





About Our Organization

How it started:

Oratory League started in November 2024, cofounded by a team of National top debaters, being Leatile King Baaitse and Asante Aupa Modala, former scholars of Mater Spei College.



It was founded as a strategy to allow our team as independent debaters and public speakers to register and participant at the then upcoming 2024 Orate Africa Championships – “Homecoming”.

Initially, we were supposed to participate in the championship under the sponsorship of our respective schools. However, due to financial strains, they could not do that. However, Mr. Baaitse and Mr. Modala were not willing to cease defeat. So, they called the director to allow them to participate

independent of any school, and were given the green flag. So they came up with a name Oratory League, during on of their many arduous trips all over Francistown to negotiate sponsorships. They managed to draw letter and talk to parents of other orators to sponsor their delegates to register, and by the time the competition came, they had managed to register 11 delegates with registration amounting to P7,700.

Our Delegation:



Our second ever delegation was the team for the 2024 Orate Africa Championships, comprising of two debate teams, one public speaking team and one quiz team.

Debate team A was *Leatile King Baaitse (Captain, 2nd Speaker)*, *Asante Aupa Modala (1st Speaker)* and *Thabiso Morupisi-Khan (3rd Speaker)*.

Debate team B was *Wangu Brandon Tsietso (Captain, 2nd Speaker)*, *Aone Mosimane*

(1st Speaker) and *Phalana Lefhoko Tumiso (3rd Speaker)*. The Public Speaking team was *Gorutwa Lejwadiwe Sololo* and *Tinashe Mapete*. Finally, the Quiz team was *Duduetsang Selemogo*, *Lapologang Motiki* and *Gorutwa Lejwadiwe Sololo*, who made it to the finals and won 3rd runner-ups.

The first ever team to represent Oratory League at any competition was the team of Leatile King Baaitse and Gracious Theresa Siolwe, at the 2024 Cambridge School Debate – Africa Regional Round, who won the best overall debate team in Africa and are set to represent the continent in the United Kingdom, Cambridge Union in 2025.

Our Annual Events:

OLC Leg 1

Oratory League Championships (OLC) Leg 1 is our annual oratory competition set to be held annually in April (generally the beginning of the 2nd quarter). We plan on hosting our first ever in 2025. It is for scholars in both public and private sectors, spanning from preschool, primary, junior and senior schools. The categories include debate, public speaking, moot court, spelling bee, quiz, poetry, theatre and promotional oratory. It is held on a rotational basis (as are all our events) in the likes of location. Leg 1 is set to be held at Francistown, Botswana as planned by the Chief Operating Officer. The annual and seasonal themes are set by the marking team.

OLC Leg 2

Oratory League Championships (OLC) Leg 2 is for tertiary education, catered exclusively for all the universities, colleges and institutions offering tertiary education, for both public and private sectors. It is set to be held annually in July (beginning of the 3rd quarter). The categories include debate, public speaking, moot court, spelling bee, quiz, poetry, theatre and promotional oratory. The style of debating is to be set and made standard by the League christened the *Oratory League Debate Format (OLD Format)*.

OLC Masters Round

Oratory League Championships (OLC) Masters Round is for the working class – all members of the youth community from the ages of 18 to 35. It would be the first ever competition to cater for this class of the community at such a grand scale. It is set to be held annually in September (end of the 3rd quarter). The categories include debate, public speaking, moot court, spelling bee, quiz, poetry, theatre and promotional oratory. The style of debating is to be set and made standard by the League christened the *Oratory League Debate Format (OLD Format)*. We find it important to still nurture and motivate this demographic as they are a pivotal part to the economy, and as such, Oratory League will set such standards.

The Grand Orate

The Grand Orate is set to be held annually in December (end of the 4th quarter), which caters for everyone and for all our 8 categories. Everyone is eligible to participate in this prestigious championship, indiscriminant of age, class and institution. It is set to be the largest ever competition and showcases pure talent no matter the background, demographic neither strata of the economy. Talent and oratory lives among everyone and our organization will give them the platform to illuminate it to the world.

| Our Vision:

Legal Debate Standards

We envision a future where oratory shapes the economy in many constructs. Our organization plans on drawing up a comprehensive system of debate that is more efficient than the current judiciary system in solving and tackling legal cases. We give the world the liberation of choosing for their cases to be handled by either professional attorneys or professional debaters. It would mitigate the weight on the judicial processes, thus accelerating the rate at which the economy is served justice.

In doing so, we are developing a new curriculum and course to install into universities and tertiary institutions, allowing passionate debaters and orators around the world economy to enroll, study and become professional debaters. We see it moot for candidates to win debate championships and not be able to study such a course, whereas those who partake in moot court makes them fit to be lawyers. Our well-narrated system allows debaters to handle cases on strict parameters, proofing to yield more fairness and justice than the status quo of world standards.

International Recognition

We aim on expanding our competitions beyond the confines of Botswana and make them, not just continental, but world-class. We believe all orators of the world, regardless of skin, nationality, culture and what makes them different have the right to be a part of this transformative movement.

| Final Words:

“At Oratory League, we do more than foster debates; we shape minds, inspire leaders and empower voices to create a world where ideas drive progress and oratory builds bridges. Together, let us ignite this transformative initiative and the power of words, and redefine the art of oratory for generations to come.” ~ Leatile King Baaitse – Cofounder, President, Chairman of the Board.