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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 1997 - 1998 school year. Please give the numbers needed.

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

_____ THEATRE CERTIFICATES
 _____ DEBATE CERTIFICATES
 _____ SPEECH CERTIFICATES

YES NO
 -- OR --

Must have by _____

Mail to:
 WHSFA
 10 East Main Street
 Evansville, WI 53536

Fax:
 (608) 882-6661

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

WHSFA

"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. 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, unless you returned postcard with an alternate 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.

PROCLAMATION

Included in this Newsletter is a copy of a Proclamation from State Superintendent John Benson proclaiming the week of April 12-18, 1998 as Wisconsin High School Forensic Association State Speech Festival Week. Please share this proclamation with your local and school newspapers.

SITES NEEDED FOR ADJUDICATOR WORKSHOPS!

Please let us know if your school is interested in hosting an Adjudicator Workshop for the 1998-99 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 - 1998

Bascom Hall Auditorium, Room 272, will be utilized as headquarters for the WHSFA State Speech Festival, April 17-18, 1998.

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 - **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. 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. 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.

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 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 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 purchased in Bascom Hall.
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 1998 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 1998 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 1998

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

5:00 p.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall
6:30 p.m. Room 165 - Bascom Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

8:00 a.m. Room 52 - Bascom Hall
9:30 a.m. Room 52 - Bascom Hall
11:00 a.m. Room 52 - Bascom Hall

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



WHSFA REMEMBERING...

15 YEARS AGO - March, 1983 - The WHSFA State Office announces the National Problem Area for High School Debate for 1983-84 will be: "What changes are most needed in the procedures used in the United States justice system?"

10 YEARS AGO - March, 1988 - Top Affirmative and Top Negative Teams were from Durand and Neenah high schools at the WHSFA State Debate Tournament held at UW-Stevens Point. Durand was coached by R.M. Duesterbeck and Neenah by Bill McBride.

5 YEARS AGO - March, 1993 - The Lincoln/Douglas resolution for 1993 will be: Resolved: The principle of majority rule ought to be valued above the principle of minority rights.

1 YEAR AGO - April, 1997 - Meet Deb Flanders! Deb is the newest member of the WHSFA staff, beginning her employment on February 17, 1997. Welcome Deb!

ADJUDICATOR RECERTIFICATION UPDATE

Individuals whose certification will expire at the end of the 1998 forensic season will receive information regarding recertification in early Fall - 1998!

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.

PLAN TO ATTEND

1998 Wisconsin High School
THEATRE FESTIVAL

November 19-20-21, 1998
UW-Whitewater

Hosted by the UW-Whitewater Department of
Theatre/Debate

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION 1998 - 1999 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

1998

September 9	WHSFA Board of Control Meeting (Madison)
October 17	Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Theatre Workfest
October 24	Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre
November 6-7	WHSFA Sectional Theatre
November 20-21	WHSFA State Theatre (UW-Whitewater)
November 26	Thanksgiving

1999

January 16	Latest date for WHSFA District Debate
January 28-30	WHSFA State Debate (4-Speaker and 2-Speaker) - UW Oshkosh
February 13	Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level I
March 6	Latest date for WHSFA Subdistrict Speech
March 6	Latest date for WHSFA Middle Level - Level II
March 20	Latest debate for WHSFA District Speech
April 4	Easter
April 16-17	WHSFA State Speech (UW--Madison)
April 29-30	WHSFA Board of Control Meeting

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 12-18, 1998

Wisconsin High School Forensic Association
State Speech Festival Week

John T. Benson
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State Superintendent
April 7, 1998

