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RWU Law and Urban Debate

Posted by David Logan on 04/23/2014 at 04:34 PM

RWU Law was an active participant in the RI Urban League's annual Community Debate. This terrific event, hosted by Brown University, brings urban youth from around the state, pairs them with volunteers from the community, and gives them experience in public speaking via an informal debate tournament. Co-chaired by Congressman David Cicilline and Central Falls Mayor James Diossa, RWU Law provided deans (Logan and Lalli), students (Nicole Verdi, Marcus Swift, and Erlin Rogel), and alums (Angie Cooper, Dionney Garcia, and John Dorsey) to the effort. Congratulations to the student competitors, who were not the least bit intimidated by being judged by lawyers, as they addressed three wildly different questions:

- Should financial aid be more easily available for science students than humanities students?
- Should graphically violent video games be illegal? and,
- Should time travel be illegal?

Here is coverage from the Providence Journal <http://www.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/content/20140405-urban-high-school-students-test-their-mettle-in-community-debate-event-at-brown-university.ece>

and then some pictures from that fun day.



Mayor Angel Tavares, City of Providence; Representative David Cicilline, Rhode Island's 1st Congressional District, and Mayor James A. Diossa, City of Central Falls



Dean Lorraine Lalli '01, Angie Cooper '08 and John Dorsey '10



Marcus Swift 3L with his mentee



Erlin Rogel 2L with his mentee



Nicole Verdi 3L with her mentee



Some of the Competitors