

Greetings from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and congratulations on your bid to the Lancaster, PA Opening Round Championship! **This email contains a number of important details about the tournament. Please read it carefully, complete all action items* by the deadlines indicated and retain the entire email for future reference.**

Bid Reservation:

Each TEAM (not each program) must formally reserve its bid* no later than 12:00 noon CT on the Tuesday following the tournament at which the bid was earned. Bids that are not reserved by the deadline convert to open bids by rule and are forfeited. For your convenience, we have include the deadlines that correspond to each regional tournament that feeds into Lancaster:

- Buffalo Regional: Tuesday, February 11 at 12:00 noon Central time
- Washington, DC Regional: Tuesday, February 18 at 12:00 noon Central time
- Williamsburg Regional: Tuesday, February 18 at 12:00 noon Central time
- Owings Mills Regional: Tuesday, February 25 at 12:00 noon Central time

Bid must be reserved online at: <http://www.collegemocktrial.org/tournaments/-opening-round-championship/-orcs-bid-confirmation-forms/lancaster-orcs-bid-confirmation-form/>

Team Roster:

Each TEAM (not each program) must submit its official roster* no later than Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Rosters must be submitted online at: <http://www.collegemocktrial.org/tournaments/-opening-round-championship/-orcs-team-roster-forms/lancaster-orcs-team-roster-form/>

Tournament Dates:

March 6-8, 2020 ("1-2-1" format)

Tournament Venues:

Opening ceremony, captains meetings and all trials: Lancaster County Courthouse (50 N. Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602)

Tournament hotel: Holiday Inn Lancaster (26 E. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17602)

Judges and Coaches Reception: Hamilton Club (106 E. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17602)

Awards Reception and Closing Ceremony: Hamilton Club (106 E. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17602)

***all tournament venues are within a 1-block radius

Tournament Website (check back frequently for updates): <http://www.kylekopko.com/mock-trial.html>

Tournament Schedule: Team registration begins at 4:15 PM Friday, March 6. The closing reception and ceremony should conclude no later than 3:30 PM on Sunday, March 8. Please refer to the website for the complete schedule.

AMTA Representatives:

Our AMTA Representatives are Will Warihay and Danielle Bringard. We look forward to welcoming them to Lancaster.

Tournament Hotel:

We have negotiated an excellent rate with the Holiday Inn Lancaster (26 E. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17602) from Thursday night, March 5 through Sunday night, March 8. The rate is \$139 for Single-Quad occupancy and includes a full American breakfast buffet for up to four guests per room, per night. **Please call (717) 394-0900 to make your reservations*. The deadline is Wednesday, February 26. We strongly recommend making your reservations as soon as possible. Mention "American Mock Trial Association" to receive the discounted rate. Please note that reservations may not be cancelled within 14 days of scheduled arrival.**

Transportation and Parking:

Lancaster is easily accessible by train, car and air. **Teams traveling from greater Philadelphia, New York City and New England are strongly encouraged to travel via Amtrak.** Amtrak's Lancaster Station is 10

blocks (approx. 1 mile) from the tournament venues. Lancaster has abundant and inexpensive Uber/Lyft service. Simply request a ride when your train arrives. The fare from the Amtrak station to the hotel should be less than \$6.00.

Teams who wish to fly should consider the following airports: Harrisburg-MDT (30 miles), Philadelphia-PHL (70 miles) and Baltimore-BWI (90 miles). Lancaster-LNS is 5 miles away but has limited commercial service.

Lancaster has several inexpensive parking garages. We recommend the Duke Street Garage at the corner of Duke and Chestnut Streets. The Duke Street Garage is adjacent to the Holiday Inn and less than one block from the Courthouse and the Hamilton Club. See <http://www.lancasterparkingauthority.com/maps/duke-street-garage> for more information.

Hospitality:

Earning a bid to ORCS is a great accomplishment and we want you to enjoy your time in Lancaster. There are many excellent restaurants and bars within easy walking distance of the tournament hotel. Please refer to the tournament website for details. In addition, we've made a number of arrangements to make your visit as pleasant as possible.

Saturday lunch: because of the limited amount of time between Rounds 2 and 3, and the fact that most downtown restaurants either do not serve lunch on weekends or are ill-equipped to handle 200+ customers at once, we have made arrangements with a local restaurant to deliver lunch on Saturday. Options include hoagies, salads or pizza. Lunches will be delivered to the Courthouse cafeteria at the conclusion of round 2. Cost is \$10.00 - \$12.00 per person. All lunches must be pre-ordered and prepaid online no later than Friday, February 28.* Please order Saturday lunches and extra Awards Reception tickets here: www.etowncollegeonline.com/mocktrial.

Saturday night Judges and Coaches Reception: coaches and tournament staff/officials are invited to attend our famous Judges Reception at the Hamilton Club (106 E. Orange Street) on Saturday, March 7 from 5:00 - 7:30 PM. The reception will feature a top-shelf open bar and hors d'oeuvres. Please RSVP to Grant Keener grant.w.keener@gmail.com no later than Friday, February 28 with the name(s) of your coaches who plan to attend.*

Awards Reception and Ceremony: following Round 4, competitors and coaches should **immediately** proceed across Duke Street to the Hamilton Club (106 E. Orange Street) for the Awards Reception and Ceremony. **Please do not linger at the Courthouse waiting for teammates or your program's other team.** Enjoy a variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, duck pin bowling and relaxation with your fellow mockers while the tournament results are tabulated. The Awards Ceremony and announcement of bids to the National Championship will follow the reception. Each team receives complimentary admission for all **rostered** competitors and coaches. Additional tickets must be purchased for \$21.50 each. Please note that there is not an option to attend the awards ceremony without a ticket. Additional tickets must be pre-ordered and prepaid online.* The deadline is Friday, February 28. Please order extra Awards Reception tickets and Saturday lunches here: www.etowncollegeonline.com/mocktrial.

***Action Items Checklist:**

- Reserve bids no later than 12:00 noon CT on the Tuesday following tournament at which bid was earned
- Hotel rooms reserved no later than Wednesday, February 26 (earlier is better)
- Team rosters submitted no later than Tuesday, February 25
- RSVP for Judges and Coaches Reception no later than Friday, February 28
- Order extra awards reception/ceremony tickets no later than Friday, February 28
- Order team lunches no later than Friday, February 28

Once again, congratulations on your bid to the Lancaster ORCS. On behalf of Elizabethtown College, we look forward to hosting you and your team.

Sincerely yours,

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