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The Key is a newsletter published at each Pi Kappa Delta biennial convention and tournament. The daily publication provides information about the convention and tournament, along with the national honorary. Important news and information, such as candidate statements, tournament and convention updates, and profiles of people and events is standard content. Additionally, I hope you will email me with your own ideas—including stories and news that is fit enough to print...or at least close to fit. There will also be a trivia contest as part of some issues, with winners drawn from the correct entries to receive items from the PKD Store. **IMPORTANTLY**, if you become a candidate for office, please email me your candidate statement. All candidates should have statements (brief please—100-200 words) submitted by **9:00 am Sunday morning**, earlier if possible.

Please help fill each issue with content. Email me at jensensc@webster.edu. Contributions must be either email text or Word attachments. Enjoy all of the issues of volume 54 of *The Key*.

Scott Jensen, Editor

Where to Go for Help and Information...

Help Desk
(513) 279-8535

Internet Access
PKD2024!

PKD Website
www.pikappadelta.net

PKD Facebook
www.facebook.com/pikappadelta

Instagram
[@pikappadelta](https://www.instagram.com/pikappadelta)

LinkedIn
www.linkedin.com/company/pi-kappa-delta

For Our New Members...and a Reminder for PKD Veterans

The Pi Kappa Delta Biennial Convention and Tournament is a different kind of experience. Having been a PKD member since 1981, and having missed only two national tournaments in that time, I have a bit of a bias for the uniqueness of this nationals experience. It is different—and can generate different kinds of nationals memories if you seize opportunities to connect with all the convention and tournament has to offer. Be part of decision making by talking with candidates for office and helping your chapters make decisions that reflect their convictions. Be part of discussions about how forensics is reflected outside our walls of competition by attending Professional Development panels, the viewing of *Girl Talk* and talkback that will follow. Network and socialize with new friends at socials. And by all means, seize your potential in your competitive performances throughout the weekend. Monday's Awards Banquet will celebrate traditions, community contributions of outstanding alumni members, All-Americans, incoming leadership, and—of course—competitive excellence. The Pi Kappa Delta experience is different. It is special. It is something worth exploring for our new members, and re-visiting for those of you who are returning.

Electing our Next President

One of the most important things that happens at each Biennial Convention and Tournament is the election of our officers. Over the next three days we will select a new President-Elect, three At-Large National Council Members,

Community College Representative, Graduate Student Representative, and At-Large Student Representative. There will be opportunities to hear candidates speak, and to visit with candidates at Meet-the-Candidates Forums. *The Key* will also publish brief statements for each candidate on Sunday—the day remaining officers are elected.

Our first election will be for President-Elect. These candidates are selected from the Community College Representative and three At-Large National Council Members. One eligible council member is running for the President-Elect position. The statement from Kiefer Storrer, Assistant Director of Speech and Debate at Whitman College, is provided here.

I am honored to run for President-Elect of Pi Kappa Delta. I look forward to addressing the PKD community at the first business meeting, focusing on three key areas;

- *Province Revitalization: I believe Pi Kappa Delta and the spirit of our organization best grow and spread with more local and regional specialization of communication, plus, I'd love to bring PKD back out to the PNW for a national tournament.*
- *Increasing Pi Kappa Delta's crossover appeal to mainstream culture: Moreso than it has felt in the past (to me), the idea of "debate" is becoming mainstream, for better or worse. If popular culture is only learning about debate and forensics through perceived slights and out-of-touch confusion, we are doing the activity a disservice.*
- *Increased accessibility of National Competition: The return of in-person competition has been necessary and enriching. However, the pandemic mainstreaming online competition has also been incredibly accommodating for student-run programs, programs that can't afford to travel as much, and competitors that are balancing school, work, and competition. I believe we can provide more online accessibility without sacrificing the boons of in-person competition.*

The previous tenets are just three passion points I am interested in pursuing. My career connection to PKD has intertwined with interests in neurodivergent access, disability education and accessibility, community college support, and just finding a way to allow the pedagogical lessons of PKD to be felt and celebrated by all. I am always open, and always will be, to questions and concerns, and would be honored to follow in the footsteps of so many amazing individuals before me.

Meet Your National Council

Each of the three issues of this year's *The Key* will feature a brief profile of members of the national council. You will learn a bit about each featured member...information you probably would not otherwise know. We begin today with President, President-Elect, and Past-President.

