



2022 GREAT DEBATE: A Premier Experience for Aspiring Community Leaders



Developing academic achievers into visionary community leaders for the future.



- Learn about key social issues relevant to Latina/e/o/x communities
- Propose ways our community's strengths and assets can work in our favor
- Communicate your ideas with strategy, poise, and passion
- Join NHI's global alumni network of community leaders!



WHAT IS THE GREAT DEBATE?

The Great Debate, and its virtual GDx counterpart are communications and leadership development experiences for ambitious and courageous young people. If you are committed to making meaningful change in your world, and you are driven toward building up your community, NHI and the Great Debate is for you.

For over three decades, 9th-grade NHI students have come to harness the power of their voices and engage with perspective-changing ideas. Great Debate, NHI's 9th-grade curriculum, offers a rigorous learning experience for high-achieving, high-ability 9th-grade youth who aspire to community and civic leadership roles in the future.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT DEBATE?

Student leaders like you must be able to communicate with their voice publicly. They must also be able to communicate effectively in post-pandemic online spaces defying barriers formerly associated with community, borders, socioeconomic status, geography, language, or ethnic/cultural/racial affiliation. During the process of proposing change, future leaders soon realize that their ideas and suggestions must be accompanied by a tremendous ability to communicate effectively. They must have an approachable tenor, logical train of thought, accessible tone of voice, and the ability to deliver their message to resonate with new eyes and ears.

Through the Great Debate experience participants become content creators as well as idea generators, using various skills to enhance their public message to a national and international audience. Together, and in teams, future leaders frame new narratives in a competitive team atmosphere. Students in the 4-day Great Debate join local community teams and practice in the spring. In the summer, they compete in a debate tournament on a college campus. Students who select the 6-day conduct all their training, team formation, and competition within the program dates, no prior practice or meetings required prior to the program. Either format is perfect for building early work groups of youth dedicated to leadership for future decades to come!



**Use QR
Code to
nominate
a student**

The virtual GDx, an online digital program, expands NHI's classic in-person Great Debate with increased contact hours and a broader, more diverse learning community. It features a multi-session journey of communications development that culminates in a live-streamed global tournament of ideas. Throughout the Americas, students come together to form regionally-aligned teams. They're then led by coaches to prepare, collaborate, and cross-train using various digital platforms to prepare for international summer debates.



ABOUT NHI

In the modern world, special efforts are required by the Latina/e/o/x community to establish a sustainable means of supplying itself with assertive, goal-driven young people with the leadership potential to respond to the complex challenges of global society. NHI was established for this purpose, and to introduce young future community leaders to concepts of leadership that build assets and capacities.

In addition to a full series of youth programs, NHI engages its members in local and international community initiatives with over 25 organizations managed by past participants, parents, and dedicated volunteers locally. NHI members annually benefit from being part of a growing alumni network that includes leaders in government, the arts, business, education, and so much more. NHI College Register members include partner institutions like: California Berkeley, Colorado State University-Fort Collins, Austin College, the University of San Diego, Augustana College, Cornell, NYU, Stanford, Swarthmore, and the University of Texas at Austin.

Other benefits include lifelong access to a continuous learning series of webinars, workshops, and other training for college and graduate students, as well as membership in a global alumni network of influencers and community impact players.



"We do everything possible to help our members realize their potential and equip them with the skills sets, competencies, and mindsets that give them the best prospects for success."

- Gloria de León, Co-Founder

NHI BY THE NUMBERS

- 98% of NHI members enroll in college upon graduation from high school
- 95% of NHI members are admitted to selective colleges and universities
- 67% of NHI members pursue graduate or advanced studies
- 90% of NHI members complete their undergraduate degrees in 5 years or less
- NHI's Class of 2021 experienced acceptance rates far above institutional averages; NHI student commitments included Cornell University, New York University, Stanford University, University of Notre Dame, and the University of Texas at Austin
- Since 1979, over 100,000 youth have participated in NHI learning experiences
- Three nations and 15 states and U. S. territories were represented in 2021 GDx
- More than 75% of NHI participants receive financial support and investment from community leaders, resources, and organizations

