

The logo features the letters 'P', 'L', and 'D' in a stylized, overlapping, 3D font with a red and white color scheme. To the right of the letters, the year '2021' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below '2021', the words 'Virtual Fall Classic' are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Dear Forensics Family:

You are cordially invited to the Paul Laurence Dunbar Virtual Fall Classic Invitational Speech Tournament! We look forward to having you join us ONLINE asynchronously on Monday November 8 - Saturday November 13 for speech judging and synchronously Saturday, November 13th for Debate competition. Although our team values and misses the learning and community development that occurs during live competition, out of an abundance of caution for the safety of our participants due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, our tournament will be held online through NSDA Campus. As a reflection of our team values we will be engaging in a new learning activity to promote community and learning. This year, in addition to regular competition rounds, we will also be holding a series of “Collaborate, Learn, and Listen” sessions on Saturday November 13 in which at least 2 events will be viewed and discussed. Please see below for further details. Thank you for planning to compete and learn with us. We look forward to hosting you this year and welcoming you back to our campuses in the fall of 2022.

Platform

We will be using NSDA Campus for competition. Speech preliminary and final rounds will be prerecorded and judged asynchronously while all debate rounds will be held live. All competitors and judges will need to have registered Tabroom.com, NSDA accounts, and have technology available to effectively compete in or judge rounds. Competitors AND judges must have access to a camera and microphone in order to participate in the tournament.

Entries

Teams may have unlimited entries, however only the top three scores in each event will count towards sweepstakes. Speech students may enter in up to 4 speech events. Debaters may enter up to 3 speech events as well as 1 debate event. **ENTRY DEADLINE is 11 pm Eastern on Friday November 5, 2021.** Adds will be allowed based on space left in rounds and judging quota. Substitutions are free. You may make substitutions and drop students online until Monday, November 8th at 8:00 pm EST, as well as upload any video links until then.

EVENTS

We will be offering all KHSSL speech and debate events. All events will follow the competition rules established by the Kentucky High School Speech League. More information about competition guidelines can be found in the [Kentucky High School Speech League handbook](#) and at [the official KHSSL website](#). Also, please take time to review the [KHSSL ratings guidelines](#) as you prepare both your students and judges for competition.

Speech Events

All Speech Events will be judged asynchronously using pre recorded performances. Teams will submit one video link per entry that will be used for the entire tournament. Students' recordings should include the entire view of the student with good sound and lighting in the performance. The recording device should be stationary for the entire performance. Students in duo events should perform and record performances in separate spaces. Please ensure that YouTube links are marked unlisted, and if using Google Drive, Dropbox, etc. permissions are set so that anyone with the link can view. All event recordings are due in Tabroom by Monday, November 8th at 8pm EST.

Limited Prep

Limited Prep prompts released to coaches on Sunday, November 7th at noon EST. Registration and performances are due by Monday, November 8th at 8pm EST. Students and coaches should respect the integrity and prep time rules for this event. Performances should be recorded once and utilize only the amount of prep time reserved per event rules. Impromptu and Improv prep must be recorded. Broadcasting will be competing using a prepared script for all rounds. Students' recordings should include the entire view of the student with good sound and lighting in the performance. The recording device should be stationary for the entire performance.

Debate

Debate events will be held synchronously online November 13. Entries are due Monday November 8 @8:00pm EST. Schools may submit 1-3 bills utilizing the NSDA format/template for consideration. Bills must be sent to neomia.hagans@uky.edu by Friday November 5 @8:00pm EST. PLD will be allowing its students to participate in competition as judging and space allows. PLD students will not be eligible to earn sweepstakes points or earn team awards.

JUDGES ENTRY

All judges should be familiar with KHSSL rules and ballots, and are expected to be in the judge pool during rounds where they are not explicitly scheduled. **ALL JUDGES MUST HAVE A TABROOM.COM ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO BE PLACED ON YOUR JUDGING ROSTER.** All judges will be considered for all events and all rounds in the pool in which they are registered (speech, debate, or congress) and should be prepared for competition accordingly. All debate judges are asked to be present at the judge roll call Saturday morning.

Teams are required to provide 1 judge for every 6 entries into the competition. 6 entries = one judge, 7 entries = 2 judges, etc. Debate events must provide 1 judge for every 2 entries or fraction thereof. **Schools must provide at least one judge in speech if their students are competing in speech events and 1 judge in debate events if their students are competing in debate.** In the event you cannot provide the required number of judges, you may hire up to 2 judges for \$30 each.

Cost

School fee = \$10

Single entries = \$6

Double entries = \$12 (PF, CX, Duo Interp, Duo Improv)

Entry drops/adds after deadline = \$10 single/\$20 double

Unfulfilled judge burden = \$30 per judge

Judge drops = \$50

Judge no-show = \$30 per round

AWARDS

We will be presenting medals for the top six performers in each speech event and for the top four entries in all debate events. We will be offering separate debate (LD/PF/Congress), speech (IE), and overall combined sweepstakes awards. Plaques will be awarded to the top 3 schools in each. Awards will be mailed to schools upon completion of the tournament and collection of fees.

“Collaborate, Learn, and Listen” Sessions

In order to promote learning and community during this continuing pandemic, we will be hosting at least 2 sessions entitled “Collaborate, Learn, and Listen”. These sessions will take place on Saturday November 13 during debate competition (see schedule below). The featured events will be from a variety of performance types and will be disclosed on Friday along with finals postings. Students and coaches will be able to cast a vote for the events that they would most like to see. During these sessions the final rounds of the selected events will be viewed and discussed by experienced judges and coaches within the speech and debate community. There will also be a brief tutorial about the event as well as judging and performance tips. Judging of these events will have been completed prior to the sessions beginning.

These learning sessions will be open to all competitors, judges, and coaches and the official judging will occur with pre recorded performances prior to the sessions start.

SCHEDULE

Please note that this schedule is tentative and may change based upon entries.

SPEECH EVENTS	DEBATE EVENTS
Friday November 5 at 8:00pm EST - All entries due.	Friday November 5 at 8:00pm EST - Congress Legislation and all entries due.
Sunday Nov 7 at 12:00pm EST - Limited Prep prompts released to coaches	Saturday November 13
Monday Nov 8 at 8:00pm EST - All Entry video recordings due	8:00am EST- Debate Registration/Check In
Tuesday November 9 - Thursday November 11 @ 6:00 pm EST - Round 1-3 Judging	8:30am EST - Debate Opening Meeting
Friday November 12 @ 4:00 pm ET - Speech Finals Announcement	9:00am EST - Debate Judges Roll Call (All Judges should be present)
Saturday November 13	9:30am EST - Rd 1 Debate & Congress
10:00am EST - CLLSession 1 - Event TBA	11:00am EST - Rd 2 Debate & Congress
12:30pm EST - CLL Session 2 - Event TBA	12:30pm EST - Break
4:00pm EST - CLL Session 3 - Event TBA	1:30pm EST - Rd 3 Debate & Congress
7:30pm EST - Awards	3:30pm EST - Round 4/Semi Finals Debate & Congress Finals
	5:30pm EST- Round 5/FinalsDebate
	7:30pm EST - Awards

ALL ALL TEAMS ARE TO REGISTER ONLINE AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: <http://pld.tabroom.com/>

Payment

Invoices will be sent by email by the close of or shortly after the close of the invitational.

Make Check payable to : PLD Speech and Debate

Mail to: ATTN: Neomia Hagans Flores
 PLD Speech & Debate
 1600 Man O War BLVD
 Lexington, KY 40513

We look forward to being together with you and your students soon!

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