



AMERICAN DEBATE ASSOCIATION NATIONALS

2019

BID PROPOSAL



AMERICAN DEBATE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
MARCH 9-11, 2019 (ELIMS @ HOTEL)
MARCH 15-17, 2019 (ELIMS ON CAMPUS)



STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BINGHAMTON

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March 23, 2018

Dear ADA Nationals Committee,

It is with great excitement and pleasure that the State University of New York at Binghamton invites the committee to consider this bid to host the ADA National Championship from March 9-11 or March 15-17, 2019. In addition to our great campus facilities and the details included in the bid, there are several reasons that I hope you will consider Binghamton as next year's location for ADA Nationals:

- Binghamton University hosted CEDA in 2011, as well as CEDA and the NDT in 2016. Since that time Binghamton University has moved the debate team into the Center for Learning and Teaching. Having ADA Nationals would be a wonderful opportunity for our University to increase our reputation within our new home and foster their connection with debate at Binghamton. At the same time our experience hosting CEDA Nationals and NDT in the past ensures that we have the experience and knowledge necessary to host a truly first rate tournament.
- Hosting ADA Nationals in the Northeast would guarantee a large tournament attendance due to the concentration of debate programs in the region that are driving distance from Binghamton, instead of requiring the bulk of ADA programs to have to fly in. This will better enable ADA Nationals to have rich competition in all three divisions.
- Our newly renovated Student Wing space has 38 classrooms in a single building, which would allow us to easily accommodate 76 teams without having anyone walking to another building. We readily have another 50 classrooms all within a 3 minute walk of the Student Wing building, which would be the base of our operations.
- Hosting the tournament will give Binghamton the opportunity to court our alumni in continuing to donate to our endowment that was established a few years ago by an anonymous donor. Bringing an event to the area of this size will inspire the needed funds so our endowment can pay for more than just car rentals to a tournament once a year.
- It would be a great opportunity for Binghamton's debate team to host ADA Nationals and give back to the community that has given us so much. If it were not for the community's support we would not have been able to go from a small student run team in the 1980s that traveled to a handful of tournaments per year to a nationally competitive program that regularly finishes in the top ten. Selecting Binghamton as the location for ADA Nationals will demonstrate to newly forming debate programs that success is achievable.

Since I hosted CEDA and NDT in 2016 I have obtained more experience hosting large events both on and off campus. With 98 regular classrooms available for use we can easily accommodate up to 196 teams. If more teams end up attending, we can have additional space available by utilizing reserved departmental classrooms, student offices, and study carols.

Binghamton also offers a variety of restaurants within walking distance of both the University and the tournament hotel. Many more are within only a five minute drive. And everything from Staples to

Bubble Tea to Dunkin Donuts can be found on the one major road that runs through the city, making it easy to navigate.

We are deeply committed to making ADA an outstanding experience for all involved and excited to have the opportunity to share our wonderful city and campus facilities with the debate community in 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Leeson-Schatz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe Leeson-Schatz
Director of Debate at Binghamton University
Instructor of English and Feminist Theory at Binghamton University

PROPOSED DATES



Tournament Dates with Tournament Hotel Elims

Saturday, March 9th – Rounds 1 – 4

Sunday, March 10th – Rounds 5 & 6, and First Elimination Round

Monday, March 11th – Remaining Elimination Debates

Tournament Dates with Tournament Without Hotel Elims

Friday, March 15th – Rounds 1 & 2

Saturday, March 16th – Rounds 3 – 6

Sunday, March 17th – Elimination Debates

ADA Board Option

If the ADA board would prefer we could host March 8th – 10th while having elimination rounds on campus based upon the same schedule for debates on the 3/15 – 3/17 proposal.

CAMPUS FACILITIES



Binghamton University

Binghamton University is a state institution located in the Southern Tier of Upstate New York. BU's undergraduate population is approximately 11,500 and its graduate student body is almost 3,000. Nestled in valley near the intersection of the Susquehanna and Chenango rivers, Binghamton has an aesthetic beauty that's truly unmatched—even when the hills are topped with snow. Additionally, its central location in New York puts it roughly three and a half hours away from both New York City and Niagara Falls. Binghamton's campus includes a newly built athletics center, two performing arts halls, an art gallery, as well as numerous other facilities all designed to make hosting large events both manageable and desirable.



There is plenty of parking available on campus with parking lots immediately next to the main buildings that rounds will be held in. We are able to arrange for free parking for tournament participants. We should be able to do so without the hassle of getting everyone parking passes as well. In addition, our squad is willing and able to run shuttle transports for evidence to-and-from the hotel as well as transport teams that don't have the financial capabilities to afford a car rental.