2021 STUDENT FEEDBACK



- 100% made personal gains in self-confidence
- 91% increased ability to take a position on a topic
- 95% increased confidence in organizing ideas
- 100% affirmed personal responsibility for advancing their community
- 100% found Great Debate “important to their overall development”
- 100% of coaches and mentors were rated as “Excellent”
- 100% of participants rated the experience as “Excellent” or “Very Good”
- 90% would definitely encourage their peers to experience this digital program
- 100% of participants plan to pursue leadership roles in the future
- 96% of ‘21 participants plan to return as volunteer trainers and members

2020 AND 2021 STUDENTS SAID TO US THAT, “BECAUSE OF MY TRAINING...

“I gained more confidence in public speaking and self-reflection”

“My argumentative abilities were strengthened”

“I will never forget the new amazing connections I established; it was life-changing”

“My presentation skills improved – even digitally!”

“I learned the insight of my personal power and influence.”

“10 out of 10, I would do it again!”

“Aprendi que como Latina/e/o/xs podemos ayudar a nuestra comunidad y al mundo entero con nuestras ideas y sueños.”

2022 Great Debate and GDx Dates:

Texas Great Debate

(4-day Texas regions) Early June 2022

Texas Star Great Debate

(6-day; South Texas) Late June/early July 2022

Northeast Great Debate

St. Francis University
Loretto, PA
July 19-24, 2022

Midwest Great Debate

Augustana College
Rock Island, IL
July 3-8, 2022

Colorado Great Debate

(6-day; Colorado, New Mexico) June/July 2022

California Sol Great Debate

University of San Diego
San Diego, CA
June/July 2022

GDx (online)

Late July 2022



WHO PARTICIPATES IN GREAT DEBATE?

RECOMMENDED BACKGROUNDS:

- Current 9th-grade high school students
- Students who seek to enroll in and graduate from a four-year college/university
- Students who hold an 85/100 GPA or minimum of a 3.0/4.0
- Students interested in increasing their knowledge of Latina/e/o/x/Hispanic cultures
- Students who want to expand their peer network and receive mentorship

PLUS at least 2 of the following goals:

- Students who aspire to be a community leader
- Students who seek to strengthen their communication skills
- Students who enjoy service and volunteerism
- Students involved in extracurricular and/or enrichment programs: speech/debate, student council, volunteerism, honor society, Spanish club, Latina/e/o/x/Hispanic/Multicultural club, athletics, journalism

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Early Admission – October 15, 2021

Regular Admission – November 15, 2021

Late Admission – December 20, 2021; call for availability

TUITION + FEES

Great Debate

\$695.00 tuition + \$25.00 application fee

GDx Virtual Experience

\$495.00 tuition + \$25.00 application fee



APPLY TODAY: WWW.NATIONALHISPANICINSTITUTE.ORG/GREAT-DEBATE

**see website for details*



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NOTABLE FORMER GREAT DEBATE FACULTY:

- **The Honorable Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez** | U.S. Congresswoman, Bronx/Queens, NY
- **Claudia Hartleben, Esq.** | International Trade and Arbitration Attorney, Greenberg Traurig, LLC, Washington, DC
- **Tanya Fernandez Alaniz, Esq.** | Attorney, Catholic Charities, Houston, TX
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Albertus Magnus College
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Arcadia University
Arkansas State University - Campus Querétaro
Augustana College
Austin College
Baylor University
Benedictine College
Cabrini University
Case Western Reserve University
Claremont McKenna College
Colby College
Colorado State University
Colorado State University – Pueblo Concordia
University Texas
Cornell University
DePaul University
Elizabethtown College
Elmhurst College
Emory & Henry College
Emory University
Florida International University
Indiana University Bloomington
Iowa State University
Macalester College
Midwestern State University
New York University
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Annually, partner institutions of higher learning make up NHI's College Register, a consortium of member colleges and universities that are committed to supporting the successful transition of NHI students to their campuses. These institutions provide year-round support by participating in virtual seminars and panels, attending NHI college fairs, providing feedback and ideas regarding research, and sending representatives as coaches to the CWS programs.



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