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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.