Ryan Louis—President

Now in his 25th year of PKD membership, Dr. Ryan Louis provided his own reflections as he presides over this year's biennial nationals experience...

I've reached that point in my life where I keep asking questions like: "What? How did that happen? Where did the time go?" It's really quite remarkable how many of my memories, life events, achievements, friendships and learned lessons are interrelated with PKD. And as I transition into my new role as Past-President, there is still much work to be done – finalizing Pi Kappa Delta's strategic planning process, strengthening our financial position, expanding our robust DEIBA initiatives (to name just a few things). I also want to do everything I can to secure our character of pluralities. We are the "big tent:" a home for varying competitive events and styles, a home for varying types of talent, life experience and identities. That's why I led Council in an effort to update PKD's mission and purpose statements - to make our guiding statements reflect our historic and programmatic pursuits. It's been a great honor of my life to serve on Council these past 13 years - comprising over half of my membership in the organization. I'm looking forward to seeing a new generation of leaders who, in 25 years, will regale me with stories as I hit my 50th. Though I have retired from active forensics coaching, there is still nothing else as profoundly moving to me as thinking of our activity - what we do, teach and perform - as both beautiful and just.

Amorette Hinderaker—President-Elect

Dr. Amorette Hinderaker is Associate Professor and Convener of Debates at Texas Christian University. Amorette is one of the proud "PKD Lifers," having been an undergraduate and graduate student in Pi Kappa Delta programs. She brought

that vision to TCU when she completed one of her favorite PKD moments—re-activating the Texas Zeta Chapter in 2012. Her long-time connection with PKD is what motivates her to serve as its incoming president. As she says, “As a coach, this is the singular forensic organization I believe stands for the educational value, for free expression and voice, for genuine relationships and comradery in this activity.” Among the things people may not know about Amorette the story of her journey with her husband of nearly 30 years, Jim. “My husband and I got married while we were in college at South Dakota State University in 1994, in the middle of my sophomore year - I was just two months past my 20th birthday. We got married in the pavilion on Expedition Island in the middle of the Green River in Wyoming - the place from which explorer John Wesley Powell departed on his expedition of the Green and Colorado Rivers. My parents met at a dance at the same pavilion, and my grandparents used to go to dances there together.”

Chris Leland—Immediate Past President

Dr. Chris Leland joined PKD in 1982 as a member of the Ripon College Speech and Debate team and first attended a PKD event in Estes Park, Colorado. He has gone back to Colorado as a place of familiarity, where after moving several places around the world, he taught and lived for 18 years. Chris credits forensics not only for his career in teaching and coaching at the university level but also as preparation for a career in political speech writing—a career in which was involved with 20 campaigns over 30 years - from local and regional to state and national races. The little-known fact about Chris is he has three kidneys. As he reflects, “Yeah, didn't know until I had kidney failure in 2019 that when they give you a transplant (and my lovely wife was my living donor) they don't take out your existing kidneys. They don't work but just sort of hang out there.” Chris has warm feelings for his PKD experiences, and notes the irony of his life in PKD. “PKD gave so much to me in terms of experience and community that when I came back to forensics as a coach, I knew that I would lead whatever team I had to participate in PKD and get to experience that same feel of a forensics family. At my first PKD Tournament, Hall of Fame Coach, Nina Jo Moore was my judge in an extemp round and then almost 30 years later when I ran for President of PKD, she was there in the front row giving time signals and the multi-verse seemed to converge.”

Announcements and In Search of...

Provinces...please share with me any information about your provinces. Do you have officers in place for the next two years? Are there plans for tournaments, activities, or other initiatives? Please share your information with me so I can include it in one of our Keys this weekend. Email your updates to jensensc@webster.edu.

Alumni Happenings...Do you have alumni here? If so—share some stories, photos, or other information. A vital part of PKD is our on-going connection with alumni members. As we are proud of reminding people—you are a member for life. Let's showcase our amazing alumni who are sharing this 52nd convention and tournament with us! Email your news and information to jensensc@webster.edu.

Notes from the Tournament Director

Dr. Jessica Furgerson

Each day our Tournament Director will provide information you need for navigating or understanding the competitive piece of this nationals experience. There is important information elsewhere in this first issue for things like limited preparation draws and debate procedures. Dr. Furgerson's contact information is jfurg07@gmail.com. The Help Desk number—your contact for any specific tournament issue that requires immediate assistance—is (513) 279-8535.

