



Princeton Debate Panel

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Princeton University
Princeton, NJ 08544



September 12th, 2017

Dear Speech and Debate Coach,

On behalf of the Princeton Debate Panel, it is our honor to invite you and your Speech & Debate team to the 21st Annual Princeton Classic. The tournament will be held from Friday, December 1st, 2017 to Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 and will consist of competition in Novice and Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Congressional Debate, Public Forum Debate, Dramatic Interpretation, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Oral Interpretation, Oratory, and Extemporaneous Speaking. There will be five preliminary rounds for the Speech events, six for Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and seven for Public Forum Debate. All **finalists** in Congress, **semi-finalists** in Varsity Lincoln-Douglas, **quarter-finalists** in Public Forum, and **elimination-round participants** in Speech will earn a bid to the University of Kentucky Tournament of Champions.

Joining us as Tab Director is Jim Menick of Hendrick Hudson (NY), who, along with Sheryl Kaczmarek of Lexington (MA), will also run LD tab. Dario Camara of Western (FL), Carol Cecil of Braddock (FL), and Martin Page of Delbarton (NJ) will run the Public Forum tab, Brother John McGrory of Chaminade (NY) and John Cierpial of Union Catholic (NJ) will run the Congress tab, and Joe Vaughan of Scarsdale (NY), Barbara Giuliano of St. Joseph's Prep (PA), Lydia Esslinger of Syosset (NY), and Frank Riccobono of Iona Prep (NY) will run the Speech tab.

To make this process as fair as possible, we will place all registered entries on the waitlist which we will clear two weeks after registration opens. Every eligible school will be awarded an equal number of slots determined based on our available space. This means that we are not operating on a first come, first served basis.

Hopefully our invitation packet should answer any questions you might have but if not, please e-mail us at **princetonclassic2017@gmail.com**. We are looking forward to seeing you all this December!

Best regards,

Samuel Arnesen, Laura Hausman, and Nicholas Ritter
Tournament Directors



2017 PRINCETON CLASSIC

High School Forensics Tournament

Princeton University

Friday, December 1st – Sunday, December 3rd



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Event Rules

Varsity and Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate

The resolution will be the November-December NSDA topic. Both divisions will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format, with **4 minutes** of prep time. Ties will be broken based on record, adjusted points, total points, double-adjusted points, judge variance, opponent wins, and flip of a coin, in that order. Novice is limited to first-year forensics competitors only and will use the November-December topic. The TOC bid is at varsity semi-finals.

Public Forum Debate

There will be a single, open division of PF. We will follow all NSDA rules for the event as they stand for the start of the school year and use the NSDA topic for December 2017. Debaters will have **2 minutes** of prep time. Ties will be broken using the same criteria as Lincoln-Douglas Debate. As with last year, Public Forum will feature limited open tab of the kind used at other tournaments around the country. The TOC bid is at quarterfinals. Rounds will take place at **Princeton HS** on Friday and at **Princeton University** campus on Saturday and Sunday.

Congressional Debate

There will be a single, open division of Congressional Debate. Chambers will be composed of no more than 25 members, with 20 being the target. Sunday's competition will feature a

semifinal round in the morning and a final round in the afternoon. Chamber assignments will be posted on Monday, November 20. Semi-supersession legislation, as well as supersession topic areas, will be posted on Wednesday, November 22. Supersession legislation will be posted on Friday, November 24. The TOC bid level is finals.

All legislation is due to jmcgrory@chaminade-hs.org by Sat. Nov 18. Each student may submit one bill for prelims. Bills must have not only the name of the school, but also the name of the student submitting it. Bills must be no longer than 1 page of 8 ½ by 11. Bills are to be double spaced, with each line of the bill numbered.

Speech Events

This year, we once again are an NIETOC bid school. All events will follow NSDA rules. We will use the NCFL's guidelines for published material in Interp events. The grace period will be 30 seconds for all speech events. Any IE participant who exceeds the grace period may not receive a rank of 1 in the round; any further penalty will be at the discretion of the judge. A participant may only be penalized for a time violation if the judge has used a precise timing device and notes the penalty on the ballot. There will be 5 preliminary rounds unless noted at the tournament. Rounds will take place at John Witherspoon Middle School on Saturday.

Speech events will break to quarterfinals, “super-semifinals”, or semifinals. Tabbing is cumulative, with the worst preliminary rank dropped after the initial elimination break. The Extemp final round will feature cross-examination in accordance with NSDA rules. The Extemp TOC bid is at the first break.

Judging Policies

Judging Requirements

Teams should bring the following number of qualified judges:

LD: 1 judge/ 3 entries
PF: 1 judge/ 3 teams
Speech: 1 judge/ 5 entries
Congress: 1 judge/ entire entry

Please keep in mind that a qualified judge understands the activity, speaks English, and is either experienced sitting in the back of the room flowing the round or has been carefully trained by the team he or she is accompanying. A qualified judge knows how to assign ranks, determine wins, losses, and speaker points, and fill out a ballot.