Parking

Tabulation Room

The tab room can either be headquartered in one of our lecture hall rooms or in a senior seminar room in the library. The continental breakfast will be served in the lecture hall, which is centrally located to the largest chunk of classrooms on campus. We will be able to provide a laser printer, internet access, a photocopier, and any necessary desktops for use by the tournament staff. We can provide all necessary table space so there will be ample room for tournament administration activities. If the tournament staff would prefer a senior seminar room we can provide all the same perks for the location in the library. While our library is more centrally located than the lecture halls there are fewer classrooms in that building.



Competition Rooms



We will be able to provide 98 classrooms all centrally located on our main campus, with more rooms available if needed through soliciting departments for their seminar rooms and study carols. No room on campus is more than a five minute walk from any other room. ***All rooms have access to wireless and broadband internet*** that tournament participants can freely access after verifying their computer is fully updated with anti-virus software. Since hosting CEDA and NDT in 2016 Binghamton has upgraded its wireless capabilities and has a guest network, which will avoid requiring people to login with specially created accounts.



A significant portion of the rooms will be located in the Student Wing and Lecture Hall complex, which are attached to each other. Together they have approximately 40 rooms. Another 30 are located in our Fine Arts building, which is a short walk. We have 10 rooms in our science buildings, which are attached to each other and immediately next to the Student Wing. Approximately 20 more can be found in the University Union. Then there are additionally scattered rooms in our library building, our academic building, and our engineering building. These rooms are under departmental control and not the general University. I have no doubt that if needed they will happily allow us to have access to these rooms should more space be needed.

Elimination Rooms

Elimination rounds can be hosted on campus or at the hotel. In my experience part of what makes national tournaments exciting for students is that out-rounds take place at the hotel. Therefore, hosting them there for at least one day of competition would be my suggestion. Given that the hotel has agreed to waive fees for the conference rooms if 90% of our hotel block is booked, it also doesn't seem to be much more expensive than hosting them on campus. We could also host the first day of elimination rounds on campus and the second day off campus at the hotel. In the end, we will defer to the committee's recommendation of where out-rounds should be held.

On Campus Option

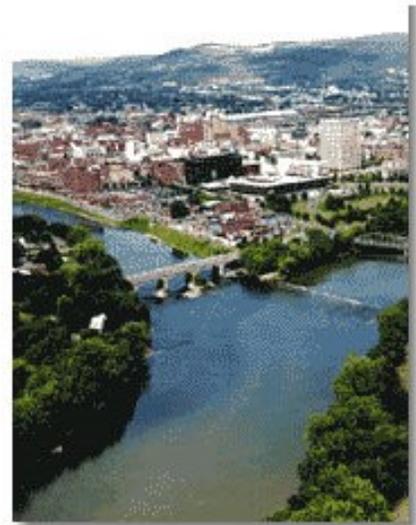
We would host them in the Student Wing and Lecture Hall buildings, condensing to the larger and larger lecture hall spaces as teams got eliminated. With elimination rooms on campus participants can continue debating in familiar places and we can have 100% of campus resources at our disposal.

Off Campus Option

The hotel has 11 conference rooms that we can use for elimination round debates. The remaining of the needed rooms can be obtained by converting guest rooms into competition rooms. Having elimination rounds at the hotel allows participants to have easy access to downtown amenities and avoid the hassle of traveling to campus in the morning.



BMTS



Award's Ceremony



The award's ceremony can be located on campus at our Watters Theater, which can seat up to 572 people. 452 can fit on the first floor, with seating available on the balcony for the other 122. If more people are in attendance we can move the location of the ceremony to our concert theater, which seats 1,200. The more intimate feel of Watters Theater is probably preferable so long as tournament attendance can fit. Both venues are centrally located in the Fine Arts building on campus.

On Campus Elimination Option

If elimination rounds are hosted on campus either both days, or just the first, we can host the award's ceremony the Saturday night before the last day of elimination rounds.

Off Campus Elimination Option

If elimination rounds are hosted off campus at the hotel, we can host the award's ceremony Sunday evening after the conclusion of the first elimination round. .

