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WHSFA STATE SPEECH 2001: A SPEECH ODYSSEY

**Individual medals will be made available after each time period on 2nd floor of Bascom Hall. The coach or one designated person should bring all evaluation sheets to the medal distribution area for verification and to collect the awards. Please have all evaluation sheets in alphabetical order according to category. Know your district number!

** Judges will give oral evaluations, announce ratings and distribute written evaluations at the close of each section. Students are urged to remain in their section throughout all the presentations. Results of the various sections will NOT be posted. There will be no general meeting at any time.

** Please remember that bus parking is available in Lot 60. Buses should not be parked on Observatory Drive at any time. A campus bus is available and runs between Lot 60 and the main campus. Information for your bus driver will be included with school confirmation materials.

**Certificates of Participation for all three WHSFA series - Theatre, Debate and Speech - may be picked up when you get your medals. Use the order form found on the back page of this Newsletter.

Each school will receive a **School Information Sheet/Schedule. This sheet will include a section number, room number, building and speaking order for each of your State entries. This confirmation packet will also include a campus map. Materials will be mailed to you as soon as possible. If you have any questions about your assignments, please call the State Office in advance of the Festival for clarification.

**We will mail all confirmation material, bus driver information sheet and your school provided judge's assignment to your school address.

** The telephone number at WHSFA State Speech Festival Headquarters is (608) 575-6001.

"EXCELLENCE IN SPEECH" AWARDS

Once again, the top five percent of schools participating in the WHSFA State Speech Festival will receive the "Excellence in Speech" Award. This award has been in existence since 1980.

A school must earn team points in order to receive this award. The WHSFA State Award system in place for the 2001 Festival is:

- Gold** - Critics Choice (25)
- Silver** - All State (23-24)
- Bronze** - Finalist (20-21-22)
- Small Bronze** - Achievement (19 & Below)

Point value for determination of the "Excellence in Speech" award in 2001 will be: **Critics' Choice** (4 points); **All State** (3 points); **Finalist** (2 points); **Achievement** (1 point).

As an example, if your school has 15 entries (keeping in mind that groups count as one entry), and you receive two "Achievement", five "Finalist", five "All State" and three "Critic's Choice" awards, your team total would be 39 points. These points will be tallied after the Festival and recipients will be notified. An announcement of the schools achieving this award will appear in the May Newsletter.

SITES NEEDED FOR ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS!

Please let us know if your school is interested in hosting an Adjudicator Workshop for the 2001-20021 school year. We take care of registration and instruction. Host simply provides a room, chalkboard, VCR, and monitor. Call the State Office for more details (608) 882-6004.

Sorry - Sincerely,
Samuel French, Inc.
February 2001

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Thank you for your inquiry. Per his expressed written wishes, the author's estate strictly forbids the performance of any excerpt from Mr. Wilder's plays. As you might understand, Emily's monologue is probably the most sought after cutting to perform by young actresses. It is forbidden, as are all other cuttings from his plays. Samuel French, Inc. is contractually denied the right to license any such use of the plays. "Fair Use" applies only in the classroom where all assembled (audience

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Only a few authors prohibit the use of their works in this manner, but Thornton Wilder is one of them and has not made exceptions to our knowledge.

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WHSFA STATE SPEECH SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS 2001 - A SPEECH ODYSSEY

Use this form to RESERVE 2001 State Speech t-shirts (must be picked up at the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 6-7, 2001 2nd Floor Bascom Hall).

QUANTITY	SIZE	PLEASE GIVE THE QUANTITIES AND SIZES NEEDED.
_____	Medium \$10.00	School _____
_____	Large \$10.00	District # _____
_____	X-Large \$10.00	Coach _____
_____	XX-Large \$12.00	
TOTAL DUE: _____		MAIL or FAX TO: WHSFA 10 East Main Street Evansville, WI 53536 FAX: 608-882-6661

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SPEECH - THEATRE - DEBATE CERTIFICATES

Please use this form to order Certificates of Participation for your students involved in WHSFA activities during the 2000-2001 school year. Please give the quantities needed.

_____ THEATRE CERTIFICATES	To be picked up at the WHSFA State Speech Festival -
_____ DEBATE CERTIFICATES	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO MUST HAVE BY: _____
_____ SPEECH CERTIFICATES	
MAIL or FAX TO: WHSFA 10 East Main Street Evansville, WI 53536 FAX: 608-882-6661	School _____ District # _____ Coach _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

WHSFA REMEMBERING...

