

Dear Colleagues,

The Rocky Mountain College Debate team would like to cordially invite you to the BP workshop and scrimmage be held at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana on September 14-16, 2018. We will have a weekend of workshops and debating to practice British Parliamentary style of debate.

Steve Llano, Professor and Director of Debate at St. John's University in New York, is our guest lecturer during the weekend. Steve is a professor of rhetoric, debate program director and has been a trainer at international debate forums. We are fortunate to have him join us for the weekend of workshops and training.

I am excited to welcome Aicha Lemtouni at our tournament this year. She is program director from Institute for Communication and Leadership Studies (ILCS) in Morocco. Programs will have an opportunity to explore programs at ILCS. We look forward to developing a further relationship in this debate exchange.

This tournament invitation includes possible hotel accommodations, tournament schedule and entry information. The entry fee is only to cover food at the tournament

We look forward to hosting this tournament and bringing everyone to the gorgeous Rocky Mountain College campus. Please consider joining us for a great weekend of learning and competition.

Sincerely,

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**Tournament/Workshop Specifics**

**BP/Worlds Style Debate:**

There will be one division of BP debate open to any level of competitor. A list of rules and regulations for this style will be provided at the training session. The rounds will consist of 4 teams (Opening Government, Closing Government, Opening Opposition, Closing Opposition). There will be a panel of judges in each round that will collaborate on raking of the round. Preparation time will be 20 minutes and each speech will be 7 minutes. The topics and start time for BP debate will be the same for Parliamentary debate. There will be a central announcement of the topics.

BP debate is communicative and persuasive in nature. Teams prepare individually with no help from coaches or other competitors. Procedural arguments (topicality, A spec, vagueness etc.) are positions/arguments that are not involved in this activity.

**Accommodation:**

Accommodation options for Billings, MT can be found at [http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g45086-Billings\\_Montana-Hotels.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-g45086-Billings_Montana-Hotels.html). Any hotel in the Downtown Billings area, hospital area or near King Avenue will be close to RMC. Please let me know if you have any specific questions.

**Transportation:**

Billings is accessible by air (Northwest, United, Delta, Frontier, Alaska, and America West all have gates at Billings Logan International Airport) or by car. Most of you who come in via car will enter on Interstate 90; if you take the 27th Street Exit, go north and then turn left onto Rimrock Drive, the campus will be on your left. The Bair Family Student Center will be the headquarters for the tournament. Maps of campus are available at [www.rocky.edu](http://www.rocky.edu).

**Entries:**

Please **e-mail** all entries to [longsj@rocky.edu](mailto:longsj@rocky.edu) by 5:00 PM on Tuesday September 11, 2018. Entries should include **School Name, Director of Forensics, Contact Phone, and Contact E-mail address**. **Please enter teams of two**. I can accommodate hybrids, please indicate that in your e-mail entry.

**Fees:**

There is no entry fee for competitors. I only ask that you contribute 15\$ per person to cover food costs. I will provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks in the afternoons during the workshops and tournaments

## **Tentative Tournament Schedule**

**Friday**, September 14, 2018

4:00-6:00 PM Check-In in Prescott Hall

6:00-9:00 PM Welcome reception in Prescott Hall  
- Light refreshments provided

**Saturday**, September 15, 2018

8:00-8:30 AM Check-In and announcements (Losekamp auditorium)  
Breakfast provided

8:30-9:30 AM Losekamp Auditorium  
Workshops (beginner & intermediate)  
Locations TBA