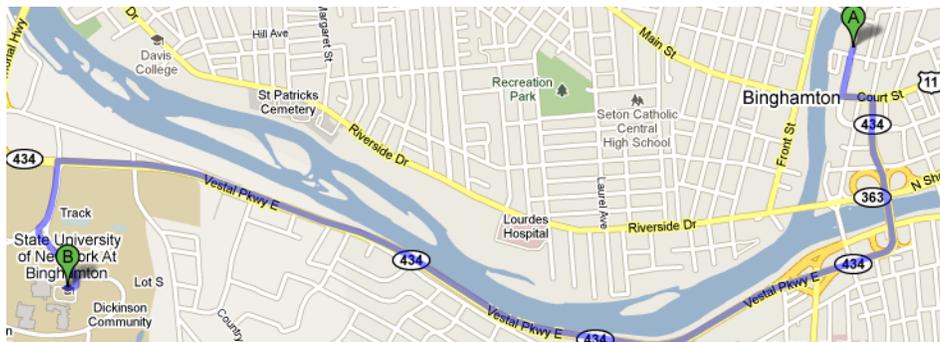


CAMPUS MAP



- LH: Lecture Hall
- SW: Student Wing
- FA: Fine Arts
- SL & S1: Science Buildings
- UU: University Union
- EB: Engineering Building
- LIB: Library Building

There is a parking garage by Fine Arts and parking lots near the Student Wing and the Science Buildings. The campus map is shaped like an upside down brain and is easy to navigate. While the map makes buildings appear far apart they are all within a five minute walk of each other.



It only takes two roads to get from the proposed tournament hotel to campus for a total of 4.4 miles. If elimination rounds are hosted solely on campus, the tournament hotel will be located directly across from campus. The majority of restaurants and stores are located right along 434 / Vestal Parkway.

STAFF & AMENITIES

Tournament Staff

In addition to myself, I will be offering extra-credit in my Policy Debate course, and mandating students in my Argumentative Theory course, to help staff the tournament. This gives us access to 52 students to run ballots, set up hospitality stations, or whatever else the executive committee deems necessary to run and smoothly staff the tournament. We would set this up in order to have between 5-10 students on-hand at any given moment.



The University Manager of Conference and Events Service, Julie Guditis, is aware of our desire to host in 2019 and looks forward to making the tournament run smoothly and that we have everything necessary to host the event. We also have the full support of the Binghamton University's President and Provost. As a result, the executive committee can be guaranteed to have a welcoming campus that will provide everything necessary to host ADA in 2019.



In addition to this help, I have personal experience running tournaments annually for the past fifteen years. The regional tournament we host consistently has over 100 teams in attendance about half of which are Worlds teams. Despite this, we were able to happily host everyone. With the extra resources provided by the Provost's Office we can ensure an amazing experience is had by all no matter the number of teams in attendance.

Food

A continental breakfast will be provided on the Saturday and Sunday of preliminary debates on campus. We will have smaller portion of breakfast allocated to the hospitality stations at the entrance of buildings throughout campus so participants can elect to go directly to rounds as well. The proposed tournament hotel serves complimentary breakfast Monday through Friday so participants are encouraged to eat there in the morning during the remaining days.

We will have hot chocolate, coffee, water, and some snacks at the hospitality stations throughout the day. There is also a coffee shop on campus and numerous convenience stores, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, etc minutes from campus on the same road.

In addition to providing lunch both days we can try to ensure that the campus Mini-Mall open for participants during lunch, which features Chinese food, pizza, burgers, Indian, smoothies, and more. They are located in the University Union on campus. In addition, there are *numerous* restaurants within both walking and driving distance from campus all along the main road.

For dinner there is the restaurant in the proposed hotel, as well as many others within walking distance of its central downtown location. There is something for every food preference and pallet. We have food of both the local and chain varieties. There is an active nightlife downtown as well for those who may want to explore the bars after rounds. See the food appendix for a full list of restaurants in the area both near the proposed hotel and campus.



HOTEL OPTIONS

Proposed Tournament Hotel for 2019 ADA Nationals (Hotel Elimination Rounds)



BINGHAMTON DOUBLETREE

225 WATER STREET
BINGHAMTON, NY 13790
1-607-722-7575
1-855-499-0001

Guest Room Amenities

With up to 204 available rooms, priced at \$119 for quad occupancy, the Binghamton Regency offers **free High-Speed Broadband Internet in all guestrooms** that requires “Zero-Configuration.” It features free local calls, comfortable beds, and an excellent downtown location on the Susquehanna river. The hotel prides themselves on their beautiful landscaping to compliment the natural scenery.