Judges in all divisions except speech are **obligated to stay and judge one round past the final round in which their students are competing**. If there are run-off rounds in debate, all judges are obligated for that round, and for the following round (i.e., if there is a run-off, all judges are also obligated for the doubles round). **Judges in speech are required to stay for all rounds.**

Note that the Varsity LD and Novice LD pools are completely separate and **must be covered separately**; e.g., if you have one VLDer and one NLDer, you need one judge for VLD and another judge for NLD. Congress judges might be swapped

into another judging pool; please indicate at registration which other pool a Congress judge would like to judge if we cannot use him/her in Congress. Likewise, qualified Speech judges may be asked to judge a round of Congress.

MJP

Any Varsity LD school with proper judge coverage will be able to select rankings for the pool using Mutual Judge Preferencing (MJP) on tabroom.com. We will note on the list the rankings (prefers circuit, prefers traditional, trained newcomer) given by the submitting schools. MJP will begin the Tuesday morning prior to the tournament, and end Thursday evening. Any schools that drop judges after MJP starts will lose their own rankings.

We reserve the right to assign Varsity judges to the Novice pool in order to improve the quality of the novice judging.

Paradigms

We expect Varsity LD judges to publish paradigms at <http://judgephilosophies.wikispaces.com/>. Novice judges should be willing to convey to competitors before a round a general sense of their vision of LD or of their experience in order to aid competitors in deciding how best to make their arguments.

Tab & Ballots

Open Tab & Results

We will publicly post the results of every round in LD and PF after each round is tabbed. Although judges in debate events are not required to disclose their decisions, they are highly encouraged to do so and to give feedback and critique. Pairings will be posted online. This year, we will be using **e-balloting** in LD and PF. All other judges will be **required** to attend judge call to pick up ballots. We

will post more information at the start of the tournament.

Ballots and Awards:

Awards will be given to all competitors reaching elimination rounds (not including runoff rounds). Please pick them up during the awards ceremony, or arrange to have someone else do so on your behalf.

We do not mail trophies.

Teams with no entries in elimination rounds are allowed to pick up ballots early, though ballots may not be ready until after the first round Sunday morning. If you anticipate leaving early, bring an envelope of sufficient size and postage, label it with your school name, and deliver it to tab so we can send it after the tournament. We will not release ballots early to teams with entries competing in elimination rounds.

Registration and Caps

General Registration will take place at Whig Hall. Registration for schools with **Lincoln Douglas or Public Forum** entries must take place on **Friday**.

Schools with **only Speech and Congress entries** may register in Whig or by calling to confirm their registration on Friday. Those who call in will pay their registration fees **Saturday morning** in Tab.

A more detailed registration schedule can be found later in the invitation.

Caps and Limits

Immediately after registration, we will place all entries on the waitlist. Shortly thereafter, we will begin clearing as many people off the waitlist as the tournament allows.

Eligibility and Adult Supervision

Only teams officially representing their own bona fide degree-issuing high schools are eligible to register. The tournament does not accept independent entries, camp entries, hybrid entries, etc. Additionally, no teams will be accepted into the tournament without a responsible adult chaperone on site for the duration of the tournament, unless other plans are made in advance with the Tournament Director. An adult, for these purposes, is defined as a college graduate twenty-one years of age or older, presumably a school employee, a parent, or someone else who has been explicitly empowered to care for that student in the event of a medical or other emergency. The contact information for this adult must be given to the Tab Room at registration.

Double Entry

A participant may enter up to two different speech events. Debate (including Congress) entries may not double enter.

Fees and Fines

Fees are frozen on Monday 11/20 at 9:00 PM

Entry Fees

VLD	\$80/entry
NLD	\$60/entry
PFD	\$90/entry
Duo	\$40/entry
Other IE	\$35/entry
Congress	\$50/entry

Hired Judge Fees

LD Hired Judging	\$75/ uncovered entry
PFD Hired Judging	\$75/ uncovered entry
IE Hired Judging	\$50/ uncovered entry
CON Hired Judging	\$50/ uncovered entry
(max charge 5 entries)	

Fines and Deadlines

Late drops/adds after Thu. 11/23 at 9:00 PM:

\$10/change

Unreported drops after Thu. 11/23 at 9:00 PM:

\$50/drop

Arriving with fewer judges than claimed:

\$450/judge

Judge misses a preliminary round:

\$25/round

Judge misses an elimination round:

\$50/round

Judges may compensate for fines by judging rounds beyond their assignment. However, schools with unpaid fines will not be given ballots or awards, and will be prevented from registering at other tournaments until those fines are paid.

