

Penny Foundation Announces Inaugural Southern Scholars Debate Classic Featuring Howard University vs. Samford University

The Howard University vs. Samford University Inaugural Southern Scholars Debate Classic will be held on October 18th in Birmingham, AL.

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[The Penny Foundation](#) is excited to announce the first-ever [Southern](#)

[Scholars Showcase](#), an event celebrating collegiate debate and academic excellence. This inaugural debate, featuring Howard University and Samford University, will take place on October 18th at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. The event is presented by The Penny Foundation and Jefferson County Commission, with production by Bluejireh, Inc.



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This highly anticipated debate will highlight the intellectual rigor and competitive spirit of two renowned institutions. It will provide a platform for students, educators, and the community to engage in dynamic discussions on pressing topics such as free enterprise, foreign policy, education, healthcare, and affirmative action. Through their mastery of logic, rhetoric, and persuasion, these scholars will exemplify the power of thoughtful discourse in addressing complex societal issues.

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Event Details:

□ What: Howard University vs. Samford University College Debate

□ When: Friday, October 18, 2024



- Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Where: Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, 1101 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SW, Birmingham, AL 35211
- Samford University Team:
- TJ Riggs
- Maddox Gates
- Debate Coach: Lee Quinn, J.D.
- Howard University Team:
- Elandrea Baker
- Robert Khalil Kelly
- Debate Coach: Angela D. Minor, Esq.

The [Southern Scholars Debate Classic](#) is open to the public and free of charge, welcoming students, families, and the community for a morning of intellectual engagement and civic discourse. Audience members can look forward to an inspiring and educational experience that will showcase the debate skills and perspectives of tomorrow's leaders. This event will also continue Sixth Avenue Baptist Church's legacy of community engagement and enrichment.



The flyer features a dark background with white and orange text. At the top left, it says "Experience the debate exhibition of a lifetime". To the right is a "SCAN ME" button with a QR code. Below that, a white box contains the event details: "Friday, October 18", "10am - 12pm CDT", and the address "1101 Martin Luther King Junior Drive Birmingham, AL 35211". A paragraph of text describes the event: "Watch as students from Howard and Samford University engage in dynamic discussions on pressing issues, showcasing their talents in logic, rhetoric, and persuasion." Below this are six circular portraits of participants: Professor Angela D. Minor, Professor Lee Quinn, Robert Kelly, Elandrea Baker, Maddox Gates, and TJ Riggs. At the bottom left is the Southern Scholars logo, and at the bottom right is an orange "Register Here" button with the website www.southerndebateclassic.org. The text "Southern Scholars Debate Classic Flyer" is centered at the bottom of the flyer image.

Registration is now open for attendees and vendors. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.southerndebateclassic.org>

About Southern Scholars Showcase

The Southern Scholars Showcase is dedicated to fostering academic excellence and providing resources for students to explore higher education opportunities. Our mission is to create an inclusive environment where students can engage with peers, educators, and institutions to make informed decisions about their academic futures. To learn more visit www.southernshowcase.org

About The Penny Foundation

The Penny Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving and empowering communities by providing access to the resources necessary to create lasting change. The Penny Foundation connects people, organizations, and resources in the areas of family, economics, and community development through the lens of technology and innovation. The Foundation is a Birmingham, Alabama- based community chest working to eliminate economic inequality in the Black community. To learn more visit www.pennyfoundation.org

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