



August 1, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Vanguard Debate Society, I am excited to invite your program to the campus of Arkansas State University – Beebe September 21-22, 2018 for the Vanguard Forensics & Debate Tournament.

The tournament will be open to any interested junior & high school forensics & debate programs seeking competition in policy debate (CX), Lincoln-Douglas debate (LD), public debate (IPDA), public forum debate (PF), congressional debate (CD), dramatic interpretation (DI), humorous interpretation (HI), duo interpretation (DUO), domestic extemporaneous speaking (USX), international extemporaneous speaking (IX), original oratory (OO), informative speaking (INF), program of oral interpretation (POI), impromptu speaking (IMP), prose (PRO), poetry (POE), storytelling (ST), improvised duet acting (IDA), reader's theatre (RT), and words and music (WM); offering sweepstakes awards in high school and junior high school divisions.

The Vanguard Tournament is a sanctioned tournament under Arkansas Communication & Theatre Arts Association (ACTAA) where competitors will be provided the opportunity to qualify for the Arkansas State Forensics & Debate Championship tournament.

With the combined offering of NSDA & ACTAA forensic events and various debate formats, the tournament will feature two (2) preliminary rounds of NSDA forensic events (DI, HI, DUO, USX, IX, OO, INF, POI, & IMP) in Pattern A on Friday, two (2) preliminary rounds of ACTAA forensic events (PRO, POE, ST, IDA, RT & WM) in Pattern B on Saturday, and three (3) preliminary rounds/sessions of debate (CX, LD, IPDA, PF, & CD). Registration will begin Tuesday, August 21, 2018.

The tournament will be hosted on Tabroom, a service of NSDA, at vanguard.tabroom.com. Teams will be required to setup an account in Tabroom to register for the tournament. Programs are encouraged to setup accounts for their judges and competitors to receive updates via email/text on assignments and other tournament communication. Along with the tournament schedule, pre-tournament updates, breaks, and post-tournament reports will be posted on this site.

The tournament will be headquartered in Dr. Eugene McKay Student Center (610 N Pecan Street Beebe, AR 72023); where registration, debate prep, and tabulation will be hosted.

We hope to offer you a fun and educational weekend of forensic competition.

Yours for better discourse,

Zackery Tucker
Vanguard Debate Society, Director
Arkansas State University – Beebe



VANGUARD FORENSICS & DEBATE TOURNAMENT FORENSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, September 21, 2018

- 2:30PM-3:30PM: Registration
- 3:30PM: Pattern A – Round 1 Draw (USX & IX)
- 4:00PM: Pattern A – Round 1 (DI, HI, DUO, OO, INF, POI, & IMP)
- 6:00PM: Pattern A – Round 2 Draw (USX & IX)
- 6:30PM: Pattern A – Round 2 (DI, HI, DUO, OO, INF, POI, & IMP)
- 8:30PM: Pattern A – Semifinals Draw (USX & IX)
- 9:00PM: Pattern A – Semifinals (DI, HI, DUO, OO, INF, POI, & IMP)

Saturday, September 22, 2018

- 7:30AM: Pattern A – Finals Draw (USX & IX)
Pattern B – Round 1 Draw (IDA)
- 8:00AM: Pattern A – Finals (DI, HI, DUO, OO, INF, POI, & IMP)
Pattern B – Round 1 (PRO, POE & ST)
- 10:00AM: Pattern B – Round 2 Draw (IDA)
- 10:30AM: Pattern B – Round 2 (PRO, POE & ST)
- 12:30PM: Pattern B – Semifinals Draw (IDA)
- 1:00PM: Pattern B – Semifinals (PRO, POE & ST)
- 2:30PM: Pattern B – Finals Draw (IDA)
- 3:00PM: Pattern B – Finals (PRO, POE & ST)
- 4:00PM: Award Ceremony



VANGUARD FORENSICS & DEBATE TOURNAMENT DEBATE EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, September 21, 2018

- 2:30PM-3:30PM: Registration
- 3:30PM: Round 1 Draw (IPDA)
- 4:00PM: Round 1 (CX, LD, & PF)
- 5:00PM: Round 2 Draw (IPDA)
- 5:30PM: Round 2 (CX, LD, & PF)
- 8:00PM: Round 3 Draw (IPDA)
- 8:30PM: Round 3 (CX, LD, & PF)

