



Student Emerging Leaders Program Issues Forum and Debate February 6, 2012 Agenda *(Snow date February 7, 2012)*

- 6:15-6:30 p.m.** **Registration and refreshments**
- 6:30-6:45 p.m.** **Welcome and announcements**
- 6:45-8:00 p.m.** **Debates: Teams will be called to debate their topics. Please adhere to the previously stated time limits (3 minutes per side – alternating sides with the openings, arguments, and rebuttals)**
- 6:45 -6:51 p.m. Should companies be required to interview at least one minority candidate before filling a senior level position?
➤ Pro: Felipe Millon
➤ Con: Dania Shor
- 6:53-6:59 p.m. Should employers be allowed to consider an applicant's credit score(s) as a factor in hiring?
➤ Pro: Reginald Exum
➤ Con: Jerome Leonard
- 7:01-7:07 p.m. 80% of Fortune 500 companies only accept job applications online. Is this a fair practice?
➤ Pro: Leonel Parra
➤ Con: Greg Ramirez
- 7:09-7:15 Should the military create a fund for veterans to assist in the financial transitions back to civilian life?
➤ Pro: Shequita Barnes
➤ Con: Tanya Edelin
- 7:17-7:23 p.m. Should the federal government subsidize organic farmers so their produce is economically competitive?
➤ Pro: Clarice Lopes Ribeiro
➤ Con: Al Bayona Patino
- 7:23-7:31 p.m. Should state government make state run colleges tuition free? (Be sure to have your students consider the funding element of the debate.)
➤ Pro: Hope Brown
➤ Con: Freeman Harris
- 7:33-7:39 p.m. Should the federal government be required to provide educational programs for foreclosure prevention?
➤ Pro: Juan Cuellar

➤ Con: Maria Garcia

7:41-7:47 p.m. Do stereotypes affect student achievement in education?
➤ Pro: Carlton Ross
➤ Con: Michiko Marron

7:49-7:55 p.m. Does your cultural environment dictate your health and lifestyle choices?
➤ Pro: Alex Mirkow
➤ Con: Martin Yescas

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➤ Pro: Steve Cole
➤ Con: Dawnetta Van Dunk

8:03- 8:15 Local Issues Forum

8:15-8:25 Survey

8:25-8:30 p.m. Wrap Up



Thanks to the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) for their work researching the youth-related bills. In addition, we would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Alan Xie, the Montgomery County student member of the Board of Education (SMOB), for joining the students for this important event.

Refreshments were provided by the Student Affairs Office (MCPS) and Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education (MCBRE)

Students should pick up a copy this evening of their Congressional Reception Permission Form or download it from the site below. It may be faxed it to the Student Affairs Office at 301-670-1419 (deadline 2.17.11)

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/studentaffairs/sao/emergingleaders/index.shtm#current>