Notes from the Convention Coordinator

Professor Gina Jensen

Each day our Convention Coordinator will provide information you need for navigating or understanding the convention and organized social pieces of this nationals experience. All general meetings and other social events will take place in the Ballroom of the Student Union, including this evening's viewing of *Girl Talk* and the student mixer that will follow. Food and beverages, along with prizes will be part of tonight's fun—starting in the Ballroom at 6:30.

Re-Capping the Opening Business Meeting

This year's tournament is welcoming 59 schools with 1,456 entries. We are thrilled you all are here, and hope everyone will join us for our second business meeting Saturday night in the Student Union Ballroom.

Heard during the Roll Call, led by President Ryan Louis...

Arizona State University..."Forks Up!" Team dinner party etiquette or a mascot reference?

Cameron University..."Happy! Happy! Happy!" PKD elation even before competition starts!

Heidelberg University..."Go Berg. Amen!" Perhaps the first prayer in Roll Call history.

McNeese State University..."...It's cold here!" What?!? Go back to the bayou ya' knuckleheads!

University of Central Missouri...The faint sound from what was clearly a very sleepy mule

And a couple critiques for our "M.C." (as he labelled himself before chairing our business meeting...MC instead of chair sort of captures the essence of Ryan Louis. Ryan asked if Phil (Phil Voight, our former COO and caller of Roll Calls) was ever rude. "Nope—but neither were you, Ryan. Just a well-intentioned fella looking for positive reinforcement from your PKD friends in any way that might work." And for those of us from Webster University, it was a bit disheartening that one of our most esteemed alums did not know that "Gorlok" has no "c."

Thanks for a job well done President Louis. We look forward to your MCing brilliance at your last business meeting Saturday night.

Welcome to our New Chapters and Happy 100 to Others

Our Historian, Gina Jensen, along with President Ryan Louis, inducted four new chapters at last night's business meeting. Welcome to Pi Kappa Delta **Concordia University-Irvine, Texas Tech University, University of California-San Diego, and University of Nevada-Reno.**

Additionally, Gina acknowledged three chapters in attendance who are celebrating their 100th year in PKD. Congrats and Happy 100 to **Linfield College, North Central College, and Otterbein University.** These three schools were part of a year when a dozen eggs were 25 cents, a car ranged from \$109 to \$264, a whopping \$2,500 could buy you your first house, the Milky Way candy bar and Wheaties' breakfast of champions were first seen on store shelves, IBM opened its doors, and Babe Ruth already had 284 home runs on his way to 714 taters in his storied career.

And looking ahead to next year...

The membership approved the bid and invitation from Ohio University for next year's National Comprehensive Tournament (NCT). We look forward to being in Athens, OH in the spring of 2025! Thank you Ohio University for such a great proposal and your commitment to Pi Kappa Delta. We are excited to enjoy your hospitality.

Graduate and Transfer Fair

The annual Graduate and Transfer Fair is available in the lobby of the Student Union, near the Help Desk. Stop by and learn about opportunities for graduating students to continue their academic careers at a PKD-affiliated graduate school. Two-year school competitors can explore options for continuing their undergraduate forensic careers at a PKD four-year institution. We want to see all of our students continue their involvement with Pi Kappa Delta. The fair is open through Saturday from 10:00 – 4:00 each day. Additionally, students can scan the fair's QR code once each day for a chance to win one of two \$50 gift cards or a \$100 gift card.

Professional Development Panels

There are three professional development panels scheduled throughout the weekend that will explore issues of neurodiversity and inclusiveness in competition (Saturday 12:00), the influence of forensics outside competitive arenas (Sunday 12:00), and fundraising and promoting your program (Monday 10:00). All panels are in the Union Ballroom. To RSVP, email Jonathan Conway at jonathan.conway@UCF.edu.

2024 Biennial Convention and Tournament Chapter Trivia Contest

City & State

For each chapter listed below, identify the city and state in which the main campus is located. Email your answers (school name and city/state) to Scott Jensen at jensensc@webster.edu by no later than today (Friday) at 7:00 pm. Winners will be randomly selected from correct entries and announced in Saturday's issue of *The Key*. Two winners will receive an item from the PKD Store.