Saturday, September 22, 2018

- 7:30AM: Quarterfinals Draw (IPDA)
- 8:00AM: Quarterfinals (CX, LD, & PF)
Congressional Debate Session I
- 9:30AM: Semifinals Draw (IPDA)
- 10:00AM: Semifinals (CX, LD, & PF)
- 10:30AM: Congressional Debate Session II
- 12:00PM: Finals Draw (IPDA)
- 12:30PM: Finals (CX, LD, & PF)
- 1:00PM: Congressional Debate Super-session



2018 VANGUARD FORENSICS & DEBATE TOURNAMENT INVITATION DOCUMENT

1. AWARDS.

Awards shall be presented to **all participants who advance to elimination rounds of competition**, the **top five (6) speakers** in each division of debate, **top six (6) participants** in congressional debate final session, and **sweepstakes** in forensics and debate. The **top three (3) programs [forensics, debate, and overall combined competition]** shall receive awards for sweepstakes.

2. SWEEPSTAKES CALCULATIONS.

Sweepstakes awards will be recognized for earning the most total culmination of points earned by each competitor of a program for the respective sweepstakes. Sweepstakes points will be earned following matrix established by the Arkansas State Forensics & Debate Championship tournament.

3. TIEBREAKING.

Debate: For determining competitors **advancing** to elimination rounds in debate, tiebreaking will be determined on high/low adjusted speaker points, then the total number of wins in that event, and then the number of total speaker points.

Forensics: For determining competitors **advancing** to elimination rounds in debate, tiebreaking will be determined on high/low adjusted ranks, then reciprocal scores, and then reciprocal scores high/low adjusted ranks.

Speaker Awards: For determining **speaker awards** in individual debate, tiebreaking will be determined on high/low adjusted speaker points and then total speaker points.

Sweepstakes: For determining sweepstakes, tiebreaking will be determined on the number of competitors advancing to elimination rounds, then sweepstakes points earned pre-elimination round win percentage in that event.

4. JUDGES.

In debate, each program must provide one (1) judge for every four (4) debate entries. In forensics, each program must provide one (1) judge for every ten (10) entries. Programs not provided enough judges will be charged an uncovered judges fee. All judges are obligated to judge one (1) round beyond the elimination of their program.

5. TOURNAMENT FEES.

Entry Fee: Programs will be charged \$10.00 for each individual competitor entry, \$20.00 for each uncovered individual competitor entry, \$20.00 for each team debate entry, \$30.00 for each uncovered team debate entry and \$25.00 group event entry.

Change Fees: Any drops or changes after 4:00PM Tuesday, September 18, 2018 will be charged a processing fee of \$5.00 per alteration. Any drops or changes made on the day of the tournament will be charged a processing fee of \$15.00 per alteration.

6. ENTRY DEADLINE.

All entries must be received by 4:00PM Tuesday, September 18, 2018. Tournament entries should be made through Tabroom, vanguard.tabroom.com. First and last names of all competitors must be used when entering registration. All entries must be entered in the correct formats of debate, which they are to compete at registration.

7. ENTRY CONFIRMATION.

Entries are expected to be verified by the program before the start of the tournament by reviewing the entry on Tabroom, vanguard.tabroom.com.

8. IPDA DEBATE.

The tournament will offer both individual and team formats of IPDA debate and will follow the rules of the International Public Debate Association. Programs should visit ipdadebate.info to review more information on time format(s) rules of evidence, style guide, and other needed guidance.

9. NSDA EVENTS.

The tournament will offer policy debate (CX), Lincoln-Douglas debate (LD), public forum debate (PF), congressional debate (CD), dramatic interpretation (DI), humorous interpretation (HI), duo interpretation (DUO), domestic extemporaneous speaking (USX), international extemporaneous speaking (IX), original oratory (OO), informative speaking (INF), program of oral interpretation (POI), impromptu speaking (IMP), and will follow the rules of the National Speech and Debate Association. Programs should visit speechanddebate.org to review more information on time formats, rules of evidence, style guide, and other needed guidance found in the Uniform High School Manual.

10. NSDA CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE.

Competitors will be divided equally into a House and Senate. Each section will meet in two (2) pre-elimination sessions, which will last two (2) hours each. Competitors will elect a presiding officer to chair the session. Competitors are recognized to speak taking affirmative and negative sides on bills provided by the tournament two (2) weeks before the tournament. Competitors are individually scored for each speech given, and ranked by individually by a panel of three (3) judges. The top six (6) competitors of each section will advance to a final elimination session.

