



# SWIFT

October 2023

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## IHSSA + YOU

HELLO! HELLO!

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"The philosophy of the IHSSA is built upon the belief that no form of activity is any more important than that of learning to communicate effectively."

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# A Lil' Acorn

We have two indoor cats: Thomas and Sabrina . Both cats “found” us at the ARL and enjoy a healthy supply of special food, double litter pans, and laser pointer games.

Thomas is an orange tabby and resembles Garfield. He is laid back, friendly to all, and thinks he is really a golden retriever dog.

Sabrina is a slight puffball of gray/white. She is shy and skittish around any visitor but is definitely the Cat Boss when it comes to Thomas.

We are also friends with an outdoor kitty: Steinway. As his name suggests, Steinway is a tuxedo cat. He comes and goes as he pleases. We invite him inside to mingle with Thomas and Sabrina. He never stays long but is cordial and mannerly.

Steinway is at the back porch door most mornings to say hello to us and is usually waiting for me on the back stoop after work. Sometimes, we don't see Steinway for a couple of days, but he always makes his way back to us to find a bowl of food waiting for him.

Growing up on the farm, I know outdoor kitties truly have and are deserving of all nine lives. They need every single one of them.

Steinway is in good shape. I have seen him around the neighborhood and suspect he's got several bowls of food waiting for him on numerous back stoops.

This summer, Steinway got in a brawl with a creature. His ear looked like it had gone through the wash a couple times. He wouldn't let us come close to him and disappeared for some time. Eventually, Steinway was back. His ear had been professionally sewn up with purple stitches.

This week, Steinway has been hanging around more. I see he's made himself a little bed close by. His visits inside with Thomas and Sabrina have been more frequent. His “purrs” have grown louder.

With winter coming, we may officially have a third indoor kitty.

Welcome all your students and invite them in. Share with them plenty of food and water and play. They will come back to you and the home you are creating for them.

In the spirit of speech education,  
Stacy S. Hansen



# 2023 HALL OF FAME IHSSA INDUCTEES

## Kirk Johnson Central Campus DMPS



Kirk Johnson came of age on a farm near the northwest Iowa community of Sheldon and was also ushered into the world of theatre. He majored in Speech Communication Education and minored in Music at Iowa State University. Kirk has been instrumental with the LG and IE All-State Festivals, the Judge Certification Committee, the State Debate Tournament as well as hosting IHSSA contests at all levels. He currently serves as a Broadcasting and Film Instructor for Central Campus - DMPS and is eternally grateful to the IHSSA..

## B.J. Schuller Sibley-Ocheyedan

B.J. Schuller was born and raised in West Bend. He has been teaching for 33 years. B.J. has stayed active with the IHSSA throughout the years by serving as a District Officer and also on the Judge Certification Committee as well as the Convention Committee. He has hosted district and state-level contests multiple times. B.J. is very grateful to be able to accept and share this honor with all of you and especially members of his family.



## Julie Schuller Sibley-Ocheyedan

Julie Schuller was born and raised in LeMars, IA. During her sophomore year, Julie was introduced to speech and theatre. Becoming a teacher at 40, and after several unique jobs, Julie now teaches 5th/6th grade social studies. Julie would like to thank her IHSSA family for this outstanding honor. She has met lifelong friends, talented individuals. She is beyond elated to be honored and grateful to be part of this caring, compassionate, dramatic, and loving group of people.



Mr. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Schuller will be honored at a reception and banquet Friday evening of the Coaches Convention.



