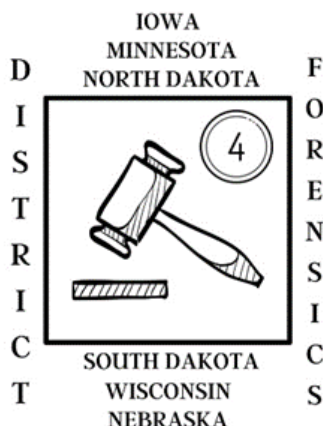


2024 Joel Hefling AFA-NST District IV Qualifying Tournament



This is your official invitation to the 2024 Joel Hefling AFA-NST District IV Spring Qualifying Tournament, to be held synchronously online on Sat. March 2nd, 2024. We are excited to celebrate the successes of the season, qualify individuals for the NST, and prepare for the 2024 AFA-NST, held in our district's home city of Eau Claire, WI! Additional tournament information and Zoom link will be shared with participating teams the week of the tournament.

In addition to competition, we will have an open District IV meeting during the tournament. At that time, we will take nominations for the 2024-2025 D4 Committee and the D4 Student Rep.

ENTRIES

All entries will need to be submitted here, on Speechwire! Entries are due Tuesday, Feb. 27th at 5pm (central time). Any student from an AFA-NST member school WHO HAS NOT QUALIFIED AN EVENT AT-LARGE may enter that event in the district qualifier.

*Each school may enter a maximum of five (5) students per event.

*Students may enter no more than three (3) events per flight pattern.

Pattern A: EXT, DUO, INFO, PERS, POI

Pattern B: ADS, CA, DI, IMP, POE, PRO

FEES

Entry fees are \$8 for each slot entered. Schools should provide one judge for every six slots entered. Each uncovered slot will be charged at \$15 per slot. Fees will be calculated Wednesday, Feb. 28th, at 12pm. ANY changes in entry after this time will incur a \$10.00 drop fee per slot (no fees for drops due to an at-large qualification the week of) and \$50 drop judge fee.

Payments can be made through Zelle or check

Zelle account email:

doaneforensics@doane.edu

Checks payable to: **Doane Forensics**

Mail to:

Jennifer Torres

1014 Boswell Ave.

Crete, NE 68333

MEMBERSHIP FEES

AFA-NST subscription fees must be paid in order for you to enter students into the District IV tournament. If you did not pay the \$30 fee with your Fall Districts registration, a membership fee of \$50 will be added to your Speechwire registration for this tournament.

IN ADDITION, all schools attending the NST must include at least one person on their roster/staff/faculty that is a member of the AFA organization. This is not the NST membership, but membership within the parent organization of the AFA. Membership can be obtained as follows: a) the director/coach can join for \$75 with the journal; b) the director/coach can join for a non-journal membership at \$50; c) any student on the team can join for \$25 as either an undergraduate or graduate. Membership can be paid on the [AFA website](#). Entry into the NST will require the name of the school's AFA member. Failure to provide this information will result in a \$50 fee assessed by the NST in order for the school to attend.

TENTATIVE DISTRICT IV TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

Pattern A: DUO, EXT, INFO, PERS, POI

Pattern B: ADS, CA, DI, IMP, POE, PRO

7:30 Registration

8:00 EXT Draw

8:15 Pattern 1A

9:30 Pattern 1B

10:45 - 11:30 Break for lunch and Open District IV Meeting

11:30 EXT Draw 2A

11:45 Round 2A

1:00 Round 2B

2:15 EXT Draw

2:30 Finals A

4:00 Finals B

Awards ASAP

If entries are smaller, *tentative* alternate schedule:

No Patterns

7:45 Registration

8:15 EXT Draw

8:30 Round 1

9:45 Round 2

11:00 Break for Lunch

11:30 - 12:30 Open District IV Meeting

12:45 Round 3

2:00 Round 4

Awards ASAP

*rounds would be a combination of single section straight-to-finals and preliminary rounds for multi-sectioned events, followed by corresponding elimination rounds.

AFA-NST REQUIRED FORMS AND DISTRICT NOMINATIONS:

AT-LARGE FORMS

Verifying student event qualifications is made on the District level. This is the only legitimate form of verification for at-large entries to the AFA-NST, so it is important. All at-large qualification forms (in Google Drive) must be fully up-to-date by Thursday, Feb. 29th @ 5pm. If you have any additions to the form from tournament results released Friday evening, please email District Chair, [Jennifer Torres](#), as soon as you receive those results.

STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Student verification forms must be completed and emailed to the District Chair no later than Thursday, Feb. 29th @ 5pm. You can find the verification form on the [AFA-NST website](#) - *Please note that it does require your registrar or records office to verify the information, so you will not want to wait until the last minute.*

ANTI-SEXUAL HARASSMENT EDUCATION TRAINING

Every student, judge, and coach that attends the AFA-NST must complete anti-sexual harassment training and sign the Anti-Sexual Harassment Resource Signature Form prior to the 2024 AFA-NST tournament. The AFA-NST committee is making updates to the training and form. New materials and forms will be shared with you as soon as they are available.

DISTRICT IV AWARDS

The Kevin Heineman District Student Award and the Larry Schnoor District IV Distinguished Service nominations must be emailed to the [District Chair](#) Thursday, Feb. 29th @ 5pm. Make sure your team has a voice in nominating up to two individuals for each award (only one can be from your school) by submitting a nomination letter for each nominee.

The Kevin Heineman District Student Award

Each year, an outstanding student from District IV is chosen by their peers to receive recognition as an outstanding member of the regional community in memory of Kevin Heineman, a beloved coach at Hastings College who exemplified the true spirit of competition, excellence, and honor. This award is based on the leadership, fellowship, and sportsmanlike conduct witnessed by the students and coaches of the district throughout the nominee's collegiate career.

Each school may nominate two (2) students (only one can be from your own school). A letter of recommendation justifying the nomination must accompany nominations. **Any student with two or more nominations will be placed on a ballot.** In the case where only one individual is given multiple nominations, that person shall be chosen as the award recipient. Ballots will be cast at the District IV Spring tournament. The recipient will be announced at the awards ceremony.

The Larry Schnoor District IV Distinguished Service Award

This award was created in honor of Professor Schnoor to acknowledge the spirit and service of coaches within the district who, like Professor Schnoor, have shown a dedication to the health,

vitality, and progress of the district, its students and its schools. The award should not be given on the basis of competitive success but on the impact of the individual on the coaches and students of the district through their leadership, interaction, and service.

Each member school may nominate two (2) coaches (faculty or graduate assistants) from the district. Only one nomination may be for a coach from the nominating school. A letter of recommendation justifying the nomination must accompany nominations. **Any individual with two or more nominations will be placed on a ballot.** In the case where only one individual is given multiple nominations, that person shall be chosen as the award recipient. Each school will have one vote. Ballots will be cast at the District IV tournament. The recipient will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Past Larry Schnoor District IV Distinguished Service Award Winners

1999	Tom Workman	2010	Kittie Grace
2000	Joel Hefling	2011	Kris Kracht
2001	Susan Collie	2012	Abbie Syrek
2002	John Nash	2013	Brian Klosa
2003	Dan Cronn-Mills	2014	Aaron Duncan
2004	Karen Morris	2015	Megan Orcholski
2005	Mark Fokken	2016	David Brennan
2006	Kelly Jo Wright	2019	Andrea Carlile
2007	Penni Pier	2020	Nathaniel Wilson
2008	Leah White	2022	Aaron Blackman
2009	Deano Pape	2023	Julie Walker

ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Criteria and forms for nomination to the AFA-NST All-American Team can be found on the [AFA-NST website](#) and were sent with this invite via a D4 listserv email. ***Please note: the AFA-NST committee has removed the limitation of only 2 nominations per team. Teams may now submit more than 2 student nominations for All-American. All files are due to district committee member, [Andrea Carlile](#) by 5pm, Thursday, Feb. 29th. **Please make the subject line “ALL-AMERICAN NOMINATION: [LAST NAME]**. On the Nomination Process attachment, please take note of all materials that need to be submitted, including official transcripts directly from the nominee’s institution.

DEADLINES RECAP

Tuesday Feb. 27th, 5pm

Entries for District IV Qualifying Tournament
Submit on Speechwire

Thursday Feb. 29th, 5pm

All-American nomination packets due.

Email to:

[Andrea Carlile](#)

Award Nominations due:

Kevin Heineman District Student Award

Larry Schnoor Distinguished Service Award

(for each award, two nominations are needed to get on the ballot)

Email to:

[District Chair](#)

AFA-NST At-Large Forms due

Update your forms on Google Drive.

Student Verification Forms due

Email to:

[District Chair](#)

We look forward to seeing you all on March 2nd!

Your 2023-2024 District IV Committee

DISTRICT IV COMMITTEE

Jennifer Torres	D4 Chair Doane University Crete, NE
Chris Outzen	D4 Vice-Chair University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Eau Claire, WI
Thomas Muscha	D4 Committee Member University of North Dakota Grand Forks, ND
Amanda VonGoodrich	D4 Committee Member University of Nebraska-Omaha Omaha, NE
Andrea Carlile	D4 Committee Member South Dakota State University Brookings, SD
Darren Valenta	D4 Committee Member Concordia College Moorhead, MN
Austin McDonald	D4 Committee Member Hastings College Hastings, NE
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