■ 20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1981

Eau Claire Homer De Long Jr. High School won the Four-Speaker Division and Milwaukee Pius XI won the Two-Speaker Division at the WHSFA State Debate Tournament held at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on January 29-31, 1981.

De Long, coached by Ken Thames, is (as far as State Office records can tell) the first Junior High School to win a WHSFA State Tournament.

De Long's Four-Speaker Unit was composed of Tracy Pederson and Amy Gartzke on the affirmative (Mike De Mars and Leslie Hartz, alternates), and Brad Mueller and Jim Fenner on the negative (Erik Missett and Missy Svorna, alternates).

■ 15 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1986

The following Board members terms expire with the 1985-86 school year:

District 2 - William Kean
 District 3 - Howard Hanson
 District 4 - Bernard Bennett
 District 7 - Gerald Holte
 District 12 - Dru Munson
 Section V - Robert Scott

William Kean and Bernard Bennett have notified the State Office that they will not seek re-election for another term.

■ 10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1991

The 1991 State Debate tournament marked the first venture into computer scheduling of team and judge assignments. A more rapid flow of rounds was a direct result, as well as a more equitable use of judges. With many thanks to Kay Neal, Ken Thames and Mike Czarnik, the program did work, but will be further improved for the 1992 tournament.

For the first time in the history of the Grace Walsh Debate Trophy Award given to the top Affirmative and the top Negative at the Four-Speaker State Debate Tournament, one school placed both their Affirmative and Negative teams in this award position. Rhinelander High School debate team, composed of Scott Delaney and Wade Crow on the Affirmative and Art Barlow and Lynn Greico on the Negative received this accolade.

■ 5 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1996

All coaches are asked to pick-up a supply of "100th Anniversary Buttons" for all students. The buttons will be packaged and waiting for you in Bascom Hall - Headquarters - we suggest you pick them up when first arriving on campus.

As a special 100th anniversary souvenir, a white ceramic mug will be available to purchase for \$3.50 in Bascom Hall. The 11 oz. mug will feature the WHSFA 100th logo in black and red - while supply lasts!

TOO SHORT?

The question: when is a forensics presentation too short? is often raised by many at speech festivals at all levels. (The maximum time with a grace period, is firmly delineated.)

According to the WHSFA guidelines/rules for speech found in Section 16.e (p. 14) in our Speech Handbook "There are no minimum time limits." We know, however, "those presentations which are unduly short may be regarded as insufficient responses to the burden of the category and may affect the overall evaluation."

In order to do adequate evaluation it is necessary (in my opinion) to have a MINIMUM of at least THREE-FOURTHS of the time allowed. (i.e. 9 minutes for play or group, 6 minutes for 8 minute events; 4-1/2 minutes for moments; 8 minutes for demonstration and 3 minutes for a four minute speech.)

Maximums were set, it seems, because we had many participants going overtime. Now we need to concentrate on using the time provided. Our students should not sell themselves short!

D. Berg, Pittsville

WANTED WORKSHOP LEADERS

WHSFA is planning to hold a "Training the Trainers" workshop this summer. This one-day workshop will prepare people to be Speech Adjudication Workshop Leaders.

Individuals from around the state are needed - a keen interest in forensics and a willingness to share your enthusiasm are the only prerequisites!

Please contact J. Peter at the State Office (608-882-6004) for more information. Workshop leaders do receive payment.

JUDGES MEETINGS WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL - 2001

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

4:45 p.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall
 6:15 p.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

8:45 a.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall
 10:15 a.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall

**All judges should attend the meeting prior to beginning their first judging assignment. Judging packets will be distributed.

WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL

Notes for Coaches

A. AFTER YOUR DISTRICT FESTIVAL:

1. Make sure that you have received confirmation of your team's time slot from the WHSFA State Office. (Contact the office immediately if you have not received this!)
2. Mail your State Speech Festival registration materials to the WHSFA State Office as soon as you know who has qualified for State.
3. Make transportation, hotel and/or meal arrangements for your team and put in purchase orders to cover these expenses.
4. Notify your certified judge(s) of the date and time slot of your participation. Notify the WHSFA State Office if you have additional judges who would like to work for WHSFA.
5. Make arrangements with your administration for professional leave and early dismissal for students, if necessary.

