LINFIELD UNIVERSITY – 91st ANNUAL SINGLETARY HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL FORENSICS TOURNAMENT
February 5-6, 2027

The Linfield University Forensics Team and the Department of Theatre and Communication Arts extend an invitation to you and your students to attend the 91st annual Singletary High School Invitational Forensics Tournament to be held February 5-6, 2027. This tournament honors Craig Singletary and his work with forensics and speech communication at Linfield and in the Northwest region.

The tournament will offer **four** preliminary rounds as well as appropriate elimination rounds (quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals for debate events with sufficient entries) of parliamentary debate, Lincoln-Douglas debate, public forum debate, Oregon-Style CX, and congressional debate (with 2 "sessions" for congress across the 4 prelims). Competition will be offered in twelve individual events through **three** preliminary rounds and finals. The tournament is on tabroom.com and will be using electronic ballots. Please have all judges bring a laptop or tablet to complete their ballots and remarks. As usual, we will offer a generous array of awards for team and individual achievement.

To add flexibility for schools and individual competitors who might not be able to compete on both days (and for programs that might not have the resources to do an overnight at an area hotel), we have placed **all** of Pattern A on Friday and **all** of Pattern B on Saturday. Debate also has a later start on Friday, so schools that might have to make a later departure on Friday are able to enter both debate and Pattern B. Also, most of the events with 10-minute time limits are in Pattern A on Friday to help to ensure that Saturday will run on time. All events at this tournament will follow the rules as laid out in the Oregon School Activities Association Speech Handbook unless otherwise noted below.

ENTRY DEADLINE
Please submit entries via web registration on tabroom.com no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific on Tuesday, February 2. Entry fees and hired judging fees will be assessed on your entry as it stands at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3. Adds will not be allowed after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, and any adds made after 5:00pm on Wednesday will result in a late add fee. Please make any Wednesday or Thursday drops on tabroom.com. If you have any questions or drops to report on the first day of the tournament (Friday), please call the tab room at 971-261-0582. Contact Jackson Miller (jmiller@linfield.edu; 503-883-2625) with any questions about registration.

EVENT PATTERNS
- PATTERN A (Friday ONLY): Senior Extemp, Novice Extemp, Senior Oratory, Novice Oratory, Dramatic Interp, Duo Interp, Inform, Humorous Interp, POI
- PATTERN B (Saturday ONLY): Senior Impromptu, Novice Impromptu, Senior Prose, Novice Prose, Senior Radio, Novice Radio, Poetry, ADS

- DEBATE: Senior Parli, Novice Parli, Senior Lincoln-Douglas, Novice Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, Oregon Style CX, Congressional Debate

DEBATE

We are anticipating a larger tournament this year, so please bring extra judges. Please note that the tournament will not be obligated to accept more than four uncovered debate entries from any one school. Also, if we need to ask schools to drop some debate entries due to room limitations, programs with uncovered debate slots will be asked to drop first. For details about topics for some of the debate formats and other resources (like templates for legislation for Congressional Debate) refer to: https://www.speechanddebate.org/topics/

- Parliamentary Debate (Sen, Nov): "Senior" is open to debaters as defined by OHSSL recommendations or any student at the discretion of their coach. That is, all students involved in their third or fourth year of debate competition must compete at the senior level. Those students with less experience (such as junior competitors) may elect to compete at the senior level as well. "Novice" debaters as defined by OHSSL recommendations includes students in their first year of competitive debate. In parli debate the team member with the highest division placement determines the division in which the teams are placed. Topics will vary per round (THREE topics per round, each team will get to strike one topic). Resolutions will focus on policy and value issues in the general area of current events. The division will use the 7-8-8-8-4-5 format. OHSSL rules will be followed.
- Lincoln-Douglas Debate (Sen, Nov): "Senior" is open to debaters as defined by OHSSL recommendations or any student at the discretion of their coach. That is, all students involved in their third or fourth year of debate competition must compete at the senior level. Those students with less experience (such as junior competitors) may elect to compete at the senior level as well. "Novice" debaters as defined by OHSSL recommendations includes students in their first year of competitive debate. Each speaker should be prepared to debate both sides of the debate topic. The topic will be consistent with the National Speech & Debate Association 2027 Jan./Feb. topic The division will use the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format. OHSSL rules will be followed.
- Public Forum Debate: The topic will be consistent with the National Speech & Debate Association 2027 Jan./Feb. topic. The division will use the NSDA 4-4-3-4-4-3-3-3-3-2-2 format (with 3 minutes of prep time for each side).
- Oregon-Style CX: Each team should be prepared to debate both sides of the 2026-2027 policy topic (**Resolved: The United States federal government should establish national health insurance in the United States**). This division will use the 8-3-5 format with 5 minutes of prep time for each team. OHSSL rules will be followed.
- Congressional Debate**:** Congressional debate is a mock version of the United States Congress. Students will debate different pieces of legislation and argue for or against them, at the students own choosing. Optionally, students can propose their own pieces of legislation. Rounds will begin with the election of a Presiding Officer (PO) to

