Last weekend, the debate team met up very early to head to an enormous city-wide NYC Urban Debate League tournament at Midwood High School, where  444 students and 42 schools (23 of them competing in Parliamentary) debated Puerto Rico statehood, 2nd Amendment rights, and banning plastic bags.

***SWEEPSTAKES RESULTS***

We won our second big tournament!

Sweepstakes in Parliamentary Debate:

**1st place -- PS 161**

2nd place -- Marine Park IS 278

3rd place -- East Side MS

4th place -- IS 230

5th place -- MS 243 the Cent

Also at the tournament were Speyer, Anderson, Berkeley Carroll, Q300, Computer School, St. Hope, Hunter, WHEELS, Hamilton Grange, West Prep, PS 84, Amerigo Anastasia, PS 149, Dr. Izquiedo, PS/MS 124Q, HEAF, Inwood Academy, NYC Lab School, PS/IS 499, IS 75, Hunter's Point, Poly Prep, MS 297, IN-Tech, TAG, Yorkville East, Growing Up Green, Horace Mann, CIS 303, Brooklyn School for Collaborative Studies, PS IS 218, MS 343, Geneva School, Bronx Writing and PS/IS 266

***IN VARSITY DEBATE***

All 4 of our varsity teams earned winning records on Saturday!

The team of 8th grader **Isaiah Santana** and 7th graders **Eliel Ortega** and **Manuel Pena** had a winning record and earned 4th place overall.  Eliel earned **5th place speaker** overall, and was PS 161's top ranked speaker this weekend with a total of 86/90 possible speaker points. Isaiah also earned a top speaker award.

The team of 8th grader **Nyomi Russo** and 7th graders **Jeremy Merejo** and **Romeo Silvero** had a winning record and earned 6th place overall. Nyomi and Romeo also earned top speaker awards.

The team of 8th graders **Tajiri Wilson** and **Rosdely Ciprian** and 7th grader **Jaden Lamarre** had a winning record and earned 7th place overall.  Rosdely also earned a top speaker award.

The team of 8th grader **Miracle Battle** and 7th grader **Caleb Bates** had a winning record and earned 11th place overall. Caleb also earned a top speaker award.

***IN NOVICE DEBATE***

The team of 7th graders **Dakeem Nock, Pedro Rodriguez** and **Briana Previllon** went undefeated and earned 7th place overall.

The team of 8th grader **Majely Collado** and 6th grader **Wilman Perez** had a winning record and earned a top team award.  Wilman also earned a top speaker award.

The team of 7th graders **Candido Rivera** and new **Julius Mendez** had a winning record and earned a top team award.

Congrats also to Marvin Legros, Khari Dabney and Erik Murrell for a job well done.  Eric definitely was the most improved over the course of the day -- from a rocky start to a nearly perfect speaker score of 29/30 in round 3!

[***CLICK HERE***](https://photos.app.goo.gl/cRatJO5EA4TXpwRm1) ***for an album of pictures from the event.***

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***NEXT TOURNAMENT...***

December 2 at Inwood Academy.