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“Not to defeat each other, but to pace one another on the road to excellence.”

Senior Level Speech Topics for 2012-2013

Special Occasion:

1. You are to present a book talk on at least two books for younger students to the local book club or local library board for summer reading program.
2. You, as maid of honor or best man, are to speak at your siblings wedding.
3. You are to present a speech at a local organization about your recent experience as a foreign exchange student.
4. You are to address your local school board concerning a school policy students want changed.

Storytelling:

1. A story from Greek or Roman Mythology
2. A story involving a ghost.
3. A war or military story.
4. A story involving trickery or deceit.

Public Address:

1. **Sports Related Head Injuries:** What, if anything can/should be done to reduce concussions and brain injuries caused by sports/athletic participation?
2. **Political Partisanship:** What, if anything, should be done to reduce the level of partisanship in state and national governments?
3. **Great Lakes:** To what extent, if any, should the Great Lakes Commission consider the sale or sharing of water with other parts of the continent?
4. **The Draft:** To what extent, if any, should a military draft be re-instituted by the U.S. government?

Moments in History: 1901-1913 Turn of the Century to the Eve of the Great War

Speech Registration Site Opens

The Speech Registration Site will open on Monday, January 28, 2013. Register your team by going to www.whsfa.org – click on the Speech Tab/Registration and follow the prompts.

Group Entries for Speech Changes for 2013

Beginning this year, schools may enter up to six groups between Group Interpretation and Play Acting. If your school is entering five or six groups, your school must be scheduled for either of the two Saturday Rounds at State. If you have already “Booked a Slot for State” for a Friday Round, you will be asked to change to Saturday.

Speech Allows 12 Entries between Prose, Poetry and Farrago

A gentle reminder: you may have 12 entries between Prose Reading, Poetry Reading and Farrago but no more than four entries in one of the categories.



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Student Actor Hall of Fame

2012 Theatre Festival saw three students inducted into the Actors Hall of Fame. To be inducted, a student needed to have received three Outstanding Acting Awards during their time in high school. In our history, only three students have achieved this goal.

Kristin Giese Marshall received Outstanding Acting Awards in 1985, 1986 and 1987. Kristin was a student at Mosinee High School. She attributed her success to her mentor/director Robert Hanson. Kristin went on to study theatre and music at Simpson College in Iowa. After college, Kristin worked professionally throughout the country. Kristin now resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota with her family where she develops curriculum for elementary school programs.



Matt Schwader received Outstanding Acting Awards in 1993, 1994 and 1995 while attending Kenosha Tremper High School. Matt

stated that his mentor/director Ron Parker had a lot to do with his success. After high school, Matt attended the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater continuing his study of theatre. In 2003 he received a Master’s degree in acting from the Professional Theatre Training Program at the University of DE. He has acted at the Goodman, Chicago Shakespeare, Northlight and Court Theatre. Matt is well known to Wisconsin theatre goers for his new theatre home – American Players Theatre in Spring Green, Wisconsin.

Amelia Andacht received Outstanding Acting Awards in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Amelia was fortunate to work with her father, director Chris Andacht, to receive her Outstanding Acting Awards. Amelia is still active in high school theatre working alongside her father at Catholic Memorial High School in Waukesha, as she pursues a degree in pharmacy at Concordia University.

Directors Hall of Fame

Seven directors were inducted in to the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association Hall of Fame at the 2012 Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival in Stevens Point. This class of directors was recognized by the WHSFA for their contributions to high school theatre.

Linda Aeppler: Brookfield East High School
Chris Andacht: Catholic Memorial High School.

Roger Danielson: Appleton North and Appleton West High Schools
Ralph Lohse: Port Washington High School
Chuck Malone: Waukesha North and Waukesha West High Schools

Gene Olson: McFarland High School
Holly Stanfield: Kenosha Bradford and Kenosha Ruther High Schools

Congratulations to these directors.



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2012 State Theatre Festival

47 schools participated in the 2012 Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival at UW –Stevens Point.