Appalachian State University
Cameron University
Cleveland State Community College
Heidelberg University
McNeese State University
Seton Hall University
Transylvania University

Butler University
Capital University
Duquesne University
Marian University
Murray State University
Simpson College
Weber State University

To Help Navigate Some of the Competitive Dimensions of the Tournament...

Tournament Logistics

The following is important information regarding the following:

1. SpeechWire Account Setup and Activation
2. Draw Procedures
3. Congress Docket
4. Campus Resources and Help Desk
5. Parking & Map

SpeechWire Account Setup and Activation

Competitors in Extemp and Broadcast Journalism must have active SpeechWire accounts to access draw. Coaches, make sure all competitors have SpeechWire accounts – these should be **created by the coach and not independently by the student** in the SpeechWire system.

View the step-by-step video here: Click on Student Accounts video.

<https://www.speechwire.com/p-video-resources.php>

Also provided is a pdf:

<https://www.speechwire.com/handbooks/registrationhandbook.pdf>

All judges must also have an activated SpeechWire account to access their electronic ballots. Please ensure all of your judges have activated their account, including your asynchronous judge, prior to the start of the tournament.

Draw Procedures

If you are competing in EXT, BJ, IPDA, or NPDA please familiarize yourself with the draw procedures posted on Speechwire under files for download.

Congress Docket

The docket for student congress will be posted tomorrow March 2nd under the files for download section of SpeechWire. If your school has not yet submitted legislation and would like to do so, please send it to jessica.furgerson@uc.edu no later than 5:00pm today March 1st. Keep in mind that this is merely a collection of legislation and each chamber may choose to reorder the docket as they wish during their sessions.

Campus Resources and Help Desk

A help desk is available to you all weekend as well located on the first floor of the Student Center. You can visit the help desk in-person or contact them via email at pkdhelpdesk@gmail.com or by phone at 513-279-8535. When reaching out to the help desk remember to provide them all relevant information they may need to help resolve the issue.

Say: "Hi, I have a Prose round in Room MU-101 but it is currently locked." Don't Say: "My room is locked."

Parking & Map

You may park anywhere on campus that is not marked as faculty/staff or carpool. The parking lot closest to the Student Union is parking lot S1 off of W. Olive Dr.

A map is available under the file for downloads section of Speechwire.

Debate Policies and Procedures

NPDA DRAW

Prep Room Options

On-site Prep Room: MA-142

Virtual Prep Room: <https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/8057333763>

****Please mute yourself when entering the virtual draw space and remain on mute unless you need to communicate directly with Tournament Staff****

Preliminary Round Draw Procedures

- 5 minutes prior to the start of draw members of the Tournament Staff will conduct a roll call to see which teams are present; because many teams choose to prep in a different space and send only a representative to draw a team will be considered present if any member of their team responds to the roll call. We will *not* wait until *all* members of a team are physically present to proceed with draw.
- Tournament staff will wait no longer than 5 minutes past the established draw time to complete roll call and announce the topic.
- The topic will be announced in the room and streamed virtually at <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/2204475618?pwd=c0VMWG5uQTZDS2xoZVp2cFRoYjZSZz09>
 - [passcode: speech](#)
 - [Please mute yourself when entering the virtual draw space and remain on mute unless you need to communicate directly with Tournament Staff](#)
- After the topic is released it will also be posted here along with a time stamp of when the topic was announced for future reference:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N2rVgKHbrkIUxS2z32vdsP8f0dIPrbp4cI0PhxYva2A/edit?usp=sharing>

Elimination Round Draw Procedures

- 5 minutes prior to the start of draw members of the Tournament Staff will conduct a roll call to see which teams are present; because many teams choose to prep in a different space and send only a representative to draw a team will be considered present if any member of their team responds to the roll call.
- Once both teams in a given round are present, Tournament Staff will conduct the flip for sides if opponents have not met previously in competition.
- Tournament staff will wait no longer than 10 minutes past the established draw time to complete roll call and announce the topic.
- The topic will be announced in the room and streamed virtually at <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/2204475618?pwd=c0VMWG5uQTZDS2xoZVp2cFRoYjZSZz09>

- After the topic is released it will also be posted here along with a time stamp of when the topic was announced for future reference:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N2rVgKHbrklUxS2z32vdsp8f0dIPrbp4cl0PhxYva2A/edit?usp=sharing>

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you or your partner are double entered in PF/LD it is your responsibility to arrive at draw on time. Please inform the judges/competitor in the other event that you need to leave promptly after the debate to make it to your next round and ask a teammate or coach to stay for oral critiques should they run long.