# 2023 IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION

## IHSSA + YOU: The Story of US

Friday, October 13 & Saturday, October 14

	NORTH	CENTRAL	SOUTH	OTHER	NOTES
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:30 AM	CONTEST MANAGERS MEETING		NOVICE COACHES FORUM 9:30 - 11:00 Carrie Buddenhagen, Natasha Heister, Manda Thomas, Gabe Tweedt	CONVENTION REGISTRATION LOBBY 9:00 - 12:15	EXPERIENCED COACHES FORUM HARVEST ROOM 9:30 - 11:00 Jacki Pleggenkuhle
10:00 - 11:30	BREAKOUT IE CONTEST MANAGERS	BREAKOUT LG CONTEST MANAGERS		GALLERY LOBBY	COACHES CONVENTION FOR UNI CREDIT LOBBY 11:00 - 11:30 Marilyn Shaw
12:15 - 1:20	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Akwi Nji Communication as Connection: How Stories Shape Us			*NEW* MINI SESSIONS	<b>FRIDAY'S LUNCH:</b> <b>MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED***</b> Lunch in the Garden Room 11:15 - 12:00 TICKETED LUNCH REGISTER ONLINE
1:30 - 2:30	MIME Mitch Mart	FAB 4 IE EVENTS Jaylene DeVos Teresa Lawler	STORY AS AN EXTENSION OF IDENTITY Akwi Nji	1.SCHEDULING Miranda Goodchild 2.SPEECH CAMP Laura Granger	
2:30 - 3:20	LG EVENTS Grant Freeman Molly Holkesvik	CHARACTER Suzy Jones	ADMINISTRATOR ADVOCACY Kevin Hosbond Kevin Seney	1.JUDGES PERSPECTIVE Ellen Johans 2.CRITIQUE IN PRACTICE Robin Kudej	
3:30 - 4:20	ALL ARE WELCOME! Mary Kilburg Shaun Kniep	IE EVENTS Sam Magner, Lisa Phufye, Heidi Rottink	COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE Dr. James Weaver	FINDING THEMES Shawn Starr Kelly Thompson	
4:30 - 5:15	SE	NE	NW	SW Harvest Rm	
6:30 - 7:00	HALL OF FAME RECEPTION Gallery Lobby			FRIDAY NIGHT IS A TIME TO DRESS UP and CELEBRATE. We suggest BUSINESS DRESS.	HALL OF FAME Meeting
7:00 - 9:00	HALL OF FAME BANQUET Garden Ballroom				
9:00 - ???	DESSERT/COFFEE Meadows Room				
<b>SATURDAY</b> 7:30 AM	BREAKFAST BUFFET, DOOR PRIZES, & MESSAGE Garden Ballroom				SWIFT PRESENTERS Kim Carlson Kelsey Dinkla Ann Frederich Derek Frederich Ann Fry Jeremy Fitzpatrick Abby Goldsmith Jodi Grant Angie Manternach Karoline Myers Michelle Nystel Josh Spargrove Kris VerSteege + MORE
9:10 - 9:55	SWIFT: Speech Workers of Iowa Feature Themselves Garden Ballroom				
10:20 - 11:10	1 ACT TECH COSTUMES/SET Layne Sheetz Noel Wotherspoon	*NEW* 2 BLOCK WORKSHOP 1 SCRIPT/4 CATS Kim Keller Emily Eisenman Vince Hrasky Dirk Waller	STAGE COMBAT Cary Shapiro	DEVELOPING A PROGRAM Jackye Bowlin	
11:15 - 12:05	DIGITAL TECH Ryan Runyan		WARM UPS & BRAIN BREAKS Elizabeth May	CHOOSING MATERIAL Carrie Tinkham	
12:10 PM	MORE DOORPRIZES! Gallery Lobby			ALL CONVENTION CHECK OUT 9:55 - 10:15	
12:30 - 2:30	JUDGE CERTIFICATION				

# IHSSA Convention Committee

The IHSSA Convention Committee meets throughout the year to plan an engaging, educational, and entertaining event! APPLAUSE APPLAUSE and GRATITUDE for extending their inspiration and creativity to us all!



**KEVIN SENEV**

Principal, Grinnell: SE

It is such a privilege to be part of the IHSSA community; the love, passion, joy, and support that is fostered by our sense of community is unlike any other organization!

**DEBBIE DEVORE**

Co-Chair Maquoketa Valley: NE

Convention is like pumpkin spice latte time; I can't wait for it! This is the time and place I get to reconnect with all of my speech friends, meet new friends, and prepare myself for the LG and IE seasons.



**MATT DEVORE**

Co-Chair Chair, Maquoketa Valley: NE

I LOVE going to convention every year because I get to spend quality time with amazing individuals who share my passion!

