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WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY CALENDAR (Fall & Spring Semesters 1998 - 2003)

| EVENT | 1998-1999 | 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fall Board of Control Meeting (Madison) | September 9 | September 8 | September 13 | September 12 | September 11 |
| <u>Latest</u> Date for Subdistrict Theatre Workfest | October 17 | October 16 | October 14 | October 13 | October 19 |
| <u>Latest</u> Date for District Theatre | October 24 | October 23 | October 21 | October 20 | October 26 |
| WHSFA Sectional Theatre | November 6-7 | November 5-6 | November 3-4 | November 2-3 | November 8-9 |
| WHSFA State Theatre 23 | November 20-21 (UW-Whitewater) | November 19-20 | November 17-18 | November 16-17 | November 22- |
| THANKSGIVING | November 26 | November 25 | November 23 | November 22 | November 28 |
| Latest Date for WHSFA District Debate | January 16 | January 15 | January 13 | January 12 | January 11 |
| WHSFA State Debate (4-Speaker/2-Speaker) | January 28-30 (UW-Oshkosh) | January 27-29 (UW-Oshkosh) | January 25-27 (UW-Oshkosh) | January 24-26 (UW-Oshkosh) | January 23-25 (UW-Oshkosh) |
| <u>Latest</u> Date for Middle Level - Level I | February 13 | February 12 | February 10 | February 16 | February 8 |
| <u>Latest</u> Date for Subdistrict Speech | March 6 | March 4 | February 24 | March 9 | March 1 |
| <u>Latest</u> Date for Middle Level - Level II | March 6 | March 4 | March 3 | March 9 | March 1 |
| <u>Latest</u> Date for District Speech | March 20 | March 18 | March 10 | March 23 | March 15 |
| EASTER | April 4 | April 23 | April 15 | March 31 | April 20 |
| WHSFA State Speech | April 16-17 (UW-Madison) | April 14-15 (UW-Madison) | April 6-7 (UW-Madison) | April 19-20 (UW-Madison) | April 11-12 (UW-Madison) |
| Spring Board of Control Meeting | April 29-30 | May 4-5 | May 3-4 | May 2-3 | May 1-2 |

WHSFA

"Serving students in theatre, debate and speech activities"

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WHSFA '98 "EXCELLENCE IN SPEECH AWARDS"

- District 1:** Superior - Gary Banker, Speech Coach
- District 2:** Niagara - Terry Grippen, Speech Coach
- District 3:** St. Croix Falls - Sue Voskamp, Speech Coach
- District 5:** Pittsville - Dorothy Berg, Speech Coach
- District 8:** Columbus - Ev Dickmann, Speech Coach
DeForest - Joe CaPaul, Speech Coach
Dodgeland (Juneau) - Elizabeth Briemann, Speech Coach
Lodi - Mark Kohl, Speech Coach
Waunakee - Rick Braun, Speech Coach
- District 9:** Winnebago Lutheran (Fond du Lac) - David Lauber, Speech Coach
Lomira - Bonnie Tagliapietra, Speech Coach
Oshkosh West - Tom Lynch, Speech Coach
- District 10:** Cassville - Donna Williams, Speech Coach
Darlington - Leona Havens, Speech Coach
- District 11:** Middleton - Jill Parks Larson, Speech Coach
Monroe - Todd Trampe, Speech Coach
- District 12/13:** Menomonee Falls - Sandra Swanson, Speech Coach
Wisconsin Lutheran (Milwaukee) - Carol Krause, Speech Coach
- District 14:** Burlington - John Oberwetter/Nancy Satola, Speech Coaches
Greendale - Sharon Sharko/Dale Shikowski, Speech Coaches

These schools, representing the top 5% of the 386 schools participating at the WHSFA State Speech Festival, held April 17-18, 1998, at UW-Madison, were honored with the WHSFA "Excellence in Speech Award". Every student who participated earned points for their school. Each entry is awarded the following points: Gold - Critic's Choice (4 points); Silver - All State (3 points); Bronze-Finalist (2 points); Small Bronze - Achievement (1 point).

The schools in the top 5% for 1998 earned between 72 and 91 team points.

