



43rd Annual Dakota Invitational Karl E. Mundt Oral Interpretation Contest

Saturday, October 24th, 2026

Dakota State University
Madison, South Dakota

Dear Oral Interpretation Director,

Dakota State University invites you to participate in the Dakota Invitational–Karl E. Mundt Oral Interpretation Tournament at DSU in Madison on Saturday, October 24, 2026. Last year we hosted 22 schools (3 AA schools, 11 A schools, and 8 B schools).

Awards:

- **Grand Finals:** After three preliminary rounds, we will break the top group (goal of 6) to a final round.
- **Honor Finals:** In events with sufficient entry numbers, we will break the next group (goal of 6) to an Honor Finals.
- **Sweepstakes:** We will award sweepstakes to the top three Class AA, A, and B schools.

Tournament Schedule: First round will start at 8:45 a.m. Schedules will be posted on Tabroom and throughout campus.

A General Meeting will happen in the Trojan Center at 8:15 a.m. to discuss schedule, campus layout and other general items related to the tournament and DSU.

Please check in with me at Trojan Center or call prior to 8:15 a.m. **All judges are expected to be available through the finals.**

Entry: We will be using Tabroom for tournament registration. To register, please visit: <http://dakotainvite.tabroom.com>

No student may compete in more than two events.

Hired judges will be available for \$80 each.

Entry Fees: \$8 per entry in Humor, Drama, Poetry, Oratory, and Storytelling; \$15 per Duet and Readers Theatre entry.

Entry Deadline: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026 6:00 p.m. Central Time.**

Drops and other changes may be made after the entry deadline on the website or by contacting the tournament director. (e-mail: kearinb@dsu.edu; cell: 605-480-0894). Drops made after 6:00 p.m. CDT Wednesday will not lower fees or judging obligations.

Dakota Invitational Schedule	
7:30-8:15	Registration
8:15-8:30	General Meeting
8:45	Round I
9:55	Round II
11:05	Round III
1:30	Grand and Honor Finals
3:00 or ASAP	Awards



Make checks payable to:

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If mailing entries fees, please mail to:

DSU College of Arts and Sciences, Attn: Susan Langner – Beadle Hall 103
820 N. Washington Ave, Madison, SD, 57042

Judging: Schools must also provide one judge for every five entries or fraction thereof. A limited number of hired judges are available for \$80 each. You can avoid paying that fee to the tournament by finding judges to cover all of your entries. Qualifications for judging are simple:

1. a willingness to listen to students,
2. an ability to recognize good clear public speaking, and
3. a desire to write comments that will encourage students to improve their speaking and performance skills.

Previous experience with oral interp is desirable but not required of judges. So coaches, if you can judge, please do! If you can find colleagues or parents who would like to hear some speeches and judge (and help you chaperone during the day), bring them to judge! They'll enjoy the experience, and they'll save you contest fees.

Campus Map: For a campus map visit and direction, visit DSU's webpage:

<https://dsu.edu/visit-dsu/maps-directions.html>

Food Service: The tournament will provide breakfast to all coaches, competitors, and judges during registration (so come early!). To keep the schedule tight, we urge all teams to buy lunch at the Trojan Center.

A Note from DSU Dining Services: DSU does not permit outside vendors to deliver food to campus events. In other words, if you want Dairy Queen, you have to **go** to Dairy Queen and eat there.

We look forward to seeing you all at Dakota State University on October 24th for an exciting tournament!

Sincerely,

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Tournament Director

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