facilitate debate and select people to speak. Speakers will give their respective speeches and answer questions regarding their speech and the legislation after. OHSSL rules will be followed. Speech Times: 3 minutes (w/ a 10 sec. grace); Questioning: 2 minutes for the first affirmation and first negation speech & 1 minute for all others. Competitors will vote on the form of questioning they would like to use in round. *Please upload legislation to tabroom.com no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, February 3*.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

In individual events, students may enter no more than **two events per pattern**. Schools are limited to a total of **eight entries** in each individual event. Students are expected to compete in their assigned rooms and are expected to be on time for the competition. Senior division will be offered in ALL events, and novice division will be offered in selected events. Novices should be students in their first full year of competition on the high school level.

A student cannot use any materials that they have used in interscholastic competition prior to September 1, 2026. A contestant may not use the same cutting/content or any portion of that cutting/content in more than one prepared event at this tournament. Contestants in interpretative events must produce a copy of the original published manuscript upon request of the tournament director. This tournament will follow OHSSL guidelines/rules for each of the individual events. Time signals will be given only in impromptu, radio commentary, and extemp.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

PATTERN A:

- EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (Sen, Nov): Contestants will select one of three topics on current events issues and have 30 minutes preparation time to craft a speech. Students can use research materials during the preparation time, but they should not receive any aid from any other person. Time limit is seven minutes with a 30 second grace period. Speakers should cite several pieces of evidence on their topic. No notes may be used during the delivery, and no promptings are allowed.
- ORATORY (Sen, Nov): An original speech focusing on a significant subject. Students may discuss a problem of social, economic, moral, or political importance, or they may praise (eulogize) a person or idea, inveigh against an immoral practice, law, group, or person. No more than one hundred and fifty words should be quoted material. Verbatim memorization is optional, but no notes or promptings are allowed. Time limit is ten minutes with a 30 second grace period. If laughter delays the speaker, the timekeeper shall make allowance by stopping the watch at the beginning and starting it at the end of each interruption. A copy of the speech, including the bibliography, must be available if requested by the tournament director.
- DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION: An interpretation of a selection from published printed novels, short stories, plays, or poetry that is serious in nature. The script should be memorized, with a memorized introduction. Physical objects, props or costumes are

not allowed. Time limit is ten minutes with a 30 second grace period. If laughter delays the speaker, the timekeeper shall make allowance by stopping the watch at the beginning and starting it at the end of each interruption.

- DUO INTERPRETATION: Two contestants performing a ten-minute selection from published, printed novels, short stories, plays or narrative poetry. Materials may be humorous and/or serious. The material shall be memorized and should include an appropriate introduction. Time limit is ten minutes with no grace period. If laughter delays the speakers, the timekeeper shall make allowance by stopping the watch at the beginning and starting it at the end of each interruption.
- INFORMATIVE SPEAKING: An original speech designed to inform. No notes or manuscripts are allowed. Argumentative, persuasive, or entertaining material may be used but only to illustrate, enliven, or clarify the information. Visual aids may be used to supplement the exposition. Time limit is ten minutes with a thirty-second grace period. No more than one hundred and fifty words may be quoted material. A copy of the speech, including the bibliography, must be available if requested by the tournament director.
- HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION: A humorous interpretation of a selection from published printed novels, short stories, plays, or poetry. The script should be memorized, and a memorized introduction should be included. Physical objects, props or costumes are not allowed. Time limit is ten minutes with a 30 second grace period. If laughter delays the speaker, the timekeeper shall make allowance by stopping the watch at the beginning and starting it at the end of each interruption.
- PROGRAMMED ORAL INTERP: Each student delivers a program of thematically linked selections of literary merit, chosen from two or more genres of literature and writing (most common will be readings from Prose, Poetry, and Drama). A substantial portion of the total time must be devoted to each of genres used in the program. The maximum time limit is 10 minutes, including an original introduction and/or transitions. There is a 30-second grace period, after which the student must be dropped in rank/rating.