WHSFA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION CARDS

The 1998-99 WHSFA membership registration cards have been sent to principals of all members schools-middle level and high school. Annual dues will remain the same for the 1998-99 school year and are payable on or before September 15th. The State Office

would appreciate the registration cards returned, with personnel listed, as soon as possible. This will facilitate swifter and more accurate mailings of handbooks and other materials during late summer and early fall. Thank you for your help.

THEATRE FESTIVAL

Why participate in the WHSFA Theatre Festival? Let me count the reasons!

First of all, it's a great learning experience for both the students and the directors. Not only are we exposed to some fine pieces of literature and reputable playwrights, but also we observe sound acting and directing techniques.

We also have an opportunity to draw from the evaluators' expertise not only to maximize the potential of the one-act in progress, but also to make application to any given performance staged at home such as musicals, three-acts and forensic play acting pieces. Also, the evaluators often re-emphasize critique which the director has delivered to the cast which gives the director credibility with the students.

A chance to showcase a work as a cast in a non-competitive atmosphere also provides a great social experience for students.

Last but not least, as an English/speech teacher whose heart skips a beat when I read "So many books, so little time", it's a very palatable way to give students an appreciation for myriad messages found in good literature which comes to life from the page to the stage!

Thanks to Sherry Getter,
English/Speech Chairman,
Viroqua High School

HOSTS NEEDED FOR MIDDLE LEVEL FESTIVALS!

Host schools are needed for both Level I and Level II festivals for the 1998-99 school year. The latest date to host a Level I Festival is February 13, 1999 and the latest date for Level II is March 6, 1999. If interested in hosting a Level I and/or Level II Festival, please contact Deb at the State Office at 10 East Main Street, Evansville, WI 53536 - (608) 882-6004.

1998-99 ADJUDICATION WORKSHOP SITES

The following schools have offered to host adjudication workshops during the 1998-99 school year:

Sussex Hamilton High School -
Saturday, Oct. 24, 1998

WEAC Convention - Madison -
Thursday, Oct. 29, 1998

Milwaukee Madison University High School -
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1998

Greendale High School -
Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998

Lancaster High School -
Saturday, Jan. 9, 1999

The following schools have indicated a willingness to host a workshop - but dates have not been established as of press time:

D.C. Everest High School - Schofield
DeSoto High School
River Valley High School - Spring Green
Melrose-Mindoro High School

ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO MEET

The Speech Advisory committee will meet Thursday, June 4, 1998, and the Theatre Advisory Committee will meet on July 2, 1998. If you have any questions/concerns you wish to have addressed, please contact the State Office at (608) 882-6004 or any committee member - name and telephone number listed in the Speech Handbook and Theatre Handbook Addendum. The Middle Level, and Debate Advisory committees will also be meeting this summer, but dates have not been set.

SPEECH ADJUDICATION WORKSHOPS

It is not too late to let us know of your interest in hosting an Adjudicator Workshop next fall! We take care of all registration and instruction - you simply provide a room, a chalkboard, VCR and monitor. If interested, please select a date, then contact the State Office at (608) 882-6004. Becoming a "Certified Speech Adjudicator" is accomplished by successfully completing/passing the Speech Orientation Program.

Information/registration materials for all workshops will be sent from the State Office

CAMPS - INSTITUTES - WORKSHOPS

**THEATRE CAMP -

UW-WHITEWATER, July 26 - August 1
Call (414) 472-3165

**MUSICAL THEATRE & DANCE CAMP

UW-Stevens Point, July 5-11
Call (715) 346-3956

**DEBATE INSTITUTES

Marquette University, July 25 - August 8
Call (414) 288-6359

**REDHAWK FORENSICS INSTITUTE

Ripon College, July 26 - August 1
Call (920) 748-8712

**FORENSICS WORKSHOP

UW-Whitewater, August 2-7
Call 1-800-622-0350

**ARTS WORLD

UW-Stevens Point, June 27 - July 3
Call (715) 346-3956

to area member schools prior to the date of the scheduled workshop. Please plan to share this information/registration material with colleagues and especially with non-school personnel that you know are interested in judging.

A reminder regarding **certified judges** -- each school must provide a certified judge at the **State Festival** and **District Festivals**. In the 1999-2000 school year, judges at **Subdistrict Festivals** must be WHSFA certified.