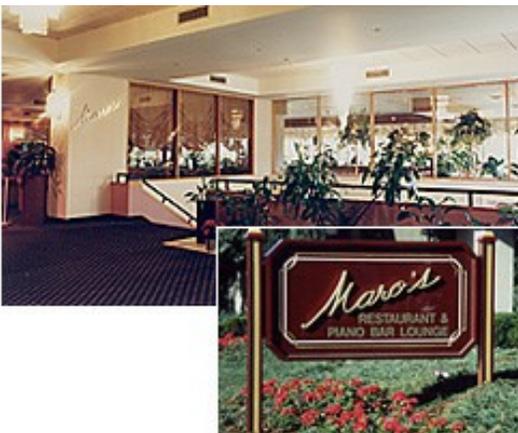


Banquet / Meeting Facilities

They have 11 different conferences spaces, ranging from 49x75 to 24x16. The price for rental ranges from \$100 to \$800 per day depending on the conference space used. However, the hotel has agreed to waive rental fees for the rooms if 90% of the designated block is filled by tournament participants. This would make the hotel an ideal location to host out rounds cheaply should the executive committee prefer us to host elimination rounds off campus rather than on.

Complimentary Services / Property Features

- Free on-site parking
- Free Continental Breakfast (Mon-Fri)
- Fine Dining in Mario’s Restaurant and Lounge
- Indoor Pool with Jacuzzi
- Fitness Room
- Gift Shop open 24/7
- Walking Distance to Many Restaurants and Bars in the Downtown Area



Proposed Tournament Hotel for 2019 ADA Nationals (On-Campus Elimination Rounds Option)



QUALITY INN & SUITES

4105 VESTAL PARKWAY EAST
VESTAL, NY 13850
1-607- 729-6371

Guest Room Amenities

With up to 142 available rooms, priced at \$84.95 for quad occupancy, the Quality Inn & Suites offers *free High-Speed Wireless Internet in all guestrooms* and is located literally across the street from the University. It features free local calls, comfortable beds, and a convenient location near numerous restaurants and entertainment locations. The hotel prides themselves on affordability and comfort.



Banquet / Meeting Facilities

They have 2 different conferences spaces. The larger of the two is 60x36 and the smaller one is 24x12. While this is not enough space to host elimination rounds at the hotel it does provide ample space for registration and a small welcome reception area for tournament participants.



Complimentary Services / Property Features

- Free on-site parking
- Free Breakfast
- Free Newspaper (Mon – Fri)
- Cocktail Lounge
- Fine Dining in Fujisan's Japanese Steakhouse
- Fitness Room
- Walking Distance to Many Restaurants and Campus

Other Nearby Hotels

Near Campus Location

Comfort Suites

3401 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850
Phone: (607) 766-0600
79 Total Rooms. 3 Floors.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$115 - \$160

Courtyard by Marriott

3801 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850
Phone: (607) 644-1000
78 Total Rooms. Indoor Pool. Smoke-free.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$135 - \$190

Hampton Inn and Suites

3708 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850
Phone: (607) 797-5000
79 Total Rooms. Indoor Pool. Fitness Center.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$125 - \$190

Holiday Inn Express

3615 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850
Phone: (607) 348-0088
81 Total Rooms. Indoor Pool. Fitness Center.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$110 - \$170

Howard Johnson Express Inn

3601 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850
Phone: (607) 729-6181
24 Rooms. 2 Floors.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$60 - \$80

Residence Inn by Marriott

4610 Vestal Parkway East, Vestal, NY 13850
Phone: (607) 770-8500
72 Suites. Non-smoking.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$130 - \$160

Near Downtown Location

Clarion Collection Grand Royale Hotel

80 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
Phone: (607) 722-0000
61 Rooms. Microwave and refrigerator in all rooms.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$80 - \$100

Days Inn

65 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905
Phone: (607) 724-2412
50 Total Rooms. Indoor Pool.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$60 - \$80

Holiday Inn

2 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
Phone: (607) 722-1212
237 Rooms. Indoor Pool. Fitness Center. Lounge.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$120 - \$160

Further, But Cheaper & Still Close

Econo Lodge Inn and Suites

690 Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905
Phone: (607) 724-1341
100 Rooms. 2 Floors.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$60 - \$70

Red Roof Inn

590 Fairview Street, Johnson City, NY 13790
Phone: (607) 729-8940
107 Rooms. Close & Easy Drive to Campus.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$60 - \$70

Best Western

569 Harry L. Drive, Johnson City, NY 13790
Phone: (607) 729-9194
101 Rooms. Close & Easy Drive to Campus.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$80 - \$90

