

CHICAGO DEBATES CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

CURIE METROPOLITAN HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 30TH, 2019

AWARDS CEREMONY

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Toinette Gunn, Executive Director
Chicago Debates

2019 W.E. Sanders Award

Mary Ann Sanders, Mike Brody, Mike Shepard
W.E. Sanders Foundation

2019 Golden Gavel Award

Sylvia Nelson Jordan, Manager of Academic Competitions
Chicago Public Schools

2019 Principal of the Year

LaTanya D. McDade, Chief Education Officer
Chicago Public Schools

2019 Debater of the Year

Anna Alvarado, Chief of Teaching and Learning
Chicago Public Schools

2019 Community Coach of the Year

Paschel Bennett, Academic Competitions Coordinator
Chicago Public Schools

2019 Alum of the Year

Lateef Ajimotokan, Associates Board
Chicago Debates

Most Valuable Debaters

Mandela Okere, Program Officer
Chicago Debates

Speaker Awards

Flynn Makuch, Program Officer
Chicago Debates

Elimination Round Qualifiers

Lucia Hernandez, Program Officer
Chicago Debates

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Amundsen High School
Back of the Yards College Prep
Bogan Computer Technical High School
Brooks College Prep
Chicago Academy High School
Chicago H.S. for Agricultural Sciences
Chicago Military Academy Bronzeville
Chicago Vocational Career Academy
Curie Metropolitan High School
Dyett High School for the Arts
Evanston Township High School
Foreman College and Career Academy
Goode STEM Academy
Hancock College Prep
Harlan Community Academy High School
Jones College Prep
Juarez Community Academy
Kelvyn Park High School
Kennedy High School
Kenwood Academy
Lake View High School
Lane Tech College Prep

Lincoln Park High School
Lindblom Math and Science Academy
Little Village Lawndale High School
Michele Clark Academic Prep Magnet H.S.
Morgan Park High School
Noble Academy
North Grand High School
Northside College Prep
Ogden International School
Ogden-Jenner School
Phillips Academy High School
Phoenix Military Academy
Pritzker College Prep
RTC Medical Prep
Senn High School
Solorio Academy High School
Taft High School
Thomas Kelly High School
Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center
Walter Payton College Prep
Washington High School
Whitney Young High School



THE W.E. SANDERS FOUNDATION AND AWARD

The W.E. Sanders Foundation is a charitable organization created to honor the memory of W.E. (Bill) Sanders and to foster the values that he believed in and practiced. Bill Sanders was a teacher and debate coach who passed away in 2017. His former students and friends have come together to fund an award each year to a debate coach who exemplifies the finest attributes that Bill Sanders brought to coaching and to teaching.

About W.E. Sanders

Bill Sanders grew up in Central Illinois. He received his BS degree from Bradley University in Peoria, where he earned a full debate scholarship, and later received an MA from Northwestern University. Devoted to education, he taught English, Social Studies, Speech, and Debate at East Peoria Community High School from 1956-1964. During his tenure, the school went from having no debate program at all to winning a state championship.

In the fall of 1964, Bill moved to New Trier High School, where he taught Communication, Argumentation, and Debate for fourteen years, mostly at New Trier West in Northfield, Illinois, after that campus opened in 1965. While at New Trier, his debaters won several state championships and national awards.

After retiring as New Trier West's debate coach, he continued teaching at New Trier in the English Department until 1986. Among other contributions, he was the sponsor of the school's student government, president of the Teacher's Association, and a student advisor. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Sanders, who also taught at New Trier West.

THE W.E. SANDERS FOUNDATION

The discussions that led to the creation of the Foundation started at a gathering with Bill Sanders and his wife in the fall of 2016, when his health was failing. Former students, many of whom had been his students more than 40 years earlier, came from around the country to share their memories of him and the ways he had shaped their lives. The common themes were that, beyond being an outstanding teacher and debate coach, Bill Sanders was a devoted mentor with a unique gift for seeing the full potential of each student and for working relentlessly to help each student realize the potential he saw in them. He demanded the best from his students, and was able to get them to see those possibilities as well. He fostered confidence in those who needed it, helped develop maturity and discipline in others, showed his students how to accept and appreciate constructive criticism, and taught all of his students to act "with class." Through it all, he could laugh at the foolishness that is part of the process of growing up, while valuing and fostering the positive energy that is at the root of it. An incredibly patient, devoted, and selfless teacher, he was able to turn his students into not only better debaters but also more complete adults.

Hearing Bill Sanders repeatedly praised for what he gave to his students prompted the sponsors of the Foundation to try to find a way to share these gifts, and to encourage other coaches and teachers to follow his example. That is the mission of the Foundation, and we believe that the best way to do this is to honor in his name a Chicago Debate League coach for his or her devotion to and skill at coaching, teaching, and assisting students to reach their full potential.

THE W.E. SANDERS AWARD

The Foundation plans to award \$5,000 to a Chicago Debate League teacher-coach who best exemplifies the extraordinary attributes that Bill Sanders brought to coaching and teaching. These attributes, which are discussed above, are the criteria by which the awardee will be selected. The selection process will include nominations and input from debaters, recent debate alums, and the Chicago Debates staff, with the final decision to be made by the Foundation.

Our coaches and teachers can never be appreciated enough, and Bill Sanders' students know that their debt to him can never really be repaid. The goal of the Foundation is to promote the memory of this special coach and teacher by recognizing teacher-coaches who share the characteristics that he exemplified.

