

**Huntington Highlander**

***Huntington High School***

***November 9, 2024***

Dear Associates:

 I am pleased to invite you to the Huntington Highlander, our inaugural Speech and Debate Tournament, to be held on Saturday, November 9, at Huntington High School. Any changes to the schedule or future updates will be posted on Tabroom. Entries are due by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, November 6.

The Huntington Highlander will feature three preliminary rounds of competition with a final round for speech events and three preliminary rounds with semi-finals and finals for debate events. (Speech events with fewer than eleven contestants will have fourth round instead of a final.) Awards will be given based upon the number of entries in each event per WVSDA guidelines. Sweepstakes awards will be presented to the top 3 schools.

Students may enter up to 3 speech events. Debate contestants may enter only 1 debate event.

Schools may enter 4 contestants/teams per event.

**Speech Events**

Impromptu, Prose, Informative Speaking, Humorous Interp (HI), Dramatic Interp (DI), Broadcasting, Programmed Oral Interp, Extemp, Poetry, Declamation, Original Oratory, Dramatic Duo

**Debate Events**

Public Forum Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Big Questions

**Impromptu Topics**

Round 1 = Ordinary Things

Round 2 = Abstract

Round 3 = Quotations

**Broadcasting Rounds**

Round 1 = Prepared TV news (No preparation time)

Round 2 = TV news (15 minutes of preparation time)

Round 3 = Edited Radio news (30 minutes of preparation time)

**Debate Topics**

Public Forum Debate and Lincoln-Douglas Debate will be the NSDA topics for November/December 2024.

***Public Forum*** - Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce its military support of Taiwan.

***Lincoln/Douglas*** - Resolved: The United States ought to adopt a wealth tax.

***Big Questions*** - Resolved: Creativity is a more powerful force than intelligence.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Huntington!

Sincerely,

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