B. AFTER YOU HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MATERIALS FOR THE WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL:

1. Forward necessary information to your certified judge(s). The schedule for the "school provided judge(s)" will be sent to the school forensic coach.
 - a. UW-Madison campus map located on page 3 of the State Festival Registration booklet (you may want to indicate students' names next to buildings in which they perform or color code buildings, as well as your central meeting location after rounds are finished). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Since Bascom Hall becomes extremely crowded, especially during poor weather, it is advisable to meet at other campus areas as a team to collect evaluation sheets.
 - b. Master school schedule sheet with student times/locations.
 - c. Security precautions and emergency and WHSFA headquarters telephone numbers.
2. Send information on the State Speech Festival to parents; include time, dates, overnight arrangements, etc. (Remember, parents are welcome to observe.) Obtain any parent permission which is required by your school district.
3. Notify fellow faculty members of the trip if during school hours.

C. PRIOR TO THE WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL:

1. Contact your school administrator to determine if your district has a cellular phone which may be checked out for the trip.
1. Confirm travel, hotel and/or meal arrangements.
2. Obtain necessary funds from your district to cover expenses.
3. Confirm that your judge(s) know when and where to report for their judges meeting. Contact the WHSFA State Office immediately if there is any problem with your judge.

D. ON THE DAY YOU LEAVE FOR THE WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL:

1. Make sure that every member of your group has a copy of all materials pertaining to the festival. Go through all materials with the entire group to clarify times, locations, security, meeting places, etc.
2. Give your bus driver a copy of the transportation information provided by WHSFA and confirm your pickup point.
3. Utilize the "buddy system" for students to get to and from building assignments. You may find it helpful to have your bus pick you up at the same point you were dropped off, avoiding the crowds at Festival Headquarters.

E. AFTER ALL STUDENTS SPEAK:

1. Collect their evaluation sheets.
2. Alphabetize evaluation sheets, by category.
3. Have one coach or team member take evaluation sheets to the awards area on 2nd floor, Bascom Hall. (Know your WHSFA district number; awards are distributed by district.)
4. Distribute awards to students.

F. OTHER THOUGHTS:

1. Pre-ordered Certificates of Participation for theatre, debate or speech may be picked up when you receive medals.
2. WHSFA State Speech t-shirts may be reserved for pickup in Bascom Hall (Form on back page.)
3. Congratulate yourself on a job well done!
4. Relax. (It's okay to start thinking about next season at any time!)

... Thanks to Sharon Sharko, Greendale High School

2001: A SPEECH ODYSSEY

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will be utilized as headquarters for the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 6-7, 2001.

State Office personnel will be at Bascom during the entire Festival. Even though you do not need to check in before you attend your assigned session, we will be there to answer questions, give directions, or help in any way we can. Remember - all judges must attend a judges meeting forty-five (45) minutes prior to their first judging assignment. Please be certain your students have the phone number of (608) 575-6001 - WHSFA Festival Headquarters.

You can do a great deal prior to arrival in Madison to help insure that students do not get lost. Providing each of your students with a written copy of his/her building name and room number as well as a copy of building location map (page 3 of the State Festival Registration Booklet) will be a great help.

Setting a specific location and time frame for meeting your students after they have completed their round will also help alleviate some anxious moments for everyone. Due to potential congestion, a site other than Bascom may be a wise choice.

Providing as much information to the students in advance of the Festival will help ensure a smoother, more comfortable experience for everyone.

WHSFA SERVICE AWARDS AVAILABLE

The State Office has available a service award plaque. This plaque is to recognize individuals who have given their time, energy, and expertise to the development of communication skills in their students. Member school teachers/coaches should recommend potential recipients to their District of Sectional Chair.

STATE SPEECH T-SHIRT ORDERS

WHSFA State Speech Festival t-shirts may be reserved in advance (coaches please put all your orders on one order blank - see back page for State Speech 2001 order blank. All requests will be reserved in order received - while supply lasts.

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2001-2002

2001

September 12 WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Madison)
 October 13 Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre Workfest
 October 20 Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre
 November 2-3 WHSFA Sectional Theatre
 November 16-17 WHSFA State Theatre Festival (UW-Stevens Point)
 November 22 **THANKSGIVING**

2002

January 12 Latest date for WHSFA District Debate
 January 24-26 **WHSFA State Debate (4 & 2-Speaker Divisions) -- (UW-Oshkosh)**
 February 9 Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level I
 March 2 Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech
 March 2 Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level II
 March 16 Latest date for WHSFA District Speech
 March 31 **EASTER**
 April 12-13 **WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)**
 May 2-3 WHSFA Board of Control Meeting