PATTERN B:

- IMPROMPTU SPEAKING (Sen, Nov): Contestants will draw a topic slip containing three topics (one word, one philosophical phrase, one policy topic) and have 30 seconds to prepare before speaking. Total speaking time (NOT including the 30 seconds of preparation) is 5 minutes with a 30 second grace period. Notes, materials, or previously prepared speech outlines cannot be used while the contestant speaks. Contestants are not allowed to hear the other speakers before them, but after a contestant has spoken s/he may remain in the room to hear the speakers who follow.
- PROSE READING (Sen, Nov): Contestants should read materials from published, printed short stories, novels or essays. Contestants must read from a manuscript or the printed page, although memorization of some passages may occur. Both narration and dialogue are encouraged, but more than 50% of the words in the selection must be narration. Introductions should be memorized or delivered extemporaneously. Time limit is eight minutes with a thirty-second grace period. If laughter delays the speaker,

the timekeeper shall make allowance by stopping the watch at the beginning and starting it at the end of each interruption.

- RADIO COMMENTARY (Sen, Nov): An original news commentary dealing with current events of the 2025-2026 school year. No more than seventy-five words should be quoted material. The script is to be an analysis of the news, not simply a running synopsis of news. The script is to be read from a manuscript or printed page and not committed to memory. The script should be timed to end between 4:45 and 5:15 minutes. A copy of the speech, including the bibliography, must be available if requested by the tournament director.
- POETRY READING: Contestants should read poems that are related to and organized around a central theme. No fewer than three poems or cuttings from three poems are to be used. Each poem should be appropriately introduced. Contestants must read from a manuscript or the printed page. Frequent references must be made to the manuscript although memorization of some passages may occur. Introductions should be memorized or delivered extemporaneously. Time limit is eight minutes with a thirty-second grace period. If laughter delays the speaker, the timekeeper shall make allowance by stopping the watch at the beginning and starting it at the end of each interruption.
- AFTER-DINNER SPEAKING: An original speech to entertain with the purpose of making a serious point through the use of humor. The speech should not be a series of unrelated jokes, a skit or vaudeville performance, "acted out" or dependent upon impersonation, although character suggestions and use of dialect in telling jokes or stories is permissible. Time limit is six minutes with a 30 second grace period. If laughter delays the speakers, the timekeeper shall make allowance by stopping the watch at the beginning and starting it at the end of each interruption. No notes are permitted, and no promptings are allowed during the delivery of the speech. A copy of the speech, including the bibliography, must be available if requested by the tournament director.

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION/NOTES

Individual events will be prematched using Tabroom.com. Drops will be processed as received by the tournament staff. Participants for final rounds in individual events will be determined based on: (1) cumulative rankings, (2) reciprocal fractions (3) judges' preference if head-to-head in prelims (4) adjusted cumulative rankings after dropping high rank. Places will be determined based on: (1) final round rankings; (2) judges' preference in the final round; (3) reciprocal fractions (4) total rankings.

The first two rounds of debate will be prematched, so please report drops promptly. Procedures for power matching in debate will be determined by the tab room staff before the start of the tournament. Participants for elimination rounds in debate will be determined based on: (1) win-loss record; (2) opposition wins; (3) cumulative speaker ratings; (4) quality of competition (win-loss record of opposing teams); (5) adjusted cumulative speaker ratings after dropping highs and lows.

Sweepstakes points will be calculated according to the following formula:

Debate	
15 points	1st
12 points	2nd
9 points	Semi-finalist

Individual Events	
12 points	1st
10 points	2nd
8 points	3rd
6 points	4th
4 points	5th
2 points	6th

AWARDS

Due to the rising costs associated with hosting the tournament, awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, place winners in individual events, although we will recognize finalists. Speaker awards will be presented to the top three debaters in each division. Debate teams qualifying for elimination rounds will receive appropriate awards. Sweepstakes awards will be given to the top three schools based on the total of points earned across all tournament events.

FEES

We are aware of the funding difficulties many of you are facing. The following fee schedule reflects an attempt to make the tournament as cost effective as possible. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns. PLEASE NOTE: If possible, we prefer to receive payment at registration (and we will gladly waive the school fee for all programs that make payments at this time). NOTE: If full payment is not received within six weeks of registration, an additional late fee of $40.00 will be assessed.