WHSFA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The spring meeting of the WHSFA Board of Control was held at the Holiday Inn Campus Area - Eau Claire on Thursday, April 30, 1998.

Some highlights of the meeting include:

- ** Membership reports for 1997-98:
- Sr. Division - 411
- Middle Level Division - 143

** Approved 5-year WHSFA Calendar of events

** All advisory committees will meet this summer.

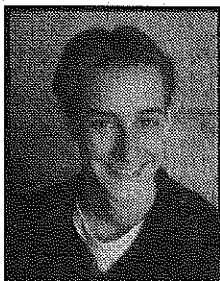
** WHSFA Speech Adjudication Program Report:

- 29 WHSFA Speech Adjudication workshops were held in 1997-98.
- 368 individuals were newly certified.
- 189 individuals were recertified.
- 2,214 individuals are currently certified in the WHSFA Speech Adjudication Program.

** After fifteen years of dedicated service on the WHSFA Board of Control, Roger Klug will retire as chair of District 8. Thank you, Roger - we wish you well!

CONGRATULATIONS

Wanakee High School is proud to recognize Tim Michael - a four time Critics Choice Award winner at the WHSFA State Speech Festival. Well done Tim.



Tim Michael

THEATRE CAMP

The UW-Whitewater Theatre Camp, now in its 18th year, is an opportunity for high school students (entering grades 10-12) with a strong interest in theatre to spend a week learning and working in a modern university theatre facility. The camp has two areas of concentration -- acting and design/technical theatre. The daily schedule provides classes in the morning and work on scenes in the afternoons and evenings. The scenes are presented in the Theatre/Dance Department's Barnett Theatre at the end of the week.

The UW-Whitewater Theatre Camp is directed by Dr. Charles "Skip" Grover, theatre advisor to the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association. Dr. Grover is recognized as one of the state's leaders in theatre education. A director and a professor of acting and directing, Dr. Grover is also the coordinator of the theatre education program at UW-Whitewater and has a long-standing commitment to high school theatre.

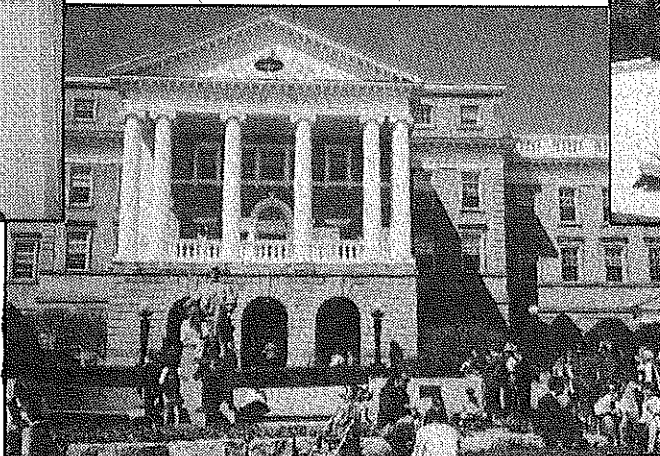
WHSFA State Speech



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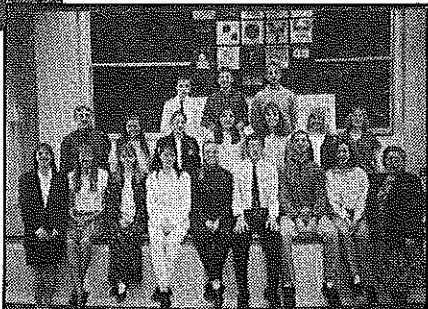
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1998 STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL RESULTS