Skylark Motel

240 Vestal Pkwy E, Vestal, NY 13850
Phone: (607) 748-3392
24 Rooms. Easy Drive to Campus. Behind Diner.
Un-negotiated Room Rate: \$45

AIR TRANSPORTATION

Binghamton is home to a regional airport with 35 daily flights to four major hub airports. It is very convenient to fly in and out of. Often, it is a team choice to use this airport as it's competitive priced. ***Non-holiday rates run \$300-\$350 for roundtrip flights from LAX, CHI, and DFW. LAS and MIA can get even cheaper tickets for \$250-\$300, and ATL can find them for under \$200!*** The airport offers free wireless internet and has car rental agencies with vehicles onsite. The airport is approximately an 8 mile drive to the tournament hotel or campus, making it incredibly convenient.



Security

***Safety is our #1 priority.
That's why we've invested
over \$4 billion on security
to keep you safe.***

Again, one of the great things about Binghamton for the location of ADA Nationals in 2016 is that it puts almost 100 individual teams in driving distance. Schools as far down as Virginia regularly make the trek up to our region to compete. This guarantees a large turnout and an affordable ADA Nationals for countless squads and emerging debate programs.

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Greater Binghamton Airport

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The advertisement features a blue globe with a white airplane flying over it. To the right, there are two photo-like images: one of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) and another of a woman talking on a mobile phone. The text is in white and blue against a dark background.

Approximately one hour away from Binghamton is the Syracuse International Airport that has many more flights but still features the convenience of a smaller airport. When our team cannot fly out of Binghamton due to cost we look to Syracuse next. ***Non-holiday rates run \$240-\$300 for roundtrip flights from LAX, CHI, DFW, and LAS. MIA can find flights for \$200-\$250, while ATL can find them for under \$200!*** Car rental agencies and vehicles can be found onsite. Once there it is very simple to arrive at Binghamton since it is straight down 81S for approximately one hour.

For those who like bigger airports, within a three hour drive of Binghamton, participants will be able to fly into Philadelphia, New York City, Newark, or Rochester's International airports. Ticket costs may be somewhat cheaper than flying directly to Binghamton or to Syracuse. However, in general, savings are not worth the inconvenience and, in many instances don't offset driving costs. While Binghamton's team almost never flies out of New York City or Newark when traveling as a squad, we have occasionally found cheaper tickets out of Philadelphia and Rochester.



AREA ATTRACTIONS

Casinos: We have two casinos within approximately an hour drive of Binghamton, which include the larger Turning Stone Casino (81N to 90E) and the smaller Tioga Downs Gaming Center (17 W). Turning Stone offers your fully array of tables and a larger poker room while Tioga Downs offers slots and race betting but is a little closer. Both are an easy drive.



Roller Skating & Laser Tag: These activities as well as an arcade can be found at Skate Estate on Old Vestal Road, running parallel with the Parkway and close to campus. Fun for the whole family.

Movies: We have two movie theaters in town, one on the Parkway near Walmart, and one on Upper Front St close to the hotel. The one by Walmart features \$4.25 weekday prices and marginally more on the weekends.



Shopping: The Oakdale Mall is located close to campus off 201. It has your full array of stores while maintaining a smaller size. The Carousel Mall in Syracuse (just follow 81N) is the largest in the state and is emissions neutral and runs its facility with zero waste.

Centrally Located: It is a four hour drive (81N to 90W) to Niagara Falls and a three hour drive to New York City (17E). Both are easy to navigate to and could make for a great team trip for those squads who have the time.



Skiing: We are half an hour away from Greek Peak (81N), two and a half hours away (88E) from Hunter Mountain located in the beautiful Catskills, and two hours away from Belleayre Mountain, which is operated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.





Bars: There are numerous bars and taverns within walking distance from the proposed tournament hotel. There is everything from nightclubs, to 1970's disco throwbacks, to dirty underground bars, to gay and lesbian bars that regularly have drag shows, to quiet taverns to have a drink at and talk strategy. There are also several well-liked local establishments near campus.

Nature Trails: For those willing to endure the cold, Binghamton's campus is home to a 182 acre nature preserve that is gorgeous throughout the year. The area also has numerous parks, nature trails, and scenic overlooks for tournament participants to enjoy.

Ice Skating: Binghamton is home to two indoor ice skating rinks, one on Upper Front St close to the hotel, and one right off 88E. Both have rental equipment available so people can enjoy the ice without having to bring their skates from home.

Carousels: Binghamton is known as the carousel capital of the world and has six different carousels to ride—all free of charge. For those dedicated, there is a pin and certificate given to people who ride all the carousels.

