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Good Luck at  
2000 State Speech  
2000!!!



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## WHSFA STATE SPEECH 2000 SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS

Use this form to RESERVE 2000 State Speech t-shirts (must be picked up at the  
WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 14-15, 2000, 2nd Floor Bascom Hall).

Please give the quantities and sizes needed.

QUANTITY	SIZE	School _____
_____	Medium - \$10.00	District # _____
_____	Large - \$10.00	Coach _____
_____	X-Large - \$10.00	
_____	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 1999-2000 school year. Please give the quantities needed.

QUANTITY	To be picked up at the WHSFA State Speech Festival (Bascom, Room 272)
_____	THEATRE CERTIFICATES
_____	DEBATE CERTIFICATES
_____	SPEECH CERTIFICATES
MAIL OR FAX TO: WHSFA 10 East Main Street Evansville, WI 53536 FAX: 608-882-6661	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO MUST HAVE BY: _____	
School _____ District # _____	
Coach _____	
Address _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	

# WHSFA

## WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

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## STATE SPEECH 2000

\*\* 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 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.** 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 in early-April. 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.

## JUDGES MEETINGS WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL - 2000

### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8:45 a.m. Room 52 - Bascom Hall  
10:15 a.m. Room 52 - Bascom Hall

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

## SITES NEEDED FOR ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS!

Please let us know if your school is interested  
in hosting an Adjudicator Workshop for the  
2000-2001 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.

## WHSFA SERVICE AWARDS AVAILABLE

The State Office has available at no charge, 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  
recommended potential recipients to their  
District or Sectional Chair.

## RIPON COLLEGE TO HOST SUMMER FORENSIC PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

The **Red Hawk Forensics Institute**, an intensive  
workshop for high school individual events  
students, will be held July 23-29, 2000 on the  
Ripon College campus. This program offers  
fully individualized coaching and a guaranteed  
student-coach ratio no greater than 5-1.

On July 27-29, 2000, the college will host the  
**Ripon Coaches' Clinic**, a workshop for both

new and experienced high school forensic  
coaches (in any events). Teachers attending  
may earn 500-level college credit at a  
substantially reduced tuition rate through a  
special program sponsored by Ripon College.

For more information on both of these  
programs, contact Jody Roy at 920-748-8712  
or email: <royj@ripon.edu>.

# 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.
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 in Bascom Hall, Room 272.
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 REMEMBERING...

### 20 YEARS AGO - MARCH, 1980

Kimberly High School, coached by Ron Ernst, won the Four-Speaker Division and Milwaukee Pius XI, coached by Mark Miner, won the Two-Speaker Division at the WHSFA State Debate Tournament held at UW-Stevens Point on January 24-26, 1980. Other winners in the Four-Speaker Division: 2nd Place - St. Croix Falls, Coach Sue Segelstrom; 3rd Place - Shorewood, Coach Patricia Bates; 4th Place - Eau Claire DeLong Jr. High, Coaches Ken Thames and Greg Doyle; 5th Place - Delavan-Darien, Coach Dean Baerbock. Two-Speaker Division: 2nd Place - Marquette, Coach Jim Copeland and 3rd Place (tie) - Eau Claire Memorial, Coach Art McMillion and Durand, Coach Dick Duesterbeck.

### 15 YEARS AGO - MARCH, 1985

On Friday Evening, April 19, 1985, WHSFA will be hosting a reception for Larry Larmer, who will be leaving the Association as of July 1, 1985. You are invited to stop by Lowell Hall, Upper Lounge, beginning at 9:30 p.m. for refreshments and to visit with him.

### 10 YEARS AGO - MARCH, 1990

WHSFA Junior Division will sponsor a program entitled "**A Place to Imagine and to Wonder; Oral Interpretation and Drama in the Middle**" at the Wisconsin Association of Middle Level Educators (WAMLE) Annual Conference at the Olympia in Oconomowoc on April 5-7, 1990.

### 5 YEARS AGO - APRIL, 1995

The Middle Level Advisory Board and Chair Margie Stone will be presenting a panel discussion at the WAMLE (Wisconsin Association of Middle Level Educators) Conference - Holiday Inn, Stevens Point on Friday, April 28, 1995, from 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Al Schancer, Advisory Board Member from Rice Lake Middle School will serve as panel moderator. The focus of the presentation will be "Speech/Theatre Activities in the Classroom." Other panel participants include: Cheryl Campbell (DeForest), Kathy Kupfer (Whitefish Bay) and Ken Thames (Eau Claire).

## 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 2000 order blank.

## WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL - 2000

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will be utilized as headquarters for the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 14-15, 2000.

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 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.

## WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

### Activity Calendar for School Year 2000-2001

<b>2000</b>	September 13 October 14 October 21 November 3-4 November 17-18 November 23	WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Madison) <u>Latest</u> date for WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre Workfest <u>Latest</u> date for WHSFA District Theatre WHSFA Sectional Theatre <b>WHSFA State Theatre Festival (UW-Whitewater)</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b>
<b>2001</b>	January 13 January 25-27  February 10 February 24 March 3 March 10 April 6-7 April 15 May 3-4	<u>Latest</u> date for WHSFA District Debate <b>WHSFA State Debate (4- and 2-Speaker Division) (UW-Oshkosh)</b> <u>Latest</u> date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level I <u>Latest</u> date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech <u>Latest</u> date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level II <u>Latest</u> date for WHSFA District Speech <b>WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)</b> <b>EASTER</b> WHSFA Board of Control Meeting

## "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 2000 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 2000 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.

## UW-MADISON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

MADISON - The UW-Madison School of the Arts at Rhinelander, a multi-disciplinary summer arts program, will hold its 37th Annual Session, July 24-28, in Rhinelander. More than 60 beginning to advanced workshops will be offered for adult students with an interest in creative writing, theatre and drama, photography, dance, movement and relaxation, music, art and folk arts.

Featured Artists include Virginia Huber, Watercolor; Jim Wildeman, Photography; and the Celtic Music Group, *Far from Home*, which will also perform Monday evening at the James Williams Junior High School.

The School is sponsored by the UW-Madison Department of Liberal Studies and the Arts, with support from the Northern Arts Council. Financial assistance is available for instructional fees only. Eligibility is based on Wisconsin residency and financial need.

University credit, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and Department of Public Instruction Clock Hours (DPI-ECHs) are offered for teachers and others who want to earn professional development units.

For more information contact the UW-Madison School of the Arts at Rhinelander, Kathy Berigan, administrative coordinator, 715N Lowell Center, 610 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703, 608-263-3494; Fax: 608-265-2475; or E-mail: kgb@mail.dcs.wisc.edu.

## Plan to Attend 2000 WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL

November 16-17-18, 2000  
UW-Whitewater

Hosted by  
the UW-Whitewater Department  
of Theatre/Dance