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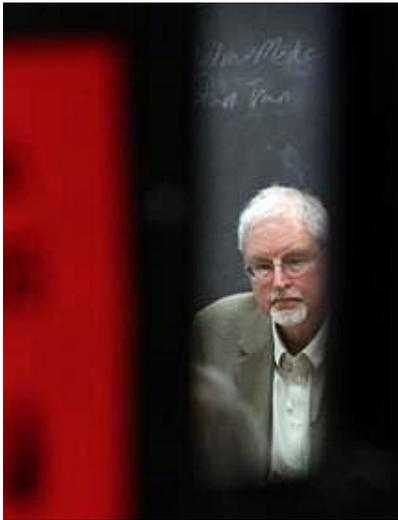
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Dean David Logan served as a judge for teens participating in the Rhode Island Urban Debate League's "Community Debate" at Brown University on Saturday.

**From the PROVIDENCE JOURNAL:** "[Urban high school students test their mettle in Community Debate event at Brown University](#)" by Richard Salit, Journal Staff Writer



**PROVIDENCE, R.I., April 5, 2014** — Heated arguments broke out between a large group of city kids at Brown University on Saturday — and that's exactly what the Rhode Island Urban Debate League wanted.

For the third year in a row, the league held its "Community Debate," in which students from urban schools are paired with a college student or adult for a series of head-to-head, team contests. [...]

For 15 minutes, they attacked and parried each other's assigned position on whether violent video games should be banned. They argued in front of a **volunteer judge** who knew a little something about making a strong case — **David Logan, dean of the law school at Roger Williams University.** [...]

At the conclusion of their debate, **Logan critiqued their performances.**

"There was some very nice back and forth," **he said**, before suggesting that someone should have raised the issue of freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment. [...]

About 60 students participated in the event. During the day, they were welcomed by U.S. Rep. David N. Cicilline, Providence Mayor Angel Taveras and Central Falls Mayor James Diossa.

*For full story, click [here](http://www.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/content/20140405-urban-high-school-students-test-their-mettle-in-community-debate-event-at-brown-university.ece). [http://www.providencejournal.com/breaking-news/content/20140405-urban-high-school-students-test-their-mettle-in-community-debate-event-at-brown-university.ece]*