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--1996 Wisconsin High School THEATRE FESTIVAL --

November 21-22-23, 1996

UW-Whitewater



Hosted by the Whitewater Department of Theatre/Debate ^{DANCE}

SPEECH - THEATRE - DEBATE CERTIFICATES

Please use this form to order Certificates of Participation for your students involved in WHSFA activities during the 1995-1996 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:
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WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

"Celebrating 100 years of serving students in theatre, debate and speech activities."

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EXCELLENCE IN SPEECH AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

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 theatre 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 1996 Festival is:

Gold - Critic's Choice - 25
 Silver - All State - 23-24
 Bronze - Finalist - 20-21-22
 Small Bronze - Achievement - 19 and below.

Point value for determination of the Excellence in Speech Award in 1996 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 schools achieving this award will appear in the May Newsletter.

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.
- * Judges will give oral critiques; announce ratings and hand out 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 - Theare, 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 mid-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) 235-6221. This State Speech Festival number is only accessible on April 19 and 20 and is courtesy of Cellular One.
- * WHSFA 100th Anniversary Souvenir T-shirts will be available on 2nd floor - Bascom Hall. Cost is \$10.00 each (\$12.00 - XXL) - while supplies last.

JUDGE MEETINGS - WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL 1996

Day	Time	Location
Friday, April 19	5:00 p.m.	Room 165-Bascom Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Room 165-Bascom Hall
Saturday, April 20	8:00 a.m.	Room 270-Bascom Hall
	9:30 a.m.	Room 270-Bascom Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Room 270-Bascom Hall

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

NOTE

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.

SITES NEEDED FOR ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS!

Please let us know if your school is interested in hosting an adjudicator Workshop for the 1996-97 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. A final Adjudicator Workshop for the 1995-96 school year will be held at Cambria-Friesland High School on Wednesday, May 8, 1996.

100th ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR

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!

UW-WHITewater -- HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE CAMP

The Theatre Camp sponsored annually by the Department of Theatre/Dance at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater will be held July 21-27. Designed for students entering grades 10-12 in either acting or technical theatre, UW-Whitewater's camp is directed by Dr. Charles Grover, theatre 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.

ADJUDICATOR RECERTIFICATION UPDATE

Individuals whose certification will expire at the end of the 1996 forensic season will receive information regarding recertification in early Fall - 1996!

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.

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 Chair.

FEEDBACK NEEDED!!

We need your help!! We would like feedback from those member schools who requested a copy of the WHSFA SpeakEasy Scheduling disk.

Please drop us a line telling likes, dislikes, problems, etc. you had with the Scheduling disk. Send comments to: WHSFA, 14 West Main Street, Suite A, Evansville, WI 53536.

1996-1997 DEBATE (TOPIC AND RESOLUTION)

TOPIC: JUVENILE CRIME: How should the federal government reduce juvenile crime in the United States?

RESOLUTION - RESOLVED: That the federal government should establish a program to substantially reduce juvenile crime in the United States.

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

1996-1997 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

"100 Years of Serving Wisconsin Students in Forensic Activities"

1996

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

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| January 11 | Latest date for WHSFA District Debate |
| January 23-25 | WHSFA State Debate (UW-Oshkosh)
(2-Speaker and 4-Speaker) |
| February 15 | Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level 1 |
| March 1 | Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech |
| March 8 | Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level Division - Level II |
| March 15 | Latest date for WHSFA District Speech |
| April 11-12 | WHSFA State Speech (UW-Madison) |
| May 1-2 | WHSFA Board of Control Meeting |

PROCLAMATION

Included with this Newsletter is a copy of a Proclamation from State Superintendent John Benson proclaiming the week of April 14-20, 1996 as Wisconsin High School Forensic Association State Speech Festival Week. Please share this proclamation with your local and school newspapers.

WHSFA BOARD OF CONTROL TO MEET

The WHSFA Board of Control will hold their Spring Meeting on May 2-3, 1996 at the Hilton in Oshkosh. Sessions will be held on Thursday from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These are open meetings and you are welcome to attend.

WHSFA ELECTIONS

All member schools should have received a call for nomination form for a number of positions on the WHSFA Board of Control and Advisory Committees. Principals of member schools were sent forms to nominate a school administrator or teacher/coach to serve on the Board of Control for a 3 year term as District Chair in Districts 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12/13. Schools also received a nomination form to select a teacher/coach or school administrator to serve as Sectional Chair in Section II.

Current **District/Sectional Chairs** have indicated they will again serve if elected:

- District 6: Don Maslinski, Ashwaubenon High School
- District 9: Orin Mueller, Fond du Lac Goodrich High School
- District 10: Sam Jonas, Lancaster High School
- District 11: Vacant - need new Chair.
- District 12/13: John Washbush, Sussex-Hamilton High School
- Section II (2,5,6): Chris Verges, Gillett High School

Nomination forms were also sent to Speech, Theatre, Debate and Middle Level coaches in many schools to nominate teacher members of each of the Advisory Committees. Speech Advisory Committee nomination forms were sent to member schools in District 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 14. Theatre Advisory Committee nomination forms were sent to member schools in District 1, 3, 4, 11 and 14. Debate Advisory Committee forms were sent to member schools in District 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12/13.

