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WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

"Serving students in theatre, debate and speech activities"

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Important State Speech Reminders

- ** 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 bus drivers 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, if you have ordered them in advance. 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.
- ** We will mail all confirmation material, bus drivers 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 Souvenir T-shirts will be available on 2nd floor - Bascom hall. Cost is \$10.00 each (\$12.00 - XXL) - while supplies last.

"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 plaque, given in honor of William Hintz, a former theater and speech coach, as well as a member of the WHSFA Board of Control, 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 1997 Festival is:

- Gold - Critic's 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 1997 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.

State Speech Festival - 1997

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will be utilized as headquarters for the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 11-12.

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 one hour prior to their

first judging assignment. Please be certain your students have the phone number of **(608) 575-6001-- 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 Festival Booklet) will be a great help. If you have any questions

about your assignments, please call the State Office in advance of the Festival for clarification.

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.

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



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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 1996-1997 school year. Please give the numbers needed.

_____ THEATRE CERTIFICATES
_____ DEBATE CERTIFICATES
_____ SPEECH CERTIFICATES

To be picked up at the State Speech Festival (Bascom, Room 272)

YES NO

-- OR --

Must have by: _____

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

Mail To:
WHSFA
10 East Main Street
Evansville, WI 53536
Fax: (608) 882-6661

PLEASE COPY AND RETURN ASAP!

SUMMER PLANS?

•UW-Whitewater is sponsoring a Forensics Workshop August 3-8, 1997. For more information contact: Continuing Education Services, UW-Whitewater, Roseman 2005, Whitewater, WI 53190 -or- phone 1-800-622-0350.

•Marquette University will be holding a Debate Institute July 26 - August 3, 1997. For more information contact: MUDI Debate Office at (414) 288-6359 or INMAN@MUHS.edu.

•Ripon College will sponsor the 1997 Red Hawk Forensics Institute July 20 - July 26, 1997. For more information call 414-748-8712.

•UW-Stevens Point will sponsor and host a Musical Theatre and Dance Camp July 6-12, 1997 and Arts World '97 - Session A: June 22 - 28, 1997 and session B: June 29 - July 5, 1997. Call (715) 346-3956.

Please refer to the '97 State Speech registration booklet for the sponsor ads and further workshop information.

THEATRE CAMP

The Theatre Camp sponsored annually by the Department of Theatre/Dance at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater will be held July 27-August 1. Designed for students entering grades 10-12 in either acting or technical theater, UW-Whitewater's camp is directed by Dr. Charles Grover, theater advisor of the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association. For information contact:

Theatre Camp
Continuing Education Services
Roseman 2005, UW-Whitewater
Whitewater, WI 53190

Telephone inquiries can be made by calling (414) 472-1635.

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION 1997-1998 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

1997	September 9-10	WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Madison)
	October 18	Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre Workfest
	October 25	Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre
	November 7-8	WHSFA Sectional Theatre
	November 21-22	WHSFA State Theatre (UW-Stevens Point)
1998	January 10	Latest date for WHSFA District Debate
	January 29-31	WHSFA State Debate (UW-Oshkosh) (2-Speaker and 4-Speaker)
	February 14	Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level I
	March 7	Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech
	March 7	Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division Level II
	March 21	Latest date for WHSFA District Speech
	April 17-18	WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison)
	April 30 - May 1	WHSFA Board of Control Meeting

BLARNEY STAGE - IRISHFEST

If any coaches are interested in having teams or individual team members perform on the Blarney Stage at Irishfest on August 15-17, please contact Jim Kocovsky at Milwaukee Juneau High School (414-476-5480 Home: 414-771-3261). Participants will be admitted free for performing. They request that there be an Irish tie-in whenever possible. Coaches might also perform if time permits. This is a great opportunity to perform at Milwaukee's beautiful Summerfest grounds and to give additional exposure to forensics.

MEET DEB FLANDERS!

Hi, my name is Deb Flanders and I'm the newest member of the WHSFA staff. I began here in mid-February of this year, and so far am having a great (and challenging) time learning all the ins and outs of what it takes to prepare for the State Speech Festival.

About a year and a half ago, I returned to the southern Wisconsin area from Dallas, Texas, where I spent twelve years. During that time I worked for the Dallas County Community College system as well as Baylor University Medical Center in continuing medical education. Just prior to coming to the WHSFA, I worked for the Wisconsin Supreme Court in the Medical Mediation Department.

I am enjoying the opportunities that working for the WHSFA offer and look forward to meeting many of you at the State Festival in Madison.

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.

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 recommend potential recipients to their District or Sectional Chair.

SITES NEEDED FOR ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS!

Please let us know if your school is interested in hosting an Adjudicator Workshop for the 1997-98 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.

1997 Wisconsin High School -- Theatre Festival --

November 20-21-22, 1997
UW-Stevens Point

Hosted by the UW-Stevens Point
Department of Theatre/Dance

WORKSHOP

There is still time to sign-up for the "Training the Trainers" workshop to be held this spring. This one-day workshop will prepare individuals to be Speech Adjudication Workshop Leaders.

Please contact J. Peter at the State Office (608) 882-6004 for more information.

ADJUDICATOR RECERTIFICATION UPDATE

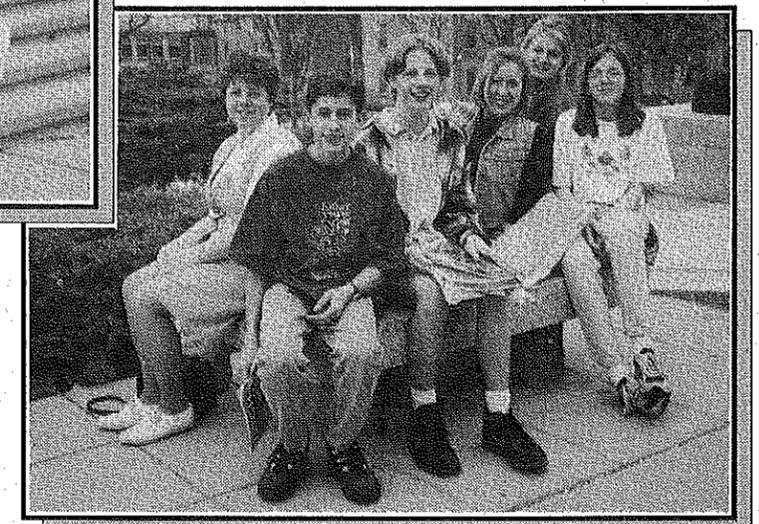
Individuals whose certification will expire at the end of the 1997 forensic season will receive information regarding recertification in early Fall - 1997!

If your certification has expired in a previous year and you need to complete the Self-Test to recertify, please contact the State Office at (608) 882-6004.



LOYAL HIGH SCHOOL

'96 STATE SPEECH



BONDUEL HIGH SCHOOL

'96 STATE SPEECH