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WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

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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 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**.

SITES NEEDED FOR ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS!

Please let us know if your school is interested in hosting an Adjudicator Workshop for the 1999-2000 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 recommend potential recipients to their District or Sectional Chair.

WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL - 1999

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will be utilized as headquarters for the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 16-17, 1999.

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 Festival 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.

PROCLAMATION

Included in this Newsletter is a copy of a Proclamation from State Superintendent John Benson proclaiming the week of April 11-17, 1999 as Wisconsin High School Forensic Association State Speech Festival Week. Please share this proclamation with your local and school newspapers.

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Good Luck at WHSFA State Speech!!!

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WHSFA STATE SPEECH 1999 SOUVENIR T-SHIRTS

Use this form to RESERVE 1999 State Speech t-shirts (must be picked up at the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 16-17, 1999, 2nd Floor Bascom Hall).

Please give the quantity and size needed.

QUANTITY	SIZE	School _____
_____	Medium - \$10.00	District # _____
_____	Large - \$10.00	Coach _____
_____	X-Large - \$10.00	
_____	XX-Large - \$12.00	

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

TOTAL DUE: _____

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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 1998-1999 school year. Please give the quantity needed.

QUANTITY

_____	THEATRE CERTIFICATES
_____	DEBATE CERTIFICATES
_____	SPEECH CERTIFICATES

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

YES NO

MUST HAVE BY: _____

MAIL OR FAX TO: WHSFA
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Evansville, WI 53536
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School _____ District # _____
Coach _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 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. The schedule for the "school provided judge" 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 (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 schedules 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 knows when and where to report for their judges meeting/assignment. 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 sheets, first by category and then, within each category, by last name of student.
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 should 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

"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 1999 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 1999 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 1999

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

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.

NEW FOR STATE SPEECH

This year, WHSFA State Speech Festival t-shirts may be reserved in advance (coaches, please put all your orders on **one** order blank - see page 4) State Speech 1999 t-shirts feature a beautiful five-color photo of WHSFA Headquarters Bascom Hall on the UW-Madison Campus.

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS AT RHINELANDER

MADISON -- The UW-Madison School of the Arts at Rhinelander, a multidisciplinary summer arts program, will hold its 36th Annual Session, July 19-23, in Rhinelander. More than 60 beginning to advanced workshops will be offered for adult students with an interest in creative writing, theatre and drama, dance, movement and relaxation, photography, music, art and folk arts.

Watercolorist Allan Servoss will be the featured artist and Diane Glancy, author of *Claiming Breath*, *Iron Woman* and *Trigger Dance*, will be the guest writer.

The School is sponsored by the UW-Madison Department of Liberal Studies and the Arts, with support from the Northern Arts Council.

University credit, Continuing Education Unites (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) 263-3439; Fax: (608) 265-2475; or e-mail: kathy.berigan@ccmail.adp.wisc.edu.

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 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 development of effective communication skills; and

Whereas, forensic activities and the skills students learn have enhanced their ability to achieve success in further education, work, and personal growth;

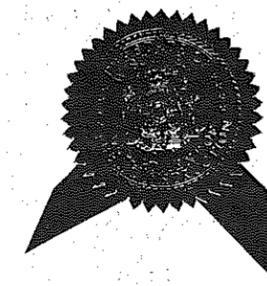
Therefore, be it resolved that the Department of Public Instruction recognizes the considerable efforts of the teachers, coaches, and students involved in Wisconsin High School Forensic association programs by proclaiming April 11-17, 1999

Wisconsin High School Forensic Association
State Speech Festival Week

John T. Benson

John T. Benson
State Superintendent

April 9, 1999



PLAN TO ATTEND

1999 Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival

November 18-19-20, 1999
UW-LaCrosse

Hosted by the UW-LaCrosse
Department of Theatre/Arts

WHSFA

REMEMBERING...

15 Years Ago - March, 1984

The newly elected five members of the Speech Advisory Committee are: Tim Schaffer - New Richmond High School; Christine Verges - Rib Lake High School; Ed Zahn - Columbus High School; Grace Brenner - New Holstein High School; and Jill Sturm - East Troy High School.

10 Years Ago - March, 1989

Newly-elected to the WHSFA Junior Division Advisory Committee for two-year terms: Tom Capps - Samuel Morse Middle School, Milwaukee; Kathy Jochman - DeForest Middle School; and Ken Thames - DeLong Junior High School, Eau Claire.

5 Years Ago - April, 1994

Over 950 individuals have successfully completed the Adjudicator Orientation workshops offered by WHSFA. More opportunities do and will exist to share in this learning experience.

1 Year Ago - April, 1998

Sharon Sharko, Greendale High School, authors a comprehensive "Notes for Coaches" article to provide guidelines for all schools attending WHSFA State Speech. (Note: article is repeated in this issue.)



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