Current **Advisory Committee** members have indicated they will again serve if elected:

- Speech**
- Section I (Districts 1, 3, 4) Roxi Wakeen, Baldwin-Woodville High School
- Section III (Districts 7, 8, 10) Toni Johnson, Arcadia High School
- Section V (Districts 11, 14) Craig Lehnerr, Abundant Life - Madison

Theatre

- Section I (Districts 1, 3, 4,) Debra Luloff, Owen - Withee High School
- Section V (Districts 11, 14) Chuck Malone, Waukesha West High School

Debate

- Section II (Districts 2, 5, 6) Donna Frenzel, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School
- Section III (Districts 7, 8, 10) Jim Sauer, LaCrosse Central High School
- Section IV (Districts 9, 12/13) Bill McBride, Neenah Senior High School

Middle Level

- Wallace Hoffman, Green Bay
- Robert Klozotsky, Little Chute
- Cathy Moore, Kenosha
- Alan Schancer, Rice lake

All nomination forms need to be returned to the State Office by May 1st.

STATE SPEECH PLANS - BASCOM 272 - STATE SPEECH HEADQUARTERS

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will be utilized as headquarters for the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 19-20, again this year.

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 sessions, 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) 235-6221 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 Festival Primer) 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.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

UW-Whitewater is sponsoring a **Forensics Workshop** July 7 - July 14, 1996. For more information contact: Continuing Education Services, UW-Whitewater, Roseman 2005, Whitewater, WI 53190; 1-800-622-0350.

Marquette University will be holding a **Policy Debate Program** July 14 - July 27, 1996 and a **Lincoln-Douglas Program** July 4-20, 1996. For more information contact: Matthew Payne (414) 288-6359 or Matt42@aol.com.



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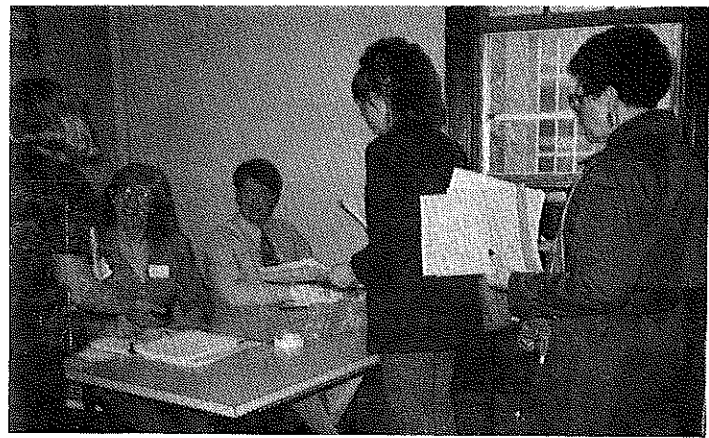


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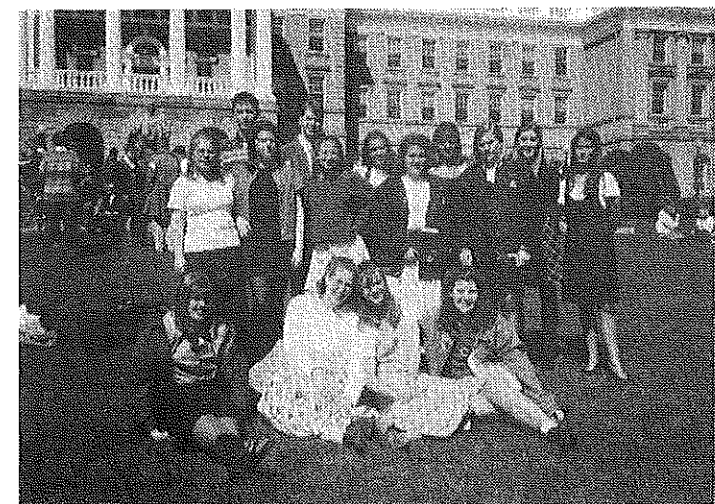
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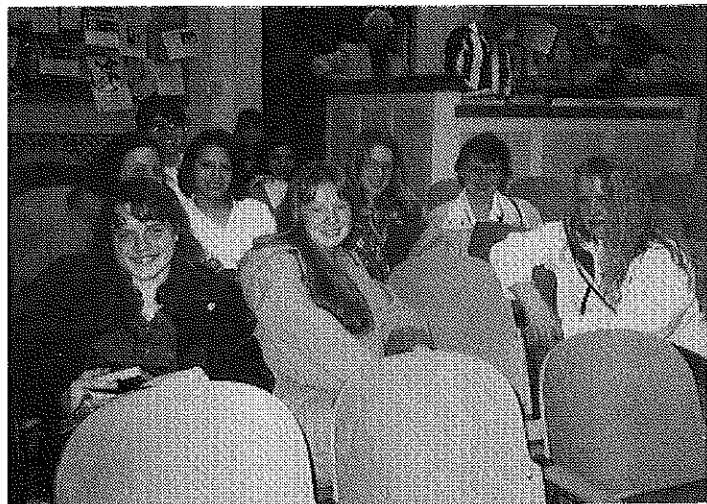
Baldwin Woodville 1995



Wausaukee 1995



Prescott 1995



Monroe 1995

WISCONSIN
Department of Public Instruction

A Proclamation

Whereas, *Wisconsin schools need dedicated teachers and forensic leaders to provide direction to students of all ages in developing effective communication skills; and*

Whereas, *the individuals employed by school districts in Wisconsin to direct forensic programs have unselfishly given of their time and talent to work with students in Wisconsin schools through these programs; and*

Whereas, *student participation in Wisconsin High School Forensic Association activities has contributed to their developing effective communication skills; and*

Whereas, *forensic activities and the skills they teach have enhanced the ability of these students to achieve success in further education, work, and in personal growth;*

Therefore, *be it resolved that the Department of Public Instruction recognizes the considerable efforts of the teachers, coaches, and students involved in Wisconsin High School Forensic Association programs by proclaiming the week of April 14-20 as Wisconsin High School Forensic Association State Speech Festival Week.*



John T. Benson
John T. Benson, State Superintendent

April 1, 1996

Date