

Dear #Manateem,

You are cordially invited to attend the Manatee NSDA District Qualifiers on **February 11/12 (Speech and Debate) at Stoneman Douglas High School and March 9/10 (Congress) at Pompano Beach High School**. This is the tournament that determines which students from our district represent us at NSDA Nationals in Birmingham, AL. Historically, students from our district have competed in late elimination rounds at NSDA Nationals - the students who qualify from our district will be battling for national recognition this summer.

**We need every school to support us as a district!** Please bring as many students as you can (*please remember that they must be current NSDA members who have completed the online student registration, indicated by a gold star next to their name and a total of at least 25 points*) and fill all of your allotted spots. You can find out how many entries your school is entitled to by visiting the NSDA Points Application, searching for "Membership Reports" and then clicking on the "District" option. Then scroll down to the Florida Manatee option. At this point you will see a list of all schools who are in our district. On that list you can look to the right of your school name and it will show you how many entries you have for the Congress and Speech/Debate tournaments. If you have questions about how many entries you have, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the District Committee (or, if applicable, your BCPS Mentor).

Finally, please remember, regardless of your entry quota, you're entitled to an overall **maximum of 4 entries per event**. The past two years we have been able to get a **FOURTH QUALIFIER** to Nationals in a few events; we can do this again with your help!

All coaches should check important information on the other pages of the website. All coaches should also be familiar with the NSDA rules and the Manatee Bylaws. And as you begin getting ready for the Manatee District Tournament, do not hesitate to call on your District Committee at any time. We're here to assist you in the process of registering and preparing for the tournament.

Fondly,

*Megan West, District Chair*

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