All payment is due at registration.

Make checks out to “Princeton Debate Panel”

Safety Policy

The **non-emergency** phone number for Princeton University Public Safety is (609) 258-1000. Please make your students aware of this number for **non-tournament-related** security concerns, as well as the Tournament Director phone numbers on the second page for **tournament-related** concerns.

In the case of an **emergency**, dial 911 or Princeton Public Safety's emergency number, (609) 258-3333.

We want our tournament to be a safe environment. Any and all complaints regarding tournament safety will be taken seriously. Please come to tab as soon as possible with any concerns – there will be male and female Debate Panel members present to answer any questions you might have and relay concerns to the tournament directors. We will also try to post numbers for these members at the beginning of the tournament.

That being said, the Princeton Classic and the PDP can take no responsibility for the health and safety of students beyond notifying any accompanying adults of concerns or problems as we become aware of them. If a student falls ill or withdraws from competition during the tournament, please notify tab immediately.

Tournament Hotel

The official tournament hotel for this year will be the DoubleTree Hotel in Princeton. Participants in the tournament can book rooms at this hotel at a discounted rate of \$115/night for a room with two queen-sized beds. There will be shuttles in the morning and at night from the hotel to the campus during the weekend of the tournament. You may make reservations at the hotel by phone at 1-800-222-TREE or 609 945-2509 and mention the Princeton Debate Panel to get the discounted rate.

Schedule

For the most current tournament schedule, please check the tournament website (see footer). All posted schedules are subject to change before or during the tournament.

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Registration Schedule

Friday in Whig Hall

2:30-4:00

Schools with LD/PF debaters *must* register. Schools without debaters *may* register.

7:00-8:00

Schools without debaters may register in Whig or by calling to confirm their registration. Those who call in will pay their registration fees Saturday morning in Tab. Schools arriving later than 5pm *must call* registration before 5pm, even if they have no registration changes.

LD & PF schedule

Friday LD on PU campus, PF at Princeton HS

4:00 Princeton HS Opens

4:30 Coordinated Walk to Princeton HS for PF

5:00 VLD, NLD, PF Round 1

8:00 PF, VLD, NLD Round 2

Saturday LD and PF on PU campus

8:00 VLD, PF Round 3

10:00 NLD Round 3

10:30 PF Round 4

12:00 VLD Round 4

2:00 NLD Round 4, PF Round 5

4:00 VLD Round 5

4:30 PF Round 6

6:00 NLD Round 5

7:30 PF Round 7

8:00 VLD Round 6

Sunday on PU campus

8:00 PF Runoffs, VLD Runoffs, NLD Round 6,

10:30 PF Doubles, VLD, NLD,

8:30-2:30 Elimination rounds in all events

3:00 Awards

Speech Schedule

Extemp draw starts 30 minutes before round.

Judges must pick up ballots 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE ROUND.

