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MEET ANN LEGRIS!!

Ann Legris has joined the WHSFA office staff as the replacement for Deb Flanders. Ann began her WHSFA duties on August 9, 2000.

Ann States, "I am enjoying the opportunities and am looking forward to working more closely with the people involved with the WHSFA.

About a year ago my family and I moved to Evansville and having commuted 100 miles per day to work, I chose to change careers and was fortunate to become a part of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association."

Welcome Ann - best wishes for much success and enjoyment in all your efforts for WHSFA.

WHSFA PUBLICATIONS

• New WHSFA Theatre and Debate Handbooks have been sent to the Principal at all schools registered for membership in the WHSFA Senior Division. An Addendum for 1999 WHSFA Speech Handbook has also been sent to the attention of the Speech Coach at each school.

• A new Middle Level Addendum will be sent to all member middle level schools. Also included will be the book to be used for 2000-2001 Extemporaneous Reading - Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

• Eligibility-Registration, (ER) forms have been sent to member Debate coaches and Theatre Directors.

Important new information is included in all publications - please read carefully.

NEWSLETTER
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Amanda Ponzio

Amanda Ponzio, a sophomore at Niagara High School in Niagara, Wisconsin, was invited to speak before the delegates of the Natural Law Party during its National Convention on Friday, August 31, 2000 in Alexandria, Virginia.

Amanda did a speech about the Natural Law Party during her participation in the WHSFA category - Special Occasion Speeches. Because she had called the party and asked for more information about its platform and candidates, the party remembered her, and called her later in the school year to see how well her speech had done during the forensic season. Amanda won a gold medal for a perfect score at the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association's State Festival in Madison on April 17th. As a result, the party invited her to speak at its convention.

-- Congratulations Amanda! --

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WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION SPEECH ADJUDICATION WORKSHOPS 2000-2001

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Hammond, (St. Croix Central H.S)	September 20, 2000 (Wednesday)	5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Pulaski High School	September 20, 2000 (Wednesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Pittsville HS	October 16, 2000 (Monday)	4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Viola Kickapoo HS	October 18, 2000 (Wednesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Goodman-Armstrong HS	October 18, 2000 (Wednesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Arcadia High School	October 23, 2000 (Monday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Schofield (D. C. Everest HS)	October 24, 2000 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Madison (WEAC)	October 26, 2000 (Thursday)	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hurley High School	November 9, 2000 (Thursday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Watertown HS	November 9, 2000 (Thursday)	5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Cambria-Friesland HS	November 13, 2000 (Monday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Jefferson High School	December 5, 2000 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Gilman High School	December 6, 2000 (Wednesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fond du Lac Goodrich HS	November 28, 2000 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Jefferson High School	December 5, 2000 (Tuesday)	4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Lancaster HS	January 6, 2001 (Saturday)	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Speech Adjudication Workshops are being held around the state during the 2000-2001 school year. A reminder that all judges at WHSFA Subdistrict, District and State level must be WHSFA certified. If you or your judges are not certified - now is the time!

If you are interested in attending a listed workshop and do not receive registration materials, or you wish to host an Adjudicator Workshop, call the State Office at 608/882-6004.

Recertification for speech adjudicators is taking place now. If your certification expires in 2000 or earlier and you did not receive notification, please contact the State Office.

*AS OF 9/27/00

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES WEEK

The WHSFA and the National Federation of State High School Associations will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of National High School Activities Week Oct. 15-21.

The celebration was created to increase the public's awareness of the values and needs of interscholastic activities. Schools are encouraged to promote the values of high school participation in co-curricular activities during the weeklong celebration.

"We have fundamental, empirical evidence that interscholastic activities provide a successful way to create healthy and successful citizens," said Robert Kanaby, executive director of the NFHS. "Our nation must continue to support these sports and activity programs and the life skills they provide America's youth."

National Fine Arts Activities Day is Monday, October 16, 2000 - a time to focus on the students, teachers, coaches and sponsors involved in fine arts programs across Wisconsin.

STATE QUALIFYING DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Schools indicating on their WHSFA membership registration card that they will be participating in Debate this year have received an "Intent to Participate" form. This is your commitment to attend a State Qualifying Debate tournament. This form needs to be returned to the State Office by October 15th. Assignments to District sites will be based on the returns and schools will be notified accordingly.

NATIONAL FEDERATION MEETING

The National Federation of State High School Associations meeting was held on August 4-6, 2000 in Corpus Christi, Texas. WHSFA Executive Director J. Peter Shaw was the Wisconsin representative.

The following five topic areas were chosen for your consideration in regard to the 2001-2002 debate season:

- Cuba
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- World Hunger
- Republic of South Africa
- India/Pakistan

A ballot for specific resolutions was mailed to schools registered in Debate for study and consideration. These ballots are due to the State Office by October 15th. The two areas receiving the lowest totals will be placed on a second ballot to be mailed at a later date.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 21, 2000
Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre

November 3-4, 2000
WHSFA Sectional Theatre

November 16, 17, 18, 2000
WHSFA State Theatre (UW-Whitewater)

WHSFA BOARD OF CONTROL FALL MEETING

The WHSFA Board of Control met on Wednesday, September 13, 2000 in Madison.

- New board member Diana Heagle, teacher at Mukwonago High School, was welcomed. Diana is the new Section V Chair (Districts 11 & 14).

- Roger Foegen was re-elected Board Chair and Chuck Malone was elected Board Vice Chair.

Theatre Advisory Committee Report

A new WHSFA Theatre Handbook will be mailed to all member schools this year.

- Recommendation receiving Board of Control Approval (to be implemented in the 2000-2001 Theatre season): Clarification (Rules for Theatre, page 4 #14) "In addition, an individual evaluator can grant awards of special merit for what is considered outstanding acting (*individual and/or ensemble*) or directing."

Debate Advisory Committee Report

A new WHSFA Debate Handbook will be mailed to all member schools this year.

- Recommendation receiving Board of Control Approval (to be implemented at the 2001 WHSFA State Debate tournament): Implementation of a "judge preference system" for assigning judges.

Speech Advisory Committee Report

A new WHSFA Speech Handbook Addendum will be available this year.

- Recommendation receiving Board of Control Approval (to be implemented in 2000-2001 Speech season): Clarification - (Rule #3 Group Interpretation category) Costumes, props (*including the use of scripts as props*), mechanical sound effects and lighting are not allowed.

Middle Level Advisory Committee Report

A WHSFA Middle Level Handbook Addendum will be available this year.

- Recommendation receiving Board of Control Approval (to be implemented in the 2000-2001 Middle Level season): Creation of two separate categories Play Acting and Reader's Theatre and drop the present category - Group Interpretation.

Other Business:

- The WHSFA will be implementing a web-site on the ihigh.com internet network. Details to come at a later date.
- District and Sectional sites/hosts are now being established for the 2000 theatre season.
- District Debate Tournament sites/hosts are now being established for the 2001 debate tournament.
- The WHSFA Spring Board Meeting will be held on May 3-4, 2001, in Wisconsin Dells (in conjunction with the spring WCA meeting).

WHSFA REMEMBERING...

20 Years Ago - September 1980

The reinstated category of Public Address has minor modifications for the 1980-81 school year. Four topic areas have been chosen for use. They are: (1) Stress, (2) Terrorism, (3) Energy Crisis, (4) Sports.

15 Years Ago - September 1985

The National Forensic League (NFL) held their annual tournament in Eau Claire in June 1985. Milwaukee Marquette placed third in Sweepstakes and Eau Claire placed seventh in Sweepstakes.

10 Years Ago - September 1990

Farewell to our Junior Advisor, Dr. Larry Weiss. Larry has left UW-Oshkosh to take a position as a Curriculum Coordinator with the Hartford School District. WHSFA Junior Division will miss Larry's contributions, but we wish him well.

5 Years Ago - September 1995

"WHSFA Celebrates 100 years of serving students in Theatre, Debate and Speech activities." On Monday, August 7, 1995 a panel of five WHSFA representatives spoke at the American Alliance of Theatre Educators (AATE) national convention in Minneapolis. Presenting the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival concept were: J. Peter Shaw, Charles Grover, Rick Braun, Chuck Malone and Tom Kaye.

HIGHLIGHTS - DEBATE ADVISORY MEETING

The 2000 Debate Advisory Committee meeting was held at UW-Oshkosh on June 22nd. Kay Neal, Advisor to Debate, presided over the meeting. Members present were: Jim Sauer, Bill McBride and Roland Faas. Also attending were Steve Gargo, President, WDCA/newly elected Section II committee member, and J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the WHSFA State Office.

The meeting served as an opportunity to review the 2000 WHSFA Debate tournaments and commence plans for the 2001 tournaments. Member concerns and comments were also discussed.

A new Debate Handbook will be published and distributed this year.

Advisor Kay Neal recommended a "judge preference system" be implemented at the 2001 WHSFA State Tournament.

All recommendations of the Debate Advisory Committee were brought before the Fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment.

HIGHLIGHTS - SPEECH ADVISORY MEETING

The annual Speech Advisory Committee meeting was held on June 2, 2000, at the WSMA offices in Madison. Present were the five committee members: Sandy Hermundson, Dorothy Berg, Mark Kohl, Jim Kocovsky and Sharon Sharko, along with the Advisor to Speech, Michael Price and J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the State Office. Also participating were guests David Loos, Chair, WFCACategory Committee and Mary Wacker, WFCAC.

The committee discussed member comments and concerns, reviewed the 2000 State Speech Festival and made plans for the 2001 State Speech Festival, established new topic areas for Moments in History, Public Address, Special Occasion and Storytelling.

All recommendations of the Speech Advisory Committee were brought to the WHSFA Board of Control Fall meeting for their discussion and enactment.

HIGHLIGHTS - MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY MEETING

The Middle Level Advisory Committee met on July 21, 2000 in Stevens Point. Members in attendance were Karen Heil, Nancy Herbison, Bob Klotzsky, Al Schancer and Teresa Shelton and Advisor to Middle Level, Margie Stone. J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the WHSFA State Office were also present.

Topics reviewed/discussed by the committee included: 1999-2000 Level I and II participation report, constituency concerns and Middle Level Addendum items. Also decided were topics for Extemporaneous Speaking and Special

Occasion. The Extemporaneous Reading book was also chosen - Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.

Recommended that Group Interpretation be broken into two separate categories, Play Acting and Reader's Theatre.

All recommendations of the Middle Level Advisory Committee were brought before the fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment.

HIGHLIGHTS - THEATRE ADVISORY MEETING

The WHSFA Theatre Advisory Committee held their annual meeting at UW-Whitewater on July 29, 2000. In attendance were members Craig Lewis, Rick Braun, Sue Luterbach, Chuck Malone and Amy Tubbs. Presiding over the meeting was Skip Grover, Advisor to Theatre. J. Peter Shaw and Deb Flanders from the WHSFA State Office also attended.

The committee reviewed the 1999 Theatre Festival and updated plans for the 2000 Festival. UW-Whitewater will host the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival on November 16-17-18, 2000.

A new Theatre Handbook will be published and distributed this year.

Recommended that Rules for Theatre, #14 be revised to read: "In addition an individual evaluator can grant awards of special merit for what is considered outstanding acting (*individual and/or ensemble*) or directing."

All recommendations of the Theatre Advisory Committee were brought before the fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment.

WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL - APRIL 6-7, 2001

The State Office has sent a time preference card for the 2001 WHSFA State Speech Festival to all member Speech coaches. The card must be returned to the State Office no later than October 31st. In November the cards will be divided into groups according to first preference. We will draw ninety (90) cards from each group. You will be notified which timeslot you received by return postcard.

- Fill out in order of preference with (1) being your first choice; (2) second choice, etc., completing all four (4) choices.

- Mail ASAP to ensure it reaches us by October 31st.

Reminder - You are not guaranteed your chosen time period as there are scheduling limitations!

WHSFA MIDDLE LEVEL FESTIVAL SITES

Level I and Level II festivals will be held January-March 2001. More sites are needed! Please consider hosting a Festival. The Association reimburses you for reasonable expenses incurred while hosting a Festival. Please call the State Office at 608/882-6004 if you are willing to serve as host!

THANK YOU

WHSFA extends a hearty "thank you" to Walter Daumler, former Chair of Section V, for his faithful service on the WHSFA Board of Control. Walter served on the Board for nine years. Also a special note of appreciation to Donna Frenzel for her fourteen years of service on the WHSFA Debate Advisory Committee. We appreciate your support and dedication!

2000-2001 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Check with your business office or call the State Office to ensure your 2000-2001 registration card has been completed and returned to the State Office.

It is essential that we have the correct name(s) of the personnel coaching Theatre, Debate, Speech and Middle Level programs. Without these names, we cannot guarantee that important materials will reach the correct person.

New mailing lists are now being generated. If you have not already returned your completed registration card, or made corrections, please do so as soon as possible.

WELCOME!

WHSFA welcomes Diana Heagle as the new Section V Chair. Diana has been the Drama teacher at Mukwonago High School for eighteen years. She directs the WHSFA festival play and all mainstage productions for MHS. She also serves as head Forensic coach. When she has some spare time she loves to travel.

WHSFA also welcomes Steve Gargo, Appleton West High School to the Debate Advisory Committee. In addition to teaching duties at Appleton West, Steve also serves as the Debate and Forensic coach.

We look forward to a successful and rewarding working relationship with you both!

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The following have been elected to the WHSFA Board of Control/Advisory Committees:

DISTRICT CHAIR

District 1 - Ray Mickolajak, Superior
District 3 - Lee Bjurquist, Colfax
District 5 - John Olig, Pittsville
District 14 - Chuck Malone, Waukesha West

SECTIONAL CHAIR

Section I (Districts 2, 5, 6) - Roxi Wakeen, Baldwin-Woodville
Section III (Districts 7, 8, 10) - John Culbertson, Waterloo
Section IV (Districts 9, 12/13) - Edward Kovachich, Milwaukee
Section V (District 11, 14) - Diana Heagle, Mukwonago

THEATRE ADVISORY

Section I (Districts 1, 3, 4) - Craig Lewis, Hudson
Section V (Districts 11, 14) - Chuck Malone, Waukesha

DEBATE ADVISORY

Section II (Districts 2, 5, 6) - Steve Gargo, Appleton West
Section III (Districts 7, 8, 10) - Jim Sauer, La Crosse Central
Section IV (Districts 9, 12/13) - Bill McBride, Neenah

SPEECH ADVISORY

Section I (Districts 1, 3, 4) - Sandy Hermundson, Hammond St. Croix Central
Section III (Districts 7, 8, 10) - Mark Kohl, Lodi
Section V (Districts 11, 14) - Sharon Sharko, Greendale

MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY

Nancy Herbison, Tomahawk
Wally Hoffman, Green Bay
Bob Klotzsky, Little Chute
Al Schancer, Rice Lake