Greetings Friends,

Welcome to the National Championship Tournament hosted by Pi Kappa Delta at Ohio University! We are so excited to have you in Athens! Get your green out, because the theme of the tournament this year is appropriately St. Patrick’s Day!

If you haven’t already started following us on Instagram, you can find us at ou\_pkd25.

Also, please share the link to our Linktree - <https://linktr.ee/pkd2025ou> You will find links to Quiet Spaces on Campus, Single Use Bathrooms, Warm-up Rooms, as well as Restaurant Guide. You will also find links to walking tours to the buildings we are using for the tournament. There is also an electronic version of a map with the buildings we are using clearly marked. Students and coaches will also receive a paper copy of the map during registration. You will find links to the Athens Visitors Bureau Guide as well as a fascinating app called Invisible Ground (check it out).

For PKD Nationals, COMS 4050 have been assisting with planning the tournament. You will see these students in green shirts and are there to help in any way possible.

Please review everything in this email to help you prepare for the tournament. Please share this email with your students and judges. Feel free to email should you have any additional questions.

**A couple of IMPORTANT announcements:**

**Finalized Entries/Fee Statements**

Now that the waitlist has cleared, invoices and entries should be up-to-date. Please check the invoices on Speechwire prior to registration on Thursday. We will have a printed copy available to receive payment. If you need any accommodations in setting up payment, please contact Dr. Adam Blood at ablood@uwf.edu.

Additionally, if you have not done so, please complete the code of conduct by following the link on the info page of Speechwire and on the invitation. There should be one completed form for every school participating in this year's tournament.

**Video & Resume Uploads**

ALL submission must be received no later than March 13, 2025 by 6:00am EST. No late videos will be accepted.

**Registration & Information Table**

Registration will be located in **Baker Center 2nd Floor**

On Thursday, the judges meeting will be located in the Baker Theater on the 2nd floor of Baker Center. The student caucus will be located in the Baker Ballroom on the 4th floor of Baker Center.

On the 2nd floor of Baker Center you will also find Visual Aid Check, a minor emergency table, a Tech Table to help answer any tech related questions, as well as a charging station.

**A help desk is available to you all weekend as well located on the second floor of the Baker Center. You can visit the help desk in-person or contact them via email at** **pkdhelpdesk@gmail.com** **or by phone at** (740) 300-1669‬.

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.”

**Tournament Logistics**

Buildings will not open until 7 am – including Baker Center. Each team has been assigned a warm-up room. You can find your designated location here <https://linktr.ee/pkd2025ou>.

**Extemp & Debate Prep**

Extemp Prep as well as Debate prep will be located in the 4th floor Baker Ballroom. On Sunday, prep will MOVE to Baker 240/242 (we need the Ballroom for postings and awards set up).

**Food**

**Baker**

Thursday and Friday – West 82 will be open during lunch hours located on the 1st floor of Baker.

Thursday to Sunday – The Front Room will be open. Saturday and Sunday, The Front Room will offer more Grab and Go options.

**Uptown**

There are a lot of options near campus.

**Parking Instructions** – Baker Surface Lot 122 (off the 1st floor of Baker Center) This parking lot is reserved for the national tournament.

**Grad Fair –** You will find tables with graduate program information on the 4th floor of Baker Center.

**Passion Works Table on 2nd floor on Saturday:** During our regular season tournament, Ohio University’s trophies are from Passion Works. Passion Works is a non-profit organization in Athens. According to their website, “Passion Works creates opportunities for all people to explore and socially connect through the process of making art. We follow the aesthetic lead, talents, and interests of people with developmental differences and support collaborations to encourage vibrant and inclusive communities. We upcycle otherwise discarded materials and produce environmentally responsible items. No voice, no resource, and no region are abandoned as the studio fosters purpose, connection, and belonging.”

**Postings**

Postings for Quarterfinals will be viewable on Instagram and Speechwire.

Postings for Semifinals and Finals will be viewable in the Baker Ballroom, on Instagram and on Speechwire.

**Final Rounds – Video Taping**

We will be video taping competitors during all of the final rounds (upon the consent of each competitor).

**Awards**

Awards will be in the Baker Ballroom on the 4th floor. During awards, Baker 240/242 is designated as a quiet space to watch awards. Awards will be livestreamed for the quiet room as well as for teams that leave before awards or for alumni to watch from home.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

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