The Communication Arts League is proud to present our 3rd tournament event of the year.

The theme of this tournament is "Discovery." Students will have the opportunity to explore Discovery in multiple speech and debate events.

This tournament will have events for 4 age groups:

K-3rd Little Orators (please see below)

3rd – 5th Grades: Elementary

6th – 8th Grades: Middle School

9th – 12th Grades: High School

Payment

League Dues

$200 per year (Grades 3rd - 12th)

$100 per year for Little Orators

Plus $5 per student one-time payment

All patterns are $15 per event. Little Orators is $20

Registration will open January 20 and close February 21 at 5 PM. Fees will be frozen on February 21. All changes required after Feb 21 will need to be emailed directly to the tournament director (wwashington@aclacademy.org). Students can be added after Feb 21 for an increased price ($20 per event). If a drop is needed after Feb 22, a $15 penalty per drop will be assessed to the school due the day of the tournament.

All Interp events, Informative, and Original Oratory will have a 30 second grace period. This means that judges should not lower the competitor's score as long as they do not go over the grace period.

We will offer 3 rounds of Pattern A. This tournament will not have out-rounds.

Awards: The top 5 students in each category will receive trophies and, depending on the number of entries, medals will be awarded to other top ranking competitors. Events with less than 3 entries will be cancelled or collapsed. If cancelled, a refund will be issued at the tournament.

Novice Events

We are offering novice events. These events are for students who are attending their very first tournament and have never competed. Please do not enter a student in Novice if they have attended a tournament in the past. A student in 3rd grade may also enter novice elementary school events.

Original Narrative

The theme for Original Narrative is **Discovery**. Have fun with it!

In this event, the students will have the opportunity to present an original **personal** story that explores the original narrative theme of the tournament. This speech should be delivered extemporaneously (not from a manuscript). The event will mirror the storytelling format of the Moth and Snap Judgment (NPR) podcasts.

Examples can be found here:

http://player.themoth.org/#/?actionType=ADD_AND_PLAY&storyId=388

https://themoth.org/

Original Narrative Guidelines

Time limit: 5 minutes, maximum

Students will be ranked from 1 to 5 in the following categories for a total of 25 points.

Meeting the Tournament Theme: How well does the speech relate to **"Discovery"**

Emotional/Humor appeal: How well does the speech pull in the judge in emotionally?

Personal: How well do we get to know the competitor?

Moral/Lesson: Does the speech teach the audience something?

Delivery: Standard public speaking concepts/performance.

This is not an interp event and students should ***not*** have a formal introduction.

Judging

 This tournament will require 1 judge for every 4 entries. There will be a charge of $75 for every uncovered judge slot. Missing ballots will result in a $25 nuisance charge per ballot. Judges must be 16 years old or older. (Middle school students are **not** allowed to judge at this tournament.)

Lunch

There are plenty of lunch options near CSU Fullerton. Please arrange to have a parent pick up food for students and have the food brought to campus to be eaten during the lunch break.

Events

Main Tournament (3ʳᵈ – 12ᵗʰ) – Pattern A

Registration 1:30PM - 1:50PM
Ballot Assignment 1:50 PM - 2:00 PM
Round 1 2:00PM to 3:10PM
Ballot Assignment 3:10PM - 3:20PM
Round 2 3:20PM to 4:30PM
Ballot Assignment 4:30PM - 4:40PM
Round 3 4:40 PM to 5:50PM
Tournament Video 6:00PM
Awards 6:30PM

Little Orators (K through 3ʳᵈ Grades) – Pattern B

To participate in the Little Orators event, students must enroll in the LO Honor Society, and wear a vest outlined in the LO requirements. This event is for students in grades K-3ʳᵈ. All students in this age group will do the same event: "Poetry." The poems should be 1 to 3 minutes in length and have a formal introduction where they relate their poems to the tournament theme of **Discovery**. In this age group, all students receive a medal, and the price is $20.

There are two rounds of presentations:

Registration is at 12:00

Round 1 – 12:15 PM – 12:55 PM

Round 2 – 1:00PM - 1:40PM

Awards – 1:45 PM

Events (Triple Entry Allowed For Main Tournament)

Events (High School, Middle School, Elementary School)	Little Orators
Storytelling	Poetry
Informative (No V.A.s)	
HI/DI	
Prose (with book)	
SPAR	
ADS/Speech to Entertain	
Business pitch	
Original narrative	
Novice Impromptu (First tournament for Middle/Elementary – 3rd grade Elem)	
Novice SPAR (First tournament for Middle/Elementary – 3rd grade Elem)	

Pattern C:

Writing Competition (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Pattern D:

Original Narrative Video Submission (Please see instructions on tournament landing page)

Business Pitch Video Submission (Please see instructions on tournament landing page)

Photo release: Please let all parents know that we will be taking photos at this tournament to help promote future tournaments and activities. By signing up for this tournament, participants have agreed to allow images to be used to promote Speech and Debate and future ACLA tournaments. Parents are not allowed to film or take photos of any students (even their own child) during competition rounds.