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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 Thursday March 6th through Saturday March 8th, 2025**. This invitational will be running a variety of both speech and debate events as an opportunity for teams to hone their pieces, or just try out something new.

Tournament Highlights:

- Speech and debate 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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Contact Info:

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4n6U.org

Tournament Specifics

- Date:** Thursday March 6 - Saturday March 8, 2025
- Location:** Tabroom, via submitted recorded video performance
NSDA Campus
- Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 8pm EST/5pm PST
- 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 5, 2025, 8pm EST
\$200 per dropped judge after Wednesday, March 5, 8pm EST
- Each judge covers:** Up to and including 5 slots in speech or debate 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	Prose
Poetry	Poetry	Pro/Con Challenge
Program Oral Interpretation/Thematic Interpretation	Prose	Congress
Prose	Storytelling	
Extemp Commentary	Extemp Commentary	
Pro/Con Challenge	Pro/Con Challenge	
Congress	Congress	

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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.

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 ten 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 EST

Registration Locked	Wednesday, March 5, 2025 8pm EST
Videos due to tournament	Wednesday, March 5, 2025 8pm EST
Preliminary Rounds for all events	Thursday, Mar 6 and Friday, Mar 7, 2025
Preliminary Ballots Due	Friday, March 7, 2025, 8pm EST
Postings for Semi-Final and Final Rounds	Night of Friday, March 7, 2025
Semi-Final rounds (for events with 12 or more competitors)	Evening of Friday, Mar 7 and Morning of Saturday, March 8, 2025
Finals for all events	Saturday, March 8, 2025
Awards Announced	Evening of March 8, 2025

Further queries may be directed to Jes Niemiec at (570)954-8846 (text or call) or
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Judge Time Requirements

Prelim Rounds will release late Wednesday, March 5, 2025, as soon as all videos are locked. Judges will be required to have their ballots submitted for those rounds by 8pm EST/5pm Pacific on Friday, March 7, 2025, 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 night, March 7, 2025 and will be due Saturday by 1pm EST/10am 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 finals are gathered, but no later than 2 pm EST/11am Pacific barring judge no shows or technical issues. They will be due Saturday evening at 5pm EST/2pm 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.