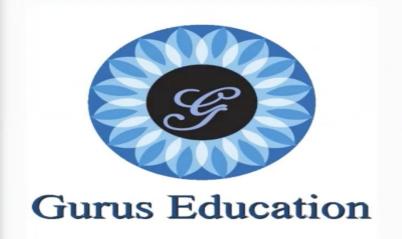


## Guru's Education East Bay

#### **Teaching Youth Vital Life Skills!!**

- Public Speaking
- Creative Writing
- Personal Finance
- Young
  Entrepreneurship
- Debates
- TED Talks
- MediKids (Health Matters)





## Introductions

Course Instructor: Keshav Haranath

### My Experience:

2x Finalist at the Stanford University Invitational

2x Finalist at the UC Berkeley Invitational

Top 6 at the Apple Valley Minnesota Invitational and the ASU Forensics Invitational

Qualifier to the 2019 Tournament of Champions - Congressional Debate

Top 30 at the 2019 National Speech and Debate Tournament in Dallas TX



### Benefits of Speech and Debate

- Improved Communication Skills
- Boost Confidence
- Personal Development
- Increased Self-esteem
- Build Leadership Skills
- The Power of Persuasion
- Overcome Fear of Nervousness
- Create Effective Arguments
- Active Listening
- Become Confident Orator
- Master Non verbal Communication Skills
- Helps in College Applications (just saying! :)

# Student Expectations

- Be prepared and ready to learn
  - Completing HW assignments on time, practicing speeches, having all class material
- Have stable internet, microphone and camera
  - Contact us if you have any problems with this!
- Attend as many classes as possible
  - Remember, practice makes perfect especially true in Speech/Debate!
- Be ready to take constructive criticism
  - Everyone's first speech is a bad speech! But we learn...
- Enjoy the Journey and Have Fun!

## Tournament Opportunities

#### **Both Sections:**

- Two in-house tournaments
- 1 in December (Winter Classic)
  - more informal, "getting adjusted to the event"
- 1 in Spring (Spring Tournament)
  - formal, "go for the gold"

### Varsity Section:

- Possible outside tournament opportunities, TBA
- Extra costs may be involved, TBA
- Earliest would be Late Fall/Early Winter

# Program Goals

- Gain experience with NSDA HS Speech and Debate Events
  - By doing so, students are prepared to compete in High School invitationals
    Freshman year
  - More focused and relevant than other Speech and Debate programs

#### Debate Events

- Congressional Debate
- Lincoln Douglas (1 v 1)
- World Schools (3 v 3)

### Speech Events

- Limited Prep (Extemp/Impromptu)
- Prepared (Original Oratory/Original Advocacy)



# Program Goals

- Master fundamental oratory and debate skills
- Learn how to be an EXCELLENT competitor at Speech and Debate
- Develop Soft Skills
  - Communication, Advocacy, Collaboration
  - Not just limited to the Workplace! (i.e. convincing/persuading friends, family, par
  - Develop skills required to be an informed citizen
    - Research
    - Critical analysis of arguments
  - Understanding major world issues through the perspective of "what should we d
  - TO HAVE FUN!
    - Nothing is really worth it unless it's a bit of fun too, right? :)
    - Lifelong friends