Algoma High School – All State Award

Appleton North High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Awards for Catherine Backer and Val Letko, Outstanding Crew Award, Ensemble Acting Award and a directing award for Ron Parker

Ashwaubenon High School – All State Award

Barneveld High School – All State Award and an Ensemble Acting Award

Burlington High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Awards for Cole Conrad, Hannah Anderson and Michael Pinter, Ensemble Acting Award and Directing Awards for Carrie Fidler and Paul Ivkovich.

DePere High School – All State Award

Drummond High School – All State Award and an Acting Award for Chris Kostka

Eagle River Northland Pines High School – All State Award, Acting Award for Benn Gober and an Ensemble Acting Award

Eau Claire Regis High School – All State Award, Acting Award for Abby Hollenbeck, Outstanding Crew Award, an Ensemble Acting Award and a Directing Award for Judine Brey

Fish Creek Gibraltar High School – All State Award, Outstanding Crew Award and a Directing Award for Lizbeth Thomas

Germantown High School – All State Award

Green Bay Bay Port High School – All State Award and two Acting Awards for Jake Delvoye and Megan Matheny

Greenwood High School – All State Award, and two Acting Awards for Elynor Gregorich and Olivia Gregorich

Hamilton Sussex High School – All State Award and an Acting Award for Emily Cox

University Lake School, Hartland – Critics Choice Award, Outstanding Crew Award, and Ensemble Acting Award

Hudson High School – All State Award

Kenosha Bradford High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Awards for Jalen Johnson, Khaila Wolcoxon and Talia Engstrom, Ensemble Acting Award, Outstanding Crew Award and Directing Award for Holly Stanfield.

Kenosha Indian Trails High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Awards for Cameron Stearman and Robert Preston and an Ensemble Acting Award

Kenosha Tremper High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Awards for Ryan Westermeyer and Vanessa Soward, Ensemble Acting Award and a Directing Award for Nic Cicerale

Lomira High School – All State Award

Luxemburg Casco High School – All State Award

Madison East High School – All State Award and an Acting Award for Scout Slava-Ross

Manitowoc Lincoln High School – All State Award

Mequon Homestead High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Awards for Danielle Goodman and Max Isaac Ginkel, Ensemble Acting Award and an Outstanding Crew Award

Middleton High School – Critics Choice Award, an Acting Award for Adam Desantes, Ensemble Acting Award and a Directing Award for Patrick Motiff

Minocqua Lakeland Union High School – All State Award
Monona Grove High School – All State Award and Acting Awards for Desmond Hawkins and James Toal

Mosinee High School – All State Award and an Ensemble Acting Award

Neenah High School – All State Award, an Acting Award for Kelly Casey an Ensemble Acting Award and an Outstanding Crew Award

New Berlin Eisenhower High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Awards for Gabrielle Laske and Jason Rose, an Ensemble Acting Award and a Directing Award for Robb Smith.

Northwester High School, Maple – All State Award and Outstanding Crew Award

Owen-Withee High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Award for Emily Gokey, Ensemble Acting Award and Directing Awards for Jeffer Scheuer and Julie Van Ark

Plymouth High School – All State Award and an Ensemble Acting Award

Poynette High School – All State Award and an Ensemble Acting Award

Reedsburg High School – All State Award

Superior High School – All State Award

Union Grove High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Award for Erin Doherty, an Ensemble Acting Award and a Directing Award for Joshua Lang

Verona High School – All State Award, an Acting Award for Joel Roberts and an Ensemble Acting Award

Waukesha Catholic Memorial High School – Critics Choice Award, an Acting Award for Sara Wolf and an Ensemble Acting Award

Waukesha North High School – All State Award and an Acting Award for Emerson Hawthorne

Waukesha West High School – Critics Choice Award, Acting Awards for Morgan Larson and Tara Saye, an Ensemble Acting Award, Outstanding Crew Award and a Directing Award for Nathan Berish

Waupaca High School – All State Award

West DePere High School – All State Award and an Ensemble Acting Award

West Salem High School – All State Award

Whitefish Bay High School – Critics Choice Award, Ensemble Acting Award and Directing Awards for Amber Kind-Keppel and John Coleman

Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School – Critics Choice Award, an Ensemble Acting Award, an Outstanding Crew Award and a Directing Award for Sara Danke

Wrightstown High School – All State Award and an Ensemble Acting Award

Book a Slot for State Speech Festival in Madison – April 19 and 20, 2013

As of January 2, 2013, 299 schools have requested their State Speech Festival Time Slot. If your school has not done so, please go to www.whsfa.org – click on the Speech Tab and proceed to Book a Slot for State and follow the prompts.