11. ACTAA EVENTS.

The tournament will offer prose (PRO), poetry (POE), storytelling (ST), improvised duet acting (IDA), reader's theatre (RT), and words and music (WM) and will follow the rules of the Arkansas Communication & Theatre Arts Association. Programs should visit actaa.info to review more information on time formats, rules of evidence, style guide, and other needed guidance.

12. TABROOM AUDIT.

Before debate breaks are advanced, ballot entries will be audited by tab staff using Tabroom. To provide an extra layer of accuracy, during the tournament, ballots

will be made available in the coaches lounge and scanned copies of ballots will be emailed to coaches for external reconciliation of results published live at vanguard.tabroom.com. Coaches are encouraged to reconcile their team's ballots during the preliminary rounds, and provide findings to the tabroom as any discrepancies are found for correcting.

13. TOURNAMENT ACCESSIBILITY.

The tournament will make every effort to attempt to honor any reasonable accommodation request made to ensure an equitable and quality educational competition environment. Requests for competitors or judges should be made by the coach to the tournament director directly, zatucker@asub.edu.

ADA Accessibility. Each building used during the tournament has accessible entries designated on a map provided by the tournament. Accessible rooms have been identified in each building and will be used prioritizing competitors registered for need of ADA room.

Gender-neutral Restrooms. Gender-neutral restrooms have been identified in each building, including the second floor restroom in the Student Center, the third floor restroom in the Science Building, the restroom in the University Center, and the north restrooms in the Owen Center.

Food allergies. The tournament will offer concessions to competitors to purchase food on-site during the tournament. Food offered for sale will include nachos, pizza, assorted candy (no peanuts), and assorted bags of chips.

14. HOSPITALITY.

During the tournament meals will be provided to judges and volunteer staff in a designated Judges Lounge (John Deere Room on the second floor of the Student Center). A light dinner will be provided Friday and lunch on Saturday. Snacks and coffee will be available throughout the day.

15. CONDUCT.

All programs and their staff, competitors, and volunteers participate at the invitation of Arkansas State University – Beebe, according to its university policies and tournament rules, as well as any rules of their sponsoring institutions. As a sectioned event, the tournament shall abide by the rules and norms of the Arkansas Communication & Theatre Arts Association.

16. AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDING.

All rounds (defined as the speeches of the participants) are open to registered tournament participants and may be electronically recorded for private educational use by tournament participants (registered coaches, debaters and helpers, and ASUB tournament staff) only. Public distribution of such recordings is expressly prohibited unless prior written consent of all people on the recording is obtained and unless prior written consent of the Arkansas State University – Beebe is obtained.



LOCAL HOTELS

BEEBE HOTELS	SEARCY HOTELS	CABOT HOTELS
Days Inn Beebe	La Quinta Inn & Suites	Days Inn & Suites
Knights Inn Beebe	Holiday Inn Express	Super 8
Budget Inn	Hampton Inn	Quality Inn
Economy Inn	Best Western Plus	American Best Value Inn
	Quality Inn & Suites	
	Microtel Inn & Suites	

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

RECOMMENDED		
Kandela Grill, Mexican 1204 N Main St	Suttle's Roadhouse BBQ 2008 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Bee Aye (Hibachi Truck) Dewitt Henry & Pecan
Rise & Grind (coffee) 1129 Dewitt Henry Dr	Casa Mojitos, Mexican 1911 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Roper's Restaurant
Health Nut 1705 W Dewitt Henry Dr		
OTHER		
China Buffet 1703 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Waffle House 2200 W Center St	Pizza Pro 1900 W Dewitt Henry Dr
Sonic Drive-In 1506 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Taco Bell 2417 W Center St	Hardee's 21 US-64
Simple Simon's 1650 W Dewitt Henry Dr	Subway 1709 W Dewitt Henry Dr 2003 W Center (Walmart)	Sawbuck's Neighbrhd Grill 1901 W Dewitt Henry Dr
McDonald's 2415 W Center St	Pizza Hut 2047 W Center St	

DIRECTIONS

From Highway 67/167 take exit 29 to head east on North Pecan Street. After crossing Dewitt Henry Drive, the McKay Student Center is the first left.