| DISTRICT | SCHOOLS | ENTRIES | ACTUAL STUDENTS | CRITICS CHOICE | ALL STATE | FINALIST | ACHIEVEMENT | NO SHOW | EXCELLENCE IN SPEECH AWARD |
|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | 23 | 248 | 415 | 59 | 90 | 80 | 14 | 5 | 1 |
| 2 | 31 | 337 | 498 | 93 | 134 | 90 | 11 | 9 | 1 |
| 3 | 28 | 284 | 397 | 90 | 120 | 64 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 24 | 253 | 383 | 50 | 100 | 87 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 5 | 36 | 400 | 592 | 95 | 156 | 117 | 18 | 14 | 1 |
| 6 | 26 | 278 | 376 | 73 | 117 | 71 | 5 | 12 | 0 |
| 7 | 32 | 313 | 418 | 80 | 128 | 81 | 13 | 11 | 0 |
| 8 | 33 | 442 | 608 | 119 | 178 | 108 | 22 | 15 | 5 |
| 9 | 32 | 424 | 561 | 105 | 170 | 117 | 20 | 12 | 3 |
| 10 | 32 | 369 | 510 | 112 | 156 | 81 | 11 | 9 | 2 |
| 11 | 29 | 286 | 374 | 83 | 101 | 75 | 13 | 14 | 2 |
| 12/13 | 30 | 296 | 341 | 80 | 126 | 57 | 10 | 23 | 2 |
| 14 | 30 | 319 | 400 | 94 | 125 | 63 | 16 | 21 | 2 |
| TOTALS: | 386 | 4,249 | 5,873 | 1,133 (27%) | 1,701 (40%) | 1,091 (25.5%) | 168 (4%) | 156 (3.5%) | 20 (5%) |

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REMEMBERING...

15 YEARS AGO - May, 1983 - The second annual Lincoln Douglas Debate Tournament was held in conjunction with State Speech on April 23rd. David Henning from Sheboygan South High School emerged as the winner. Dave is coached by T. Wesley and S. Thompson.

10 YEARS AGO - May, 1988 - 22 schools earned between 61-82 points to be awarded a Hintz Award at 1988 State Speech. In alphabetical order they were: Albany, Algoma, Altoona, Columbus, Delavan-Darien, Fredonia, Ozaukee, Hartford Union, Hartland Arrowhead, Holmen, Iowa-Grant, Lancaster, Lodi, Madison East, Muskego, Omro, Oshkosh West, Ripon, Sheboygan Co. Christian, Sheboygan South, Spencer, Winneconne and Wrightstown.

5 YEARS AGO - May, 1993 - Mark Kohl informed the State Office that one Lodi High School Forensic student earned her fourth consecutive Critics Choice Award at the April 23-24, 1993 State Speech Festival held in Madison. Edie Seffrood participated over this span of time in three different events including Prose, Four Minute and Public Address.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE
1998
WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL
THEATRE FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 19-20-21, 1998
UW-WHITEWATER

There is so much for you and your students to learn and enjoy at the 1998 Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival. It's a three day event crammed full of educational AND fun programs, such as:

WHSFA Theatre Series

Nothing can quite compare with the energy and excitement of a live theatre presentation. Last year, forty-nine Wisconsin high schools qualified to participate in the WHSFA State Theatre Festival, many of whom took home acting and directing awards.

(For more information on how your school can participate in this year's series, call J. Peter Shaw, WHSFA Executive Director – 608/882-6004.)

Workshops and Informances

These informative and fun programs offer theatre directors and students a variety of useful and creative techniques which will enhance the over-all theatre experience for everyone involved.

(For more information on presenting a workshop or informance, or how you and your students can participate, call Harv Thompson, UW-Madison Department of Liberal Studies and the Arts – 608/263-7787.)

Outstanding showcase performances

These full-length productions are examples of outstanding high school theatre in Wisconsin.

(For information on how your school may be considered for a showcase performance, call Rick Braun, Waunakee High School – 608/849-2131.)

Housing

Make your hotel plans now for this gala weekend! *(For a list of Whitewater area motels, call Charles "Skip" Grover, UW-Whitewater, – 414/472-1198.)*

We look forward to seeing you there!

Celebrate Theatre!

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

November 19-20-21, 1998

UW-Whitewater

What:

- Fabulous Showcase Performances
- Dozens of Workshops
- Award-Winning WHSFA Plays
- Informances and Discussions
- Social Interaction with Theatre Students
- ... A Theatre Celebration!

Cost:

*(for those individuals not performing in the
WHSFA Theatre Series)*

\$25 - for the weekend

\$18 - single day registration

*Registration materials will be available
in early September.*

**1998
Wisconsin
High School
Theatre Festival**

Produced by:

Wisconsin High School
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UW-Madison Department of
Liberal Studies and the Arts

Alliance for Wisconsin
Theatre Education

Hosted by:

UW-Whitewater Department
of Theatre/Dance



See reverse side for more information