

## Partnership Report

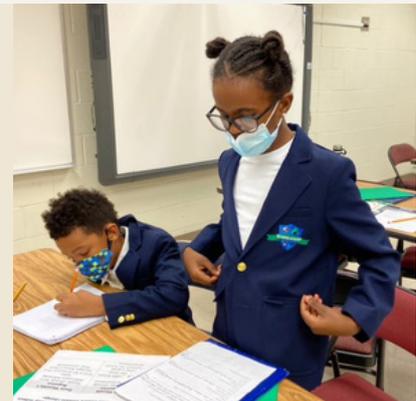
November 2021



**Continental Colony**



**Miles**



**Deerwood**

### Highlights

**Atlanta Public Schools (APS)** coach educators and debaters accelerated debate during the final few days of October and into November. On October 29th, **8 APS elementary schools** showed up for the **first elementary tournament** since January 2020. Debaters from **Continental Colony, Deerwood, Harper-Archer, Hutchinson, Kimberly, Miles, Parkside,** and **West Manor** debated the merits of Georgia public policy to address human-caused global warming. **18 coach educators, parents/guardians, and community members** volunteered to serve as debate judges, providing celebratory and constructive feedback to the AUDL's youngest debaters.

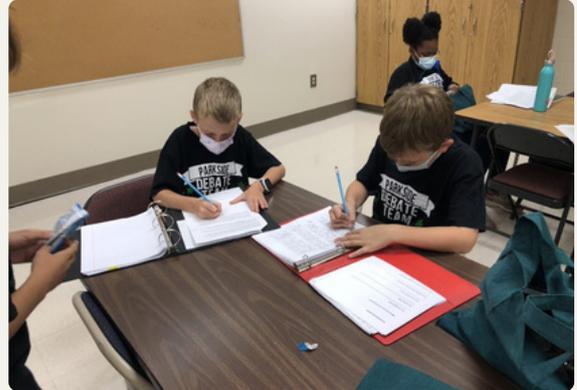
The middle school division continued to be a significant instigator for debate in November, with tournaments hosted on November 6th and November 13th. Across both tournaments, **89 student debaters** engaged national public policy on water resource protection. APS's success in the middle school division was once again led by **Sutton Middle School** who fielded the **top-ranked team in the middle school junior varsity division** and the 2nd ranked team in the middle school novice division.

APS increased competition in the high school division in November with the addition of coaches and debaters from **Carver Early College** to the League. On November 13th, they were joined by debaters from **Maynard Jackson High School** and **North Atlanta High School**. APS also led debate in the high school division with **Maynard Jackson High School** fielding the **top-ranked team in the high school novice division**. **North Atlanta High School** also saw significant success and had the **2nd-ranked team in the tournament's most difficult division** (high school OPEN).

# COMMUNITY IN PICTURES



Debaters from **Kimberly** and **West Manor** during cross-examination at the October 29th elementary tournament.



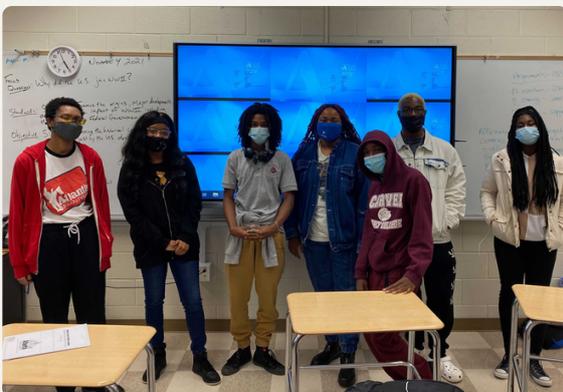
Debaters from **Parkside Elementary** prepare for debate at the tournament on October 29th.



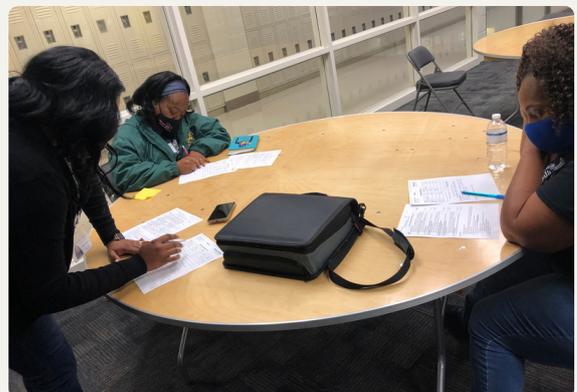
Coach **Mike Robinson** and debaters from **North Atlanta High School** during the award ceremony on November 13th.



Debaters from **Continental Colony** listen to debaters from the opposing team at the elementary tournament.



AUDL Alex Zavell Debate Education Fellow **Elysia Tillman** and debaters from **Carver Early College** at a site visit on November 4th.



APS Specialists **Amzie Yarde**, **Erica Jones**, and **Kimberly Fowler** complete ballots after serving as judges during the elementary tournament.

# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

*The Atlanta Public Schools' Office of Social Studies rolls deep in support of Atlanta Urban Debate League tournaments...*



APS Coordinator **Kaywana Stewart** and Sutton Middle School coaches **Melanie Burdis** and **Kira Fritsche**.



**Ranyatta Roland**, Director of Assessment for Rockdale County Public Schools, and APS Specialist **Dr. Dawayne Carter**.



APS Specialists **Erica Jones** and **Kimberly Fowler**.



APS Specialist **Audrey Glascoe**.



Long-term AUDL volunteer **Leah Smith** and APS Coordinator **Joanne Wyckoff**.



APS Security Officer **Ms. Mahones** and APS Custodian **Ms. Askew**.

## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS *Cont.*

The motto of the Atlanta Urban Debate League is "*community over competition.*" Our monthly "community" and "coach" awards are the highest awards given by the League. In November, APS schools won both community and coach awards.



### Community Awards

- Sutton Middle School (Pictured Left)
- Parkside Elementary School

### Coach Awards

- Melanie Burdis
- Kira Fritsche
- Serena Robertson
- Tanya Conyers
- Tony Atwater
- Sarah Hinton

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

### Argumentative Speech Bowl

The AUDL is excited to host the final round of the third biannual **Argumentative Speech Bowl** (ASB), which will take place LIVE via Zoom on **Thursday, December 2nd** from **4:30-6:00PM**. During the final round, students will present one, three-minute speech to a panel of community members and experts on the topic of "net neutrality" in the United States. During a one-minute cross-examination, students will also answer a question posed by a member of the judge panel.

Eight middle school students advanced to the final round and the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) is once again well represented among the finalists.

APS students appearing in the final round include: **Piper Redmond**, **Riley Sipe**, and **Maika Walker**, of **Sutton Middle School**, coached by **Melanie Burdis** and **Kira Fritsche**.

Community members are encouraged to join us for the final round of the ASB using the **Zoom webinar ID: 950 7707 3248**.



# Atlanta Urban Debate League

**Fall 2021**

## **ARGUMENTATIVE SPEECH BOWL**

Please join us in supporting our middle school finalists as they deliver speeches, proposing plans to address "net neutrality" in the United States.

**THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 2, 2021  
4:30–6:00PM EST**

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