Saturday at John Witherspoon Middle School

8:00 John Witherspoon Middle School opens

8:45 Mandatory Judge's Meeting

9:15 All except Extemp

10:45 All except DI

1:15 All Except OO

2:45 All except Duo

4:15 All except HI

5:45 Quarters for OI, prelim for rest

6:30 DI, Duo, HI, OO

7:00 EXT, OI, Quarters

Sunday on PU campus

10:30 Semis

1:00 Finals

3:00 Awards

Congress Schedule

Saturday on PU campus

9:00 Session 1

1:00 Session 2

4:30 Session 3

Sunday on PU campus

8:30 Semi-supersession

12:00 Supersession

3:00 Awards

On PU Campus

General Assembly in McCosh 50

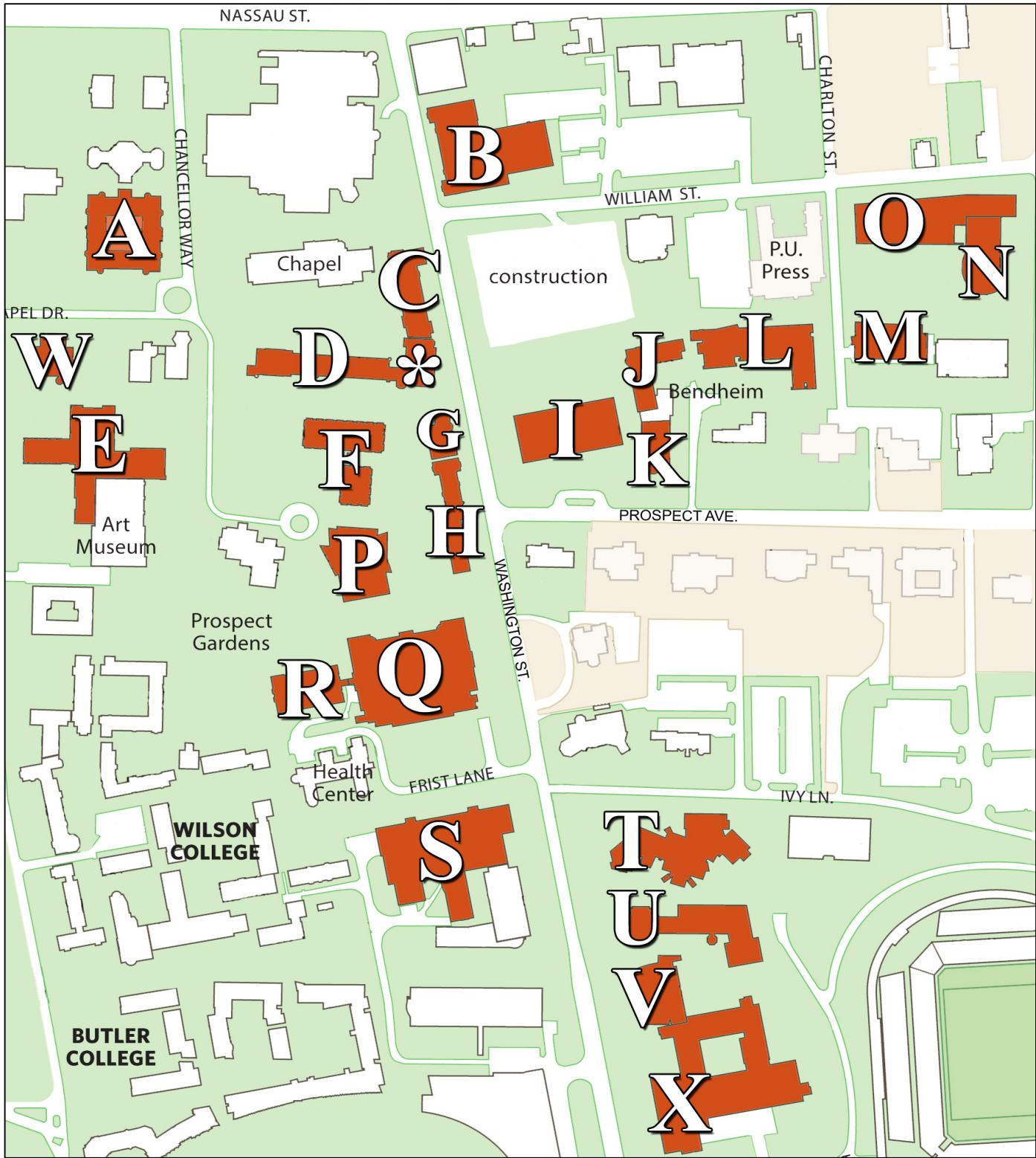
Judges Lounge in McCosh 46

LD Tab in McCosh 48

PF Tab in McCosh 26

REG in Whig Hall, 1st floor

Campus Building Map



McCosh 50	*
Whig (Reg)	W
1879 Hall	H
Architecture	F
COS	N

Corwin	J
Dickinson	C
East Pyne	A
Fine	U
Fisher	K

Friend	O
Frist	Q
Green	B
Guyot	S
Jadwin	X

Jones	R
Lewis Lib.	T
Marx	G
McCormick	E
McCosh	D

McDonnell	V
Robertson	I
Sherrerd	M
Wallace	L
Woolworth	P

PARKING

FRIDAY:
LOT 21 (all day)
LOTS 10 & 13
(after 4pm)

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Walking/Driving Directions to Princeton High School

151 Moore St, Princeton, NJ 08540

Distance: 0.8 miles

Time: 15 minutes walking, 5 minutes driving

1. Once on Princeton campus, make your way towards Nassau Street. Our map gives Whig Hall as the reference point to help you get to Nassau Street.
2. Once on Nassau Street, turn right and walk down the street for roughly a quarter mile until you reach Moore Street.
3. Turn left on to Moore Street. Continue walking for about a half mile. Princeton High School will be on your right.



Walking/Driving Directions to John Witherspoon Middle School

217 Walnut Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540

Distance: 1.2 miles

Time: 20 minutes walking, 5 minutes driving

1. Once on Princeton campus, make your way towards Nassau Street. Our map gives Whig Hall as the reference point to help you get to Nassau Street.
2. Once on Nassau Street, turn right and walk down the street for roughly a half mile until you reach Chestnut Street.
3. Turn left on to Chestnut Street. After 0.2 miles, Chestnut Street will become Walnut Street. Continue on Walnut Street for 0.4 miles. John Witherspoon Middle School will be on your right.
4. Parking for cars and vans is available at the middle school where indicated below.
5. DRIVING NOTE: The Front Gate will be closed on Saturday. Loop around on Alexander Street or exit on Co Road 526/Washington Street depending on where you parked.

