of class learning, two weeks of workshops, and a one-day capstone event.

The BDC has officially concluded our spring semester online ASL classes, with over 100 students participating in the program. Students from approximately 25 schools across the Commonwealth enrolled in the BDC after school learning debate classes. A breakdown by the numbers:

- ▶ 27 Elementary Students
- ▶ 72 Middle School Students
- ▶ 6 High School Students



March also concluded the pilot program with Ashland Elementary, for in-person ASL debate classes (featured image above).

Ashland Elementary scored an overall 3rd place of all schools at the Regional Championship, and two of their participants placed 3rd in the team event.

THE WEEKLY WORKSHOP

As part of our class structure, the BDC hosts several weekly workshop events where students are invited to practice and refine their debate skills through discussions with the opportunity to ask questions.

The workshops focus on giving students real debate experience through a method known as the "crossfire debate". Crossfire debates allow students to directly debate against their peers.



Currently, the BDC offers four weeks of workshop events, leading up to our final event for this season in May, the Youth Leadership Conference.

The Youth Leadership Conference (YPC) is our capstone event for the year. Learn more about YPC on Page 3.

UPCOMING BDC EVENTS

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (MAY 7TH)

The Bluegrass Debate Coalition presents our **"Youth Leadership Conference"** hosted at the University of Kentucky on May 7th, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The event will be in-person at Patterson Hall in the University of Kentucky.

The event is completely free event for middle school and high school students in the state of Kentucky. Catering will be provided at the event.

Students throughout the commonwealth are invited to visit our campus and participate in an all-day public speaking and debate contest. Trophies and medallions will be awarded to the top debate teams and speakers.

To learn more information, volunteer your services, or sign up as a competitor please visit this [link](#).



BDC 2022 SUMMER DEBATE CAMP

The BDC is announcing it's 2022 Summer Debate Camp, taking place from Monday, June 20th through Saturday, June 25th. Cost of admission for the summer camp is \$250. This summer camp is open to all middle and high school students interested in debate. No prior experience is necessary or expected, as there will be novice, intermediate, and advanced courses offered for students of all experience levels.

The summer camp focuses on the Public Forum debate style. During the week, students will learn the fundamentals of leadership, argumentation, persuasive writing, research, and public speaking. Experts will lead lectures during the camp, giving students a wonderful opportunity to learn more about a variety of subjects.

We promise a variety of fun activities, lively discussions, and practice debates to help students refine their abilities and learn more advanced debate techniques. The Summer Debate Camp is a great place for new, and returning, debaters to learn and have fun with an educational experience over the summer.

Registration for the BDC summer camp will close on Saturday, May 14th, 2022, so [sign up](#) while you can!

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE BDC...



Make A Donation To The BDC

Support the Bluegrass Debate Coalition by making a financial contribution. Your support can help the BDC provide debate education to students across the Commonwealth - from classes to events. Help the BDC create student leaders and advocates.

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Learn About Volunteer Opportunities

Get involved with the Bluegrass Debate Coalition by learning about all of our volunteer opportunities. The BDC needs teaching assistants, debate teachers, debate judges, event coordinators and more. Sign up to volunteer with the BDC today!

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