



**The Communication Arts League is proud to present our 4<sup>th</sup> and final tournament event of the year.**

**The theme of this tournament is "I have a voice." Students will explore how voices have been used to create positive change through multiple speech and debate events.**

**This tournament will have events for 4 age groups:**

**K-3<sup>rd</sup> Little Orators (please see below)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades: Elementary**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades: Middle School**

**9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grades: High School**

### **Payment**

League Dues

\$200 per year (Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

\$100 per year for Little Orators

Plus \$5 per student one-time payment

All patterns are \$15 per event. Little Orators is \$25.

Tournament will be held at CSU Fullerton. Registration will be in front of the Humanities Building.

Sign up for this tournament using [tabroom.com](http://tabroom.com).

Registration will open March 9 and close April 4 at 5 PM. Fees will be frozen on April 4. All changes required after April 4 will need to be emailed directly to the tournament director ([wwashington@aclacademy.org](mailto:wwashington@aclacademy.org)). Students can be added after April 4 for an increased price (\$20 per event). If a drop is needed after April 4, 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 and 3 rounds of Pattern B. 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.



### **Original Narrative**

The theme for Original Narrative is **“I have a voice.”** Students can tell about a time that they have used their voice for “good” or how they plan to use their voice for good in the future. 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](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 **“I have a voice”**

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 \$100 for every uncovered judge slot, and you are only allowed 2 uncovered slots. 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. Students should not leave campus during the lunch period.

## **Events**

### ***Main Tournament (3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) – Pattern A & B April 7***

**Registration 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM** Check Postings and notify registration of needed changes

**Judges Training 9:15 AM – 9:30 AM** (Humanities 110)

Ballot Assignment 9:30 AM – 9:40 AM

**Round 1 Pattern A 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

**Round 1 Pattern B 10:50 AM – 11:50 AM**

Lunch 11:50 to 12:20

Ballot Assignment 12:20 PM - 12:30 PM

**Round 2 Pattern A 12:35 PM to 1:35 PM**

**Round 2 Pattern B 1:40 PM to 2:40 PM**

Snack Break 2:40 PM to 2:50 PM

Ballot Assignment 2:50 PM to 3:00 PM

**Round 3 Pattern A 3:05 PM to 4:05 PM**

**Round 3 Pattern B 4:10 PM to 5:10 PM**

Awards 5:45 PM

### ***Little Orators (K through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades) – Pattern E April 8<sup>th</sup>***

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-3<sup>rd</sup>. All students in this age group will do the same events: Poetry and Impromptu Dice. 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 “**I have a voice.**” In this age group, all students receive a medal, and the price is \$25.



There are three rounds of presentations:

Registration is at 12:30

**Round 1** – 12: 45 PM – 1:25 Impromptu Dice

**Round 2** – 1:30 PM – 2:10 PM Poetry

**Round 3** – 2:15 PM – 2:55 PM Impromptu Dice

### **Events (Double Entry Allowed in each pattern For Main Tournament)**

Pattern A

Events (High School, Middle School, Elementary School)
Storytelling
Informative (No V.A.s)
HI/DI
Lincoln Douglas Debate (Double Entry Not Allowed) \$35 per entry
SPAR
Original narrative
Elementary Rookie SPAR (First time competing at any tournament)



#### Pattern B

Events (High School, Middle School, Elementary School)
Prose
Declamation
Original Oratory
Congress (Double Entry Not Allowed )
Impromptu
DUO
Elementary Rookie Impromptu (First time competing at any tournament)
Original Prose (Elementary & Middle School Only)

#### 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)

Original Oratory 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.