IPDA DRAW

Draw for IPDA will take place in MA-142

Preliminary Round Draw Procedures

- 10 minutes prior to the start of draw members of the Tournament Staff will ask students to line up under the designated section number along the wall to facilitate the strike process.
- At the start of draw pairings will be given their topic slip to begin the strike process.
 - If one of the competitors is missing, the competitor in attendance will be asked to wait no longer than 5 minutes to choose a topic. If at the end of the 5 minute waiting period, the second competitor has still not arrived the competitor in attendance will inform the Tournament Staff of their selected topic and the start of prep time will be denoted.
 - The late arriving competitor should check-in with Tournament staff upon arrival to receive their topic and determine the amount of prep time remaining.
- We are utilizing flighted rounds so make sure that you arrive for draw at the specified time for your flight.

Elimination Round Draw Procedures

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FORFEIT PROCEDURE IN DEBATE

NPDA

- ALL debates are expected to begin no later 30 minutes after the topic is announced. This provides for 20 minutes of prep time and ample walk time to the room.
- Judges will be permitted to issue a forfeit to teams arriving after the 30 minute mark. Official start times are logged by the draw staff.

IPDA

- ALL debates are expected to begin no later than 40 minutes after the scheduled draw time. This provides ample time for topic strike, prep, and walk time to the room.
- Judges will be permitted to issue a forfeit to students arriving after the 40 minute mark. Official start times are logged by the draw staff.

Broadcast Journalism and Extemporaneous Speaking Draw Procedures

ALL students entered in BJ and EXT will perform draw via SpeechWire even if they choose to prep their speech in the in-person prep room. No paper topic slips will be provided in-person. Please familiarize yourself with the following procedures and policies regarding draw and prep.

Prep Room Options

On-site Prep Room: MA-142

Virtual Prep Room: <https://ucincinnati.zoom.us/j/8057333763>

[**Please mute yourself when entering the virtual draw space and remain on mute unless you need to communicate directly with Tournament Staff**](#)

Tournament staff will make the announcement for speakers in both spaces when it is their time to draw.

Double Entry Bumps

Tournament Staff have been provided a list of all students double entered and have made the necessary adjustments to the draw order so there is no need to alert them of your status as Double Entered.

SpeechWire Accounts

To access draw via SpeechWire all students must have individual accounts. Coaches, make sure all competitors have SpeechWire accounts – these should be **created by the coach and not independently by the student** in the SpeechWire system.

View the step-by-step video here: Click on Student Accounts video.

<https://www.speechwire.com/p-video-resources.php>

Also provided is a pdf:

<https://www.speechwire.com/handbooks/registrationhandbook.pdf>

Electronic Draw Instructions

1. Enter either the in-person or virtual prep room 5 minutes prior to the start of Draw for your speaker position. Members of the Tournament Staff will conduct a roll call to see who is present.
2. Wait for your name to be called by the tournament staff – after all speakers at the designated speaker position are accounted for the draw manager will open draw for you.
3. From your SpeechWire account click “Pi Kappa Delta – Biennial Tournament and Convention” and then “Click here to enter draw”

Draw

[Click here to enter draw](#)

Your speech sections

4. You will then see any available topic draws listed for you. Select “Click here to draw now” for the corresponding round.

Extemporaneous Speaking draw

Round 1

Ready for you to draw! [Click here to draw now](#)

5. For Extemp: select your question from the list provided. ***You must CLICK your selected prompt***

6. For Broadcast Journalism: You will be provided a list of three topic areas such as “Central America, the US Congress and Climate Change.” While other stories can be included to make time, judging criteria will favor those identified in the round’s prompt.

Extemporaneous Speaking draw

Round 1

You drew at 2:51 PM

Click on a prompt below to select it for Round 1!

[Should the District of Columbia become a U.S. state?](#)

[Should there be any further presidential debates?](#)

[Can Democrats make healthcare policy a meaningful part of the campaign?](#)