The 5:30 p.m. time slot filled first, but there are still openings in the rest of the time slots. Remember, if you are bringing more than four groups between Group Interpretation and Play Acting, you must reserve a time slot on Saturday.

Middle Level Festival Dates and Sites

WHSFA is still seeking hosts and sites for the 2013 Middle Level Season. If you would like to host, please contact Chuck Malone in the State Office and sign up. The more schools that sign up, the more manageable the festival sites are.

Level I Sites:

January 14, 2013 – Ben Franklin Junior High (Stevens Point)

January 22, 2013 – Wild Rose Middle School

January 24, 2013 – Belleville Middle School

January 28, 2013 – Arcadia Middle School, Beaver Dam

Middle School, Edgar Elementary and Middle School, Tri-County Middle School (Plainfield) and Unity Middle School (Balsam Lake)

January 29, 2013 – Menomonie Middle School

January 31, 2013 – Superior Middle School, Spooner Middle School and Chequamegon Middle School (Glidden)

February 2, 2013 – Shiocton Middle School and Classical School (Appleton)

February 4, 2013 – Hayward Middle School

February 5, 2013 – Washington Middle School (Green Bay) and Foxview Intermediate School (DePere)

Level II Sites:

February 4, 2013 – Ben Franklin Junior High School (Stevens Point) and Unity Middle School (Balsam Lake)

February 11, 2013 – Edgar Middle School

February 12, 2013 – Pardeeville Middle School

February 16, 2013 – Gibraltar Area Schools (Fish Creek) and Classical School (Appleton)

February 18, 2013 – Holmen Middle School and TriCounty Middle School (Plainfield)

February 21, 2013 – South Middle School (Eau Claire) and Edison Middle School (Green Bay)

February 25, 2013 – Tomahawk Middle School

Lynda Luce Outstanding Coach Award

The family of Lynda Luce has given WHSFA a memorial check to support WHSFA's new award – The Lynda Luce Outstanding Coach Award. This will be given annually to a coach who meets the following criteria:

- Successful coaching in a variety of performance areas (i.e. forensics, theatre, debate, etc.)
- Leadership on multiple levels including local, state and national
- Mentor
- Strong community involvement

To nominate a coach, please send a letter to Chuck Malone, Executive Director. Include examples of coaching, leadership and the willingness to “go beyond” the normal duties of coaching an activity.

The Luce family will present the first award this year at State Speech Festival at U.W. Madison in April.

Middle Level Topics for 2012-2013

Extemporaneous Speaking Questions:

1. What will happen to the U.S. economy if interest rates increase?
2. Describe the impact of oil/natural gas production on the state of North Dakota and its residents.
3. Are U.S. citizens paying too much for gas? Explain from a historic perspective.
4. What methods can the United States take to lower its dependence on foreign oil?
5. Discuss the pros and cons of increasing the use of Ethanol in the U.S.
6. Discuss the viability of family farms in the U.S.
7. What can be done individually to reduce dependence on natural resources?
8. Should Wisconsin allow hydraulic fracking companies to expand production?
9. Why is gasoline so expensive in Wisconsin compared to other states? Explain.
10. Describe the financial impact of wind farming in Wisconsin.

Special Occasion Speaking

1. Address the Board of Education: Present your viewpoint on cuts to co-curricular/extra curricular activities.
2. Address the Student Council: How can your school “Go Green”.
3. Speech to motivate or encourage.
4. Speech to nominate someone/group to “Music Hall of Fame” (living or dead).
5. Presenting a tribute to your Grandparent(s).
6. Presenting a Video Review: You are presenting your review of a video to a three member teacher panel who will make a selection of a video to be shown in the auditorium to your grade level.

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