**CYNTHIA KOSTER**

Denison: NW

In my book, the school year hasn't officially started until Convention! I love that I get to make the rough draft, edit, and publish convention so all Iowa coaches can feel ready to tell their story! Plus, I get to work with some amazing storytellers!



**LAUREL OLSEN**

Denison, NW

Being on the IHSSA Convention Committee is like planning a big party for all the speech coaches in Iowa! We get to tie in an amazing theme to presentations on interesting, practical topics. Smiling people, new ideas, good food, and door prizes!

**JAQUE SEIDLI**

Adel DeSoto Minburn: SW

I love attending the IHSSA Coaches Convention because I am inspired by the amazing ideas from coaches around the state. The Coaches Convention is the way I get re-energized for the upcoming season!



**DARRIN CROW**

Cedar Valley Christian: SE

I love speech! I love Coaches Convention! So if I have the chance to help make both better by helping to plan convention? You bet! By being on the committee I get to meet great people, learn from these great people, and help make our speech world a better place.

**ROBIN CROW**

Cedar Valley Christian: SE

Robin is super excited to be on the Convention Committee because she loves to plan a great party! And because she has learned so much from coming to Convention every year. The expertise in the sessions is the best PD we could ask for!



# IHSSA 51ST ANNUAL SPEECH COACHES CONVENTION

OCTOBER 13-14, 2023

GATEWAY HOTEL, 2100 GREEN HILLS DRIVE, AMES, IA

800.367.2637/515.292.8600

WWW.GATEWAYAMES.COM

## IHSSA + YOU:

### *The Story of Us*

### Coaches Convention

### October 13 & 14, 2023



HALL OF FAME  
DINNER IS A TIME  
TO  
DRESS UP A BIT.  
WE SUGGEST  
BUSINESS ATTIRE.

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

ALL CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION IS  
ONLINE AT

[WWW.IHSSA.ORG](http://WWW.IHSSA.ORG).

LINK: [WWW.IHSSA.ORG/DEFAULT.ASPX](http://WWW.IHSSA.ORG/DEFAULT.ASPX)

## HOTEL REGISTRATION:

THE GATEWAY HAS SOLD OUT.  
THERE ARE ROOMS AVAILABLE  
JUST DOWN FROM THE  
GATEWAY.

PLEASE CALL:

HOTEL RAMADA

515.268.8808

BEST WESTERN

515.296.2500



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FRIDAY? BE SURE TO  
PURCHASE A LUNCH  
TICKET FOR FRIDAY.  
LUNCH IS A TICKETED  
EVENT. YOU WILL NEED  
TO PURCHASE A TICKET  
ON YOUR REGISTRATION.

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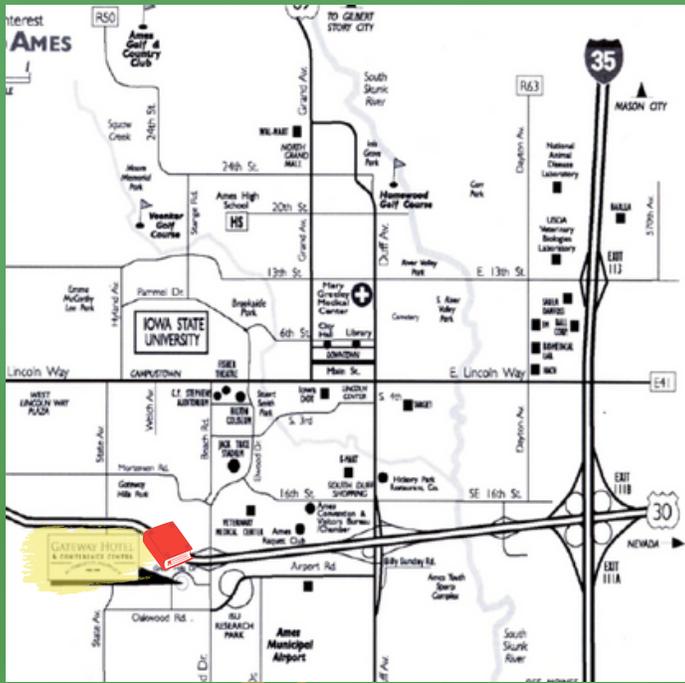
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