School Fee:	$50.00 (waived if fees are paid at time of registration)
Debate Entry Fee:	$30.00 per team/$15.00 per Lincoln-Douglas
Individual Events Entry Fee:	$10.00 per slot
Uncovered Debate:	$50.00 per entry
Uncovered Individual Events:	$15.00 per slot
Late Fees (assessed for any entry changes after 8:00pm on Wednesday, February 4)	
Late Drop Fee:	$25.00
Late Add Fee:	$25.00 (on top of reg. fees and uncovered judge fees)
Late Judge Drop Fee:	$25.00

JUDGING: **EACH SCHOOL MUST PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE QUALIFIED JUDGE IN ORDER TO COMPETE IN THIS TOURNAMENT.** One full-time judge covers two debate entries and ten individual event slots. For schools that have both debate and individual event entries, **all judges** will be in the pool for both debate and individual events. A dual interpretation entry is the equivalent of one slot. All judges (including coaches) are expected to be available through final rounds.

MISCELLANEOUS

Visitors may park in any designated area except yellow or handicapped zones. The Linfield University campus map can be found on the Linfield website. The Blaine Street parking lots (near #7 on the map), and the Chandler/Cowls Street parking lots (near #31 on the map) are the best places to park vans. Please note that, due to a change in Linfield's parking policy, you will not be able to park vans on Founder's Way (the road in front of the Riley Center) unless you are able to secure a spot in one of the designated visitor parking spaces. Tournament headquarters and registration are in Dillin Hall (the student dining hall, #33 on the map). The extemp/debate prep area will be in Riley 201.

Dillin Hall will also serve as the student lounge/general gathering area. Please encourage your students to treat the furniture and the room with care and to help us keep the area "presentable" so that we may have the opportunity to use Dillin again in the future. Smoking is not allowed in campus buildings.

HOTELS

Best Western Vineyard Inn	2035 South Hwy 99W	503/472-4900
Red Lion Inn	2535 NE Three Mile Lane	503/472-1500
McMinnville Inn	381 Hwy 99W	503/472-5187
Comfort Inn	2520 SE Stratus Avenue	503/472-1700
McMenamins Hotel Oregon	310 NE Evans St.	503/472-8427
Towne & Country Motel	1864 Portland Rd., Newberg	503/538-2800
Shilo Inn	501 Sitka Ave., Newberg	503/537-0303
Best Western Newberg Inn	2211 Portland Rd., Newberg	503/537-3000
Travelodge Suites	2816 Portland Rd., Newberg	503/537-5000

RESTAURANTS (CLOSE TO CAMPUS)

Alf's Ice Cream and Burgers	1250 S. Baker St.	503.472.7314
El Primo	828 S. Baker St.	503.472.8074
Starbucks	In Albertson's Plaza	503.472.8640
Sushi Kyo	In Albertson's Plaza	503.474.5588
Subway	In Lowe's Plaza	503.472.0200
Carl's Junior	In Lowe's Plaza	503.435.1247
Jose's Taqueria	In Lowe's Plaza	503.883.9763
Burger King	In Lowe's Plaza	971.267.3370
Geraldi's Italian	1135 SW Baker St	503.472.7868
Odd Moe's Pizza	In Albertson's Plaza	503.434.6666

WIFI

Guests should use the "Linfield_Public" network. The password is "inspiring!" (without the quotation marks).

SINGLETARY HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL AT LINFIELD UNIVERSITY
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, February 5

8:30-9:30 a.m.	Registration (Dillin Northwest Room)
9:15 a.m.	Extemp Draw
9:30 a.m.	Pattern A, Round 1 (Extemp starts at 9:45)
10:45 a.m.	Extemp Draw
11:00 a.m.	Pattern A, Round 2 (Extemp starts at 11:15)
12:15 p.m.	Lunch break
12:45 p.m.	Extemp Draw
1:00 p.m.	Pattern A, Round 3 (Extemp starts at 1:15)
1:30-2:15 p.m.	Late Registration (Dillin lobby)
2:30 p.m.	Debate Round 1; Congress Session 1
4:00 p.m.	Debate Round 2; Congress Session 1
5:45 p.m.	Extemp Draw
6:00 p.m.	Pattern A Finals (Extemp starts at 6:15)
7:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony for Pattern A (Dillin)

SATURDAY, February 6

7:30-8:45 a.m.	Registration for Saturday only schools (Dillin Northwest Room)
8:00 a.m.	Debate Round 3; Congress Session 2
9:30 a.m.	Pattern B, Round 1
10:30 a.m.	Debate Round 4; Congress Session 2
11:45 a.m.	Pattern B, Round 2
12:45 p.m.	Lunch break
1:15 p.m.	Debate Quarters (or Semis in some events)
2:45 p.m.	Pattern B, Round 3
4:30 p.m.	Debate Semis (or Finals in some events)
6:00 p.m.	Pattern B Finals & Debate Finals
7:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony (Dillin)

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