9:30-11:30 AM Round 1

Post round critique

11:30-12:30 AM Lunch - Bair Student Center

12:30-2:30 PM Round 2

2:45-4:45 PM Critique

Round 3

Critique

Snacks provided by the tournament

5:15-7:15 PM Round 4

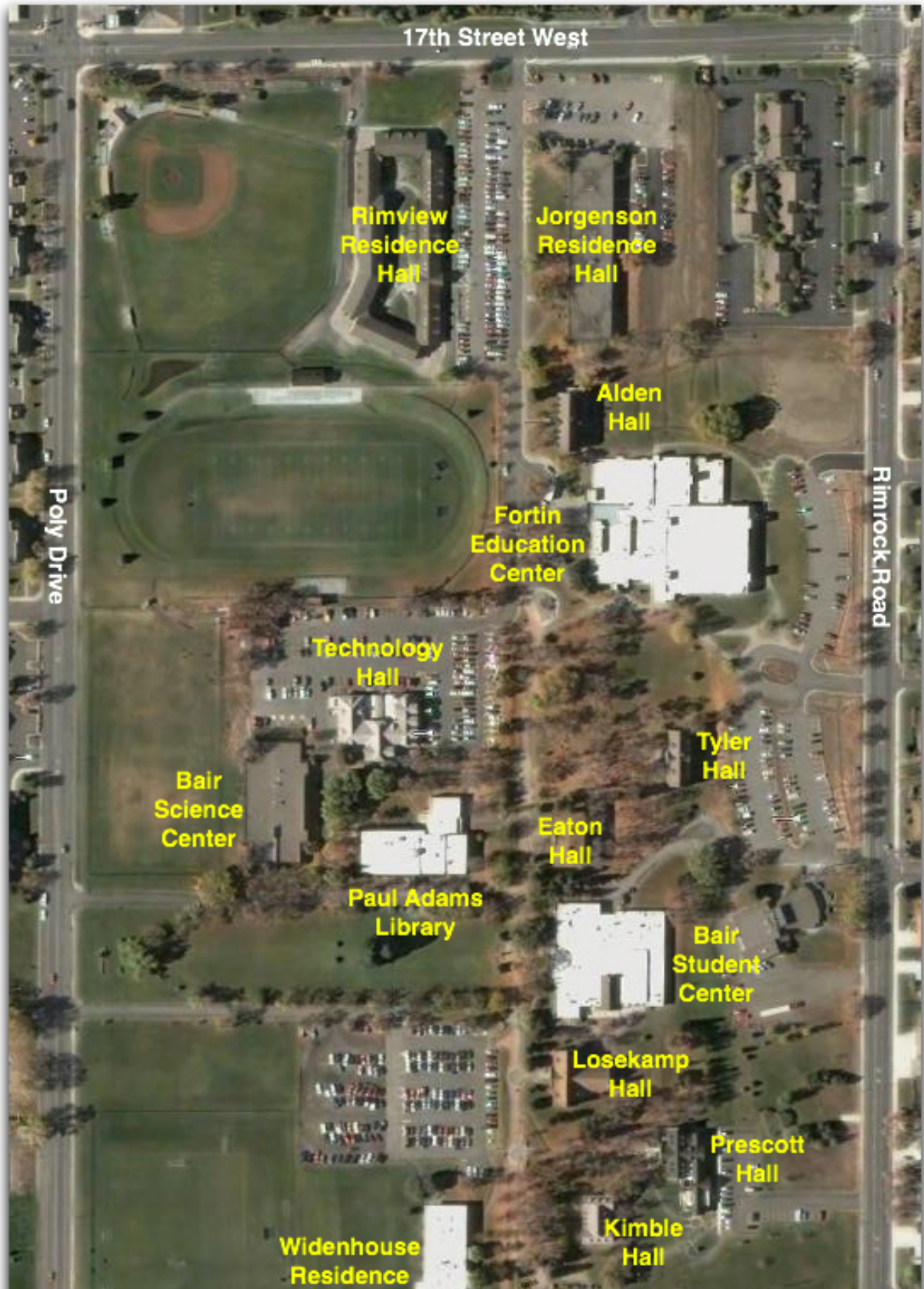
**Sunday**, September 16, 2018

8:30-9:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 - 10:30 AM Round 5

Critique

10:45-12:15 Finals



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Hall

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Center

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Technology  
Hall

Tyler  
Hall

Bair  
Science  
Center

Eaton  
Hall

Paul Adams  
Library

Bair  
Student  
Center

Losekamp  
Hall

Prescott  
Hall

Widenhouse  
Residence

Kimble  
Hall