



# DC YOUNG DEMOCRATS (DCYD) OXFORD STYLE RESOLUTION **DEBATE**

*Do you agree with the following resolution?*

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the District of Columbia should stop accepting new students into the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program (sometimes referred to as the DC voucher program) and should end the program once the children who are already in the program have finished their schooling.

If you feel strongly about urban education and want to voice your opinion, or if you just want to learn more, come to this Oxford style **debate**!

**YOUR VOTE DECIDES WHO WINS THE **DEBATE**** and the winning side will have their resolution passed within the general body of DCYD, whose members hold nearly 10% of the votes on the DC Democratic State Committee.

<b>Harry Thomas, Jr.</b> (DC Councilmember - Ward 5)
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<b>Virginia Walden Ford</b> (Exec. Dir., DC Parents for School Choice)
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<b>Gregory Cork</b> (Pres. & CEO, Washington Scholarship Fund)
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**VS**

<b>Tanya Clay House</b> (Dir. Public Policy, People For the American Way)
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<b>Iris Toyer</b> (Pres., Parents United for the DC Public Schools)
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<b>Jesse Galef</b> (Comm. Assoc., Secular Coalition for America)
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## LOCATION

Jack Morton Auditorium @ 805 21st St., NW, Washington, DC  
(just 3 blocks from the Foggy Bottom Metro station).

## DATE & TIME

September 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm - 8:30pm

## **DEBATE SUBJECT**

The DC Opportunity Scholarship Program (AKA the DC voucher program)

## HOW OXFORD STYLE **DEBATES** WORK

There are two panels of three people. One panel supports the resolution and one panel opposes it. Each panelist gets seven minutes to present their case. After all the panelists have made their case, there is a 30 minute audience Q&A. Each panelist then gets two minutes to make a closing argument during which time audience members vote in support or opposition to the resolution (“undecided” is also an option). Once the panelists finish, votes are tallied to determine the winner.

## **THE COOL PART**

DCYD (whose members hold nearly 10% of the votes on the DC Democratic State Committee) will officially pass a resolution based on the outcome of the **debate**!