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Forensics University Spring Classic

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The 4n6U team is pleased to invite you to a tournament to be held **asynchronously the weekend of March 16, 2023**. This invitational will be running a variety of events as an opportunity for teams to prep for nats, or just try out something new.

Tournament Highlights:

- Speech competition with divisions for elementary, middle, and high school students
- NO LIMIT on the number of events a student can simultaneously compete in to encourage trying a new event or genre
- Deep judging pool of alumni competitors
- Award Certificates for both individual student accomplishments and team sweepstakes

Registration takes place directly on TabRoom.com, where the tournament is called the **Forensics University Spring Classic**. We welcome any questions regarding the tournament so feel free to reach out if you need an answer about something. We hope to see your team in November!

ABOUT US

Forensics University was started almost a decade ago as a way to give back to the community through free resources and ideas to help coaches, students, and parents. This site is completely donation run, with no advertisements to shift the focus from education. Anyone interested in being a contributor, whether to simply volunteer, or for a resume addition, the website is 4n6U.org and the application form is right on the site. Any profit made from this tournament will go towards both expenses of running the website so that the content can stay free and accessible to all as well as team scholarships for those teams looking to begin their process, who have had their budgets shortened by administrations, or huge shifts in a school districts economic status. Scholarships applications are submitted through the website and email.

Thanks for all you do,

The volunteer staff of Forensics University.

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4n6U.org

Tournament Specifics

Date: March 16-18, 2023

Location: Tabroom, via submitted recorded video performance
NSDA Campus

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 9am PST/noon EST

Method of Registration: Tabroom.com

Name on Tabroom: Forensics University Fall Classic

Multiple Entry: No cap on number of events a student may enter

Payment: Venmo: @forensicsU

- Processing fees on Venmo are 1.9%. If paying by Venmo, please email 4n6University@gmail.com to have a 1.9% credit card processing fee added to your tabroom invoice prior to paying.

Check or money order to:

Forensics University

2 Concord Drive

Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

Cost: \$18 School Fee (Covers entry into Team Sweepstakes)
\$11 per individual speech entry
\$150 per hired judge

Drop Fees: \$9 per entry After Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 9pm PST
\$200 per dropped judge after Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Each judge covers: Up to and including 5 slots in speech events. All judges need a linked Tabroom account.

*new programs or those in need of financial scholarship, please email 4n6University.com for a scholarship application form.

Divisions: High School: 9-12th grade
Middle School: 6-8th grade
Elementary School: 5th grade or below

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The Events

<u>High School</u>	<u>Middle School</u>	<u>Elementary School</u>
Broadcasting	Broadcasting	Broadcasting
Declamation/Oratorical Interpretation	Declamation/Oratorical Interpretation	Declamation
Dramatic Interpretation	Dramatic Interpretation	Duo Interpretation
Duo Interpretation	Duo Interpretation	Prepared Prompt Speaking (Sometimes called Impromptu)
Extemporaneous Speaking	Expository	Informative
Humorous Interpretation	Extemporaneous Speaking	Persuasive
Prepared Prompt Speaking (sometimes called Impromptu)	Humorous Interpretation	Poetry
Informative Speaking/Expository	Prepared Prompt Speaking (Sometimes called Impromptu)	Storytelling
Original Oratory	Original Oratory	
Poetry	Poetry	
Program Oral Interpretation/Thematic Interpretation	Prose	
Prose	Storytelling	
Extemp Commentary	Extemp Commentary	

Limited Prep Events:

Students are expected to adhere to all time limits, just as if they were in person. **Prepared**

Prompt competitors do not need to record their prep time.

Extemp competitors do not need to record their prep time.

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Extemp Commentary competitors do not need to record their prep time.

Broadcasting competitors should submit a Prepared News Broadcast performance.

Broadcasting rules (same for High School, Middle School, and Elementary School): The students will create a prepared news script using recent material. The contestants may find material in AP script (available at local television stations), newspapers, internet sites, etc. Each contestant must compose/prepare his/her own scripts. The **three-minute** time limit in the round must be observed (there is a 5 second grace period), with a minimum time length of 2:30. A brief commercial (15 seconds – suggested length) must be included in the broadcast. Contestants must present all of the copy as it appears in the script. An introduction and sign-off are required.

Duo Interpretation (same for all divisions): students are permitted to perform from the same room or two separate rooms, at student, coach, and school discretion.

High School Declamation, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Original Oratory, Poetry, Program Oral Interpretation, and Prose: a maximum of ten minutes with a thirty second grace. A contestant who does not fall within the time limit cannot be ranked first in the round.

High School Extemp: 30 minute prep time, 7 minute speaking time limit with a 30 second grace

Prepared Prompt Speaking: Speaking time limit of five minutes with a thirty second grace.

Declamation: Middle School and Elementary Time limits including introduction have no minimum but a maximum of five minutes.

Students submit a **Single Video** which will be included in all their rounds including out rounds. That single video will be submitted by the coaches via tabroom.

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Tentative Schedule - All times in PST

Registration Locked	Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9am PST
Videos due to tournament	Wednesday, March 15, 2022 4pm PST
Preliminary Rounds for all events	Thursday, March 16 and Friday, March 17
Postings for Semi-Final and Final Rounds	Evening of Friday, March 17, 2023
Semi-Final rounds	Evening of Friday, March 17 and Morning of Saturday, March 18, 2023
Finals for all events	Saturday, March 18, 2023
Awards Announced	Evening of Saturday, March 18, 2023

Further queries may be directed to Jes Niemiec at (570)954-8846 (text or call) or 4n6University@gmail.com

Judge Time Requirements

Prelim Rounds will release late Wednesday, March 15, 2023, as soon as all videos are locked. Judges will be required to have their ballots submitted for those rounds by noon EDT/9am Pacific on Friday, March 17, 2023, giving them more than 36 hours to complete their prelim rounds. Judges can expect to get 2-3 prelim rounds to complete in that time. (If a judge limits their time, that could increase the number of prelim rounds they are assigned. For example, judges who are not available on Saturday can expect to judge more than 3 prelim rounds).

Semifinal Rounds will release on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 1pm EDT/10am Pacific and will be due the next morning at 10am EDT/7am Pacific. Judges will not be assigned more than one semifinal round to complete within that window of time.

Final Rounds will release as soon as all ballots for a semi final are gathered, but no later than 11 am EDT/8am Pacific barring judge no shows or technical issues. They will be due Friday evening at 4pm EDT/1pm Pacific. Judges will not be assigned more than one round to complete in that time frame.

Awards will release as soon as all ballots are tabulated Saturday night.