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“L. Frances P. Liddell Student Policy Debate”

The Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) is hosting its 12th adjudicated competitive “L. Frances P. Liddell Student Policy Debate,” 10 am – 12:00 Friday, February 28, 2020 during COMPA’s 2020 Annual Conference at the Crown Plaza Atlanta Hotel located at 201 Aberdeen Parkway; Peachtree City, Georgia.

This policy debate will afford young professionals, undergraduate and graduate students in Public Administration, Public Policy, Public Affairs and related programs an opportunity to present and defend positions on current public policy issues. Participants will have the opportunity to enhance communications skills including the manner of delivery and persuasion. Specifically, this activity serves to assist in embracing those attributes and qualities desired of future public administrators—speaking competently and with confidence on public policy issues. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. The winning team will be awarded a trophy and will be recognized during COMPA’s Awards Ceremony.

“Being a part of the COMPA Debate team was a great experience for me. As a Debate team member, I was able to practice my impromptu speaking, strengthen my critical thinking; work on my communication skills and it forced me to think on my feet. At the conference, I was able to network with a range of people from graduate students to actual practitioners in the field. Overall, I believe that attending the conference assisted me in my continuous effort to gain more professional development, network with other people in the field and learn more about innovative practices in the public administration field.” Erika Sherin, Former Graduate Student ;North Carolina Central State University

Partial List of Universities of Debate Participants

Albany University	Texas Southern University
American University	University of Alaska
Akron University	University of California at Berkeley
Bowie State University	University of Colorado
Capella University	University of Delaware
Cleveland State University	University of District of Columbia
Jackson State University	*University of Ghana
Maywood University	University of Illinois at Springfield
National University	University of Maryland at Baltimore
North Carolina Central State University	University of Missouri
North Carolina State University	University of Rhode Island
North Carolina Central State University	University of Texas, at Dallas
Nova University	University of Texas, LBJ School
Old Dominion University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Pace University	Walden University
Rutgers University	Wichita University
San Francisco State University	Yale University
Southern University at New Orleans	
Syracuse University	
Texas A&M University	

***Note: International University**

2020 DEBATE TOPICS:

Civil Disobedience, Criminal Justice, Domestic Policy, Education, Economics, Election Outcomes, Environmental Issues, Ethics/Morality/Moral Turpitude, Firearms Regulations/Gun Violence, Healthcare, Immigration, International-Foreign Policy, Politics and Ethics, Military Intervention, Office of President of United States, Political campaigns, Political donations, Race relations, Social Policy, Voting Regulations

*** Note: Debate questions will not be disclosed prior to the debate event.**

CRITERIA/ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION:

- Contestants must be currently enrolled in a Public Affairs, Public Policy, Public Administration, or related program or recent graduate no more than one academic year.
- Complete and submit an application
- Register for the 2020 COMPA conference

SELECTION OF DEBATE TEAMS: Debate participants must submit a completed application. Participants will be randomly assigned to teams. Upon receipt of a completed application, an information packet which includes the debate rules, prep information, and a pre-briefing schedule will be emailed to applicants. To submit applications see COMPA's website www.compaspanet.org or email francesliddell@bellsouth.net

BENEFITS: Attending the conference and participating in the debate, students will be afforded the opportunity of networking with peers from diverse populations, different universities, and geographic

regions. In addition to participating in the debate they will also be able to network with fellow peers, public service professionals, academicians and actively participate in a wide variety of informative panel discussions/sessions and research presentations. These activities and experiences can be valuable in further advancing professional development.



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2020 DEBATE APPLICATION

Name _____

Email _____

Mobile Telephone _____ Alternate Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Check one: Undergraduate Graduate

Degree Sought _____ Area of Concentration _____

University Currently Attending _____

City _____ State _____

Departmental Chairperson _____

Dean _____

Please forward completed application to: Francesliddell@bellsouth.net and if have questions, please contact Dr. L. Frances Liddell via telephone at (601) 668-2518.