November 2023

Dear Forensics Friends,

You are cordially invited to the "Forensics 500 Audrey Cunningham Speech & Debate Tournament!" The University of Indianapolis Communication Department will host this event on Saturday, December 2, 2023. This will be a swing competition with the Butler University "Circle City Classic" tournament, which takes place on Sunday, December 3, 2023.

The UIndy Forensics 500 is a one-day tournament with both Individual Events and IPDA Debate. The tournament is structured in two flights (with two judges in each prelim as judge availability allows) plus finals with all 11 NFA I.E. events included. Students can only compete in I.E. or IPDA—NOT Both. For I.E. events, we rank an open division so entries are unlimited per event. Tournament registration will be run through **Speechwire.com**. We will recognize top novices and create novice sections for any event with more entries.

We will involve as many alums and local judges as possible to lighten the judging load, but all judges are expected to be available for finals. I.E. slots will be $8 per slot. We will have guest internet access for all competitors; however, we unfortunately cannot guarantee access to technology for visual aids in competition rooms.

For those of you coming out of town, there are several nice hotels off I-65 and the Southport Road exit as well as Holiday Inn Express and Comfort Inn on S. East Street (near I-465 and US 31). All parking lots are unrestricted on UIndy's campus on the weekend. There are several lots directly behind the library and Fine Arts Center. There are several restaurants near the university available to order from through Doordash or Grubhub. Continental breakfast and afternoon snacks will be provided for all attendees.

So, join us in Esch Hall (1330 Otterbein Circle Indianapolis, IN 46227) for competition and celebration of our forensics tradition! Please contact Dr. Stephanie Wideman widemans@uindy.edu with any and all questions. Note that the entry deadline is 5:00 pm, EST, Tuesday, November 28, 2023. More information to come on speechwire.com. We look forward to welcoming you to our campus!

All the best,

Dr. Stephanie Wideman   **Janice Crawford**
Director of Forensics & Associate Professor   Director of Forensics
Chair, Dept. of Communication   Butler University
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Tournament Director

Tournament Schedule

GROUP A: Extemp, Poetry, Informative, Duo, DI,
GROUP B: Impromptu, ADS, Persuasion, Prose, Rhet Crit, POI

Individual Events Schedule
7:30 – 8:00   **Registration & Breakfast in Esch Hall Lobby**
8:00   Extemp Draw
8:30   Round IA
9:45   Extemp Draw
10:15   Round II A
11:00   Lunch
12:15   Round I B
1:45   Round II B
3:15   Extemp Draw – Finals
3:30   Finals A
5:00   Finals B
6:30 or ASAP   AWARDS—Health Pavillion Annis Theater Room 138

IPDA Debate Schedule
MASS TOPIC ANNOUNCE IS IN GOOD HALL 105   DEBATE TAB IS IN GOOD HALL (GH) 101
Debate judges, bring ballots directly to GH 101 after the rounds and stay in Good Hall
7:15 – 8:00   Registration & Breakfast in Esch Hall Lobby
                          (Register in Esch Hall Lobby for payment first, then report to Good Hall)
8:00   IPDA Topic release
8:30–9:15   IPDA 1
9:15   IPDA Topic release
9:45–10:30   IPDA 2
10:30   IPDA Topic Release
11:00-11:45   IPDA 3
11:45-12:30   Lunch (BE BACK BY 12:30)
12:30   IPDA Topic release
1:00-1:45   IPDA 4
1:45   IPDA Topic release
2:15–3:00   IPDA Quarters
3:00   IPDA Topic release
3:30–4:15   Semi IPDA
4:15   IPDA Topic release
4:45-5:15   Final IPDA
6:30 OR ASAP   Awards TBD

Tournament Notes

- We will follow NFA rules.
- **Impromptu** will be quotations first round, proverbs second round, and a single word for the final round.

- **FEES:** I.E. entry fees are $8.00 per slot & $10.00 per uncovered slot. One IE judge will cover six slots. Name changes are FREE. For debate, the entry is $25 per team. One judge covers two teams with a $25 fee per uncovered team.

- **JUDGES:** Any drops (including dropped judges) must be made by 5:00 p.m., December 1. Any drops made after that deadline will be fined $10.00 per slot. The day of the tournament each dropped slot will cost $20.00. This is in **addition** to the original fees. A dropped judge will be $50.00 day of tournament.

- **PLEASE BRING ALL AVAILABLE JUDGES!** We want your judges, not your money. (Especially since we are attempting to put two judges in each prelim round.) If your entry is so large that you cannot be used as a judge, the tournament director reserves the right to move contestants so that you may fulfill your judging responsibilities.