Established in 1990, the Great Debate, the National Hispanic Institute (NHI) 9th-grade program, develops the communications capacities and social awareness of our future leaders.

Using interactive learning platforms, team competition, and peer-to-peer coaching, participants strengthen their ability to develop a compelling message. Over 1,000 students participate.

TO APPLY YOU MUST:

- Be a high school 9th student (Class of 2025)
- Have an average 3.0 / 85% GPA or better in core subject matter
- Have plans to pursue a 4-year college degree
- Have an interest in future community leadership
- Submit an online application

2023 PROGRAM SITES

Texas Great Debate
(4-day)
Austin College
Sherman, Texas
2023

Texas Star Great Debate
(6-day)
Schreiner University
Kerrville, Texas
June 2023

Northeast Great Debate
(6-day)
St. Francis University
Loretto, Pennsylvania
July 2023

Midwest Great Debate
(6-day)
Augustana College
Rock Island, Illinois
July 2023

California Sol Great Debate
(6-day)
University of San Diego
San Diego, California
July 2023

More information at nationalhispanicinstitute.org/great-debate
ABOUT NHI
Established in Austin, Texas, in 1979, NHI is a leading, educational nonprofit organization that fosters future community leaders throughout the Americas. Annually, NHI creates experiences that engage achieving high school and college youth in projects designed to advance our quality of life. NHI’s international network includes tens of thousands of industry leaders and community changemakers waiting to welcome you to the membership.

THE GREAT DEBATE: NHI YEAR ONE FUNDAMENTALS
- Discuss important community issues with your peers
- Receive early college readiness mentoring
- Advance your communication skills
- Manage yourself in a multicultural / multinational environment
- Increase your self-confidence
- Advance your thinking and analytical skills
- Use self-evaluation as a tool for improvement
- Join a three-year leadership academy

SUBMIT YOUR 2023 GREAT DEBATE APPLICATION
EARLY - OCT. 15; REGULAR - NOV. 15; LATE - DEC. 20
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT NATIONALHISPANICINSTITUTE.ORG/GREAT-DEBATE

NHI BY THE NUMBERS
- 2,500 high school students participate in NHI each summer
- 98% of all NHIers enroll in college upon high school graduation
- 95% of NHIers are admitted to selective colleges
- 90% of NHIers complete their bachelor’s degree in 5 years or less
- Over 100,000 alumni worldwide
- Over 65 four-year colleges and universities partner with and recruit from NHI
- NHIers go to college out of state at twice the national average
- Over 90% of ‘21 and ‘22 survey respondents recommend the experience to a friend
- Host colleges and volunteers drive down tuition costs by over 50%, saving NHI families money