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October 2025

## Seminar Series: The Activities Advisors' Mastermind with Joel Hilchey

Being an activities advisor can feel lonely; nobody else in your school really gets what you do. But you're not alone! In this surprisingly powerful, 1-hour facilitated Zoom seminar, you'll find insights on your specific "dealing with it right now problems."



**Wed., Oct. 8, 2025**

**Sign Up Here:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/\\_5foFOUSUQ0Kk5eUSH\\_gooQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/_5foFOUSUQ0Kk5eUSH_gooQ)

## Scholarship Opportunities

**DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**You Could Be a Daniels Scholar!**



**What does it mean to be a Daniels Scholar?**

The Daniels Scholarship Program helps make college possible for motivated students like you. We're looking for students with great potential, strong character, big dreams, and values that align with the man behind it all, Bill Daniels. Daniels Scholars are America's next generation of leaders, persevering through life's challenges and committed to making a difference in the world around them. They are free and entrepreneurial thinkers who are proud of this country, their community and work hard to improve it.

Sound like you? Then apply to join an incredible community of over 5,000 Daniels Scholars and alumni across the country. [Learn more at danielsfund.org/scholarships](https://danielsfund.org/scholarships)

**Apply online September 16 – October 18**  
Applications must be submitted by 4:00 PM MDT at [danielsfund.org](https://danielsfund.org)

**What does the scholarship cover?**

As a Daniels Scholar, your full cost of attendance (COA) is covered at partner schools within Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.\* If you attend a school outside our 4-state region, you can receive up to \$25,000 a year depending on financial need.

Funds can be used towards:

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Books and supplies
- Other educational expenses

You will also receive a laptop computer and support before, during, and after college!

\*\$2,500 annually for schools within 4-state region outside of partnership agreement.



For more information, visit [danielsfund.org](https://danielsfund.org)  
Questions about The Daniels Scholarship Program?  
Scholarship@danielsfund.org  
877.646.3139 TOLL FREE.

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**THE BOETTCHER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!**

**APPLICATION CLOSING NOV. 1 AT 5 PM**

**The National Association of Student Councils**



Watch on **YouTube**

**NASC Scholarship**

The National Association of Student Councils (NASC) Scholarship program recognizes high school juniors and seniors who embody the core tenets of NASC: leadership, service, student voice, and engagement. This year, we are awarding \$212,500 to students with a strong record of leadership in their school's student council — \$1,500 to 75 finalists and \$10,000 to 10 national winners.

## The Pulse: Your Monthly Activities Connection



**“Stay in rhythm with The Pulse – monthly updates, Q&A, and key info for CHSAA Activities Directors.”**

Stay connected and in the know with The Pulse – a 30-minute monthly Zoom for CHSAA Activities Directors, hosted by the Assistant Commissioner for Activities. Each session provides updates on everything from state championships and student conferences to guidance on CHSAA Bylaws and State Statutes. It's also a chance to get your questions answered and hear what's happening across our schools. **Join us the first Thursday of every month at 8:00 AM.** Click the link below to access the calendar dates and Zoom link.

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

# Debate in a Box



Debate in a Box is a twelve-week program that supports new debaters and coaches by combining skill development, practice, and competition around the annual national policy debate topic. The scaffolded curriculum builds foundational knowledge, research, argumentation, and strategic thinking.

Aligned with NFHS, NSDA, and NDCA standards, the program is turn-key for schools. Coaches with little or no debate experience can easily implement it using the provided materials, while novice students gain full support in learning core debate skills.

By introducing policy debate in an accessible way, Debate in a Box helps schools build sustainable programs, engage students with real-world issues, and highlight the educational value of debate.

[Weekly Lesson Plans](#)

[Coach Handbook](#)

[12-Week Instructional Program](#)

[Other Resources](#)

## Friends of CHSAA



**Special Olympics**  
Colorado



[Colorado Event Productions](#)

## CHSAA to Host “The Mic Is Yours: Every Story Counts”

We are proud to announce **The Mic Is Yours: Every Story Counts**, a TED-style event taking place on November 12, at the DCSD Legacy Campus.

This unique event invites high school leadership advisers, coaches, mentors, and teachers to step onto the stage and share their stories and insights on leadership, wellness, student engagement, inclusion, and community impact. Designed to inspire, foster innovation, and highlight best practices, this event offers a powerful platform to elevate the voices of those guiding Colorado’s student leaders.

If you would like to be a presenter, we encourage you to prepare a talk, sign up, and be ready to share your story. Registration includes a light breakfast, lunch, supplies, and a special gift.

For questions or more information, please contact Marisa Tenorio ([mtenorio@chsaa.org](mailto:mtenorio@chsaa.org)).

More information is also available by clicking on the links below.

[Conference Details](#)

[Conference Registration](#)

[Presenter Application](#)



# Outstanding Educator Award: Speech & Debate and Music

Both Middle School and High  
School Educators are Eligible.



The NFHS Outstanding Music Educator and Outstanding Speech & Debate and Music Educator awards honor exceptional high school educators who create lasting impact through their programs and embody the highest standards of education-based participation.

If you know a deserving educator, please submit nominations to CHSAA by **November 1**, for consideration.

[Outstanding Music Educator](#)

[Outstanding Speech & Debate Educator](#)



## Colorado Music Educators Conference Information

**The 2026 CMEA Clinic/Conference will be held January 28–31, 2026 at The Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.** This annual event brings together music educators, students, and professionals across Colorado and beyond—representing all levels from elementary through college—with a focus on clinics, workshops, performances, and professional development.

Topics and sessions will cover a broad array of music education needs, including instrumental pedagogy (woodwinds, brass, percussion, strings), general and classroom music, inclusive practices, new technologies (including AI), accessibility for students with special needs, and curriculum planning.

Attendees will also have opportunities to present, to participate in honor performing groups, and to explore an exhibitor hall filled with resources and tools for their programs.

[CMEA Clinic/Conference Registration](#)

## 2025 National Conference on Student Activities

We are looking forward to the 53rd annual National Conference on Student Activities (NCSA), which will be held the weekend of December 5–7, 2025 in Grand Rapids, Michigan!

YOU are invited to join us for a unique conference that brings together the Advocates, Advisors, Administrators, and Allies of Student Activities for a weekend of learning, networking, and fun!

After NCSA 2025, you'll be inspired – and equipped – to make the most significant difference possible in the lives of your students, colleagues, and members of your school community!



[Conference Schedule](#)

[Conference Video](#)

[Registration Link](#)