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WHSFA STATE SPEECH 2002

** 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 you 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 at Festival Headquarters - Bascom Hall Room 272. 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 you 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 will be (608) 575-6001.

WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will be utilized as headquarters for the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 12-13, 2002.

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. All judge meetings will be in Bascom Hall Room 165. 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 the 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.

2002 Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival

November 21,22,23, 2002
UW-Whitewater

Hosted by
the UW- Whitewater
Department of Theatre/Dance

SITES NEEDED FOR ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS!

Please let us know if your school is interested in hosting an Adjudicator Workshop for the 2002-2003 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.

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2002 WHSFA STATE SPEECH

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WHSFA STATE SPEECH 2002 SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS

Use this form to RESERVE 2002 State Speech t-shirts
(Must be picked up at the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 12-13, 2002, 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 2001-2002 school year. Please give the quantities needed.

QUANTITY
_____ THEATRE CERTIFICATES
_____ DEBATE CERTIFICATES
_____ SPEECH CERTIFICATES

To be picked up at the WHSFA State Speech Festival

YES NO MUST HAVE BY: _____

MAIL or FAX TO: WHSFA
10 East Main Street
Evansville, WI 53536
FAX: (608) 882-6661

School _____ District # _____
Coach _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2002-2003

2002

- September 11 WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Madison)
October 19 Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre Workfest
October 26 Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre
November 8-9 WHSFA Sectional Theatre
November 22-23 WHSFA State Theatre Festival (UW-Whitewater)
November 28 THANKSGIVING

2003

- January 11 Latest date for WHSFA District Debate
January 23-25 WHSFA State Debate (4- and 2- Speaker Division)
..... (UW-Oshkosh)
February 8 Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level I
March 1 Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech
March 1 Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level II
March 15 Latest date for WHSFA District Speech
April 11-12 WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)
April 20 EASTER

"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 2002 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 2002 will be: Critic's 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 schools achieving this award will appear in the May Newsletter.

JUDGES MEETINGS WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL - 2002

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th

- 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 REMEMBERING

■ 20 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1982

Rhineland High School claimed the first place trophy at the WHSFA State Four-Speaker Debate Tournament held in Stevens Point on February 5 and 6.

Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln took second; Kaukauna, third; St. Croix Falls; fourth and South Milwaukee; fifth from a field of 14 schools.

Milwaukee Marquette finished with the top Two-Speaker debate team at the WHSFA State Tournament held in Stevens Point on January 29 and 30.

Eau Claire North finished second, while Eau Claire Memorial and Glendale Nicolet tied for third. Fifteen schools competed.

■ 15 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1987

The following Board members terms expire with the 1986-87 school year:

District 6 - Glenn Snyder; District 9 - William Ott; District 10 - Terry Wiseman; District 11 - J. Peter Shaw; District 13 - Priscilla Kuehn; Section II - Ron Steinhorst

Primary ballots will be sent to the principals of member schools in late March. From those returns, the Board Nomination Committee will present a slate of at least two candidates for each position, if possible. Final elections will be held in early May.

All of the incumbents are eligible for re-election should they choose to run.

■ 10 YEARS AGO - MARCH 1992

Trophies honoring the top affirmative and top negative team in the Four Speaker Division have been presented in honor of the long service provided the Association by Professor Emeritus Grace Walsh of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Teams and students so honored in 1992 include:

Top Affirmative, with a 7-0 record were Erin Core and Eric Ratchman from Neenah High School and were coached by Bill McBride.

Top Negative, with a 5-2 record were Robb Knutson and Ryan Stippich from Cedarburg High School and were coached by Mary Knutson.

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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(s) for the "school provided judge(s)" will be sent to the school forensic coach.
2. Copy the following materials for each student and chaperone who will accompany you:
 - 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.
3. 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.
4. Notify fellow faculty members of the trip if during school hours.

5. Contact your school administrator to determine if your district has a cellular phone which may be checked out for the trip.

C. PRIOR TO THE WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL:

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

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 or Sectional Chair.

STATE SPEECH T-SHIRT

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 2002 order blank. All requests will be reserved in order received - while supplies last).

STATE SPEECH JUDGE

Each school must provide a qualified judge(s) (one for up to 12 entries - two for 13 or more entries) for one time slot at the State meet at their own expense. For State Speech 2002 there will be a charge of \$75.00 per judge for schools not providing a qualified judge(s).

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WHSFA REMEMBERING...

These teams provided the luncheon group on Friday with a demonstration debate which clearly illustrated why the awards they received were well deserved.

■ 5 YEARS AGO - APRIL 1997

JUST A REMINDER...
OUR NEW ADDRESS IS:

WHSFA
10 East Main Street
Evansville, WI 53536

Phone: (608) 882-6004
Fax: (608) 882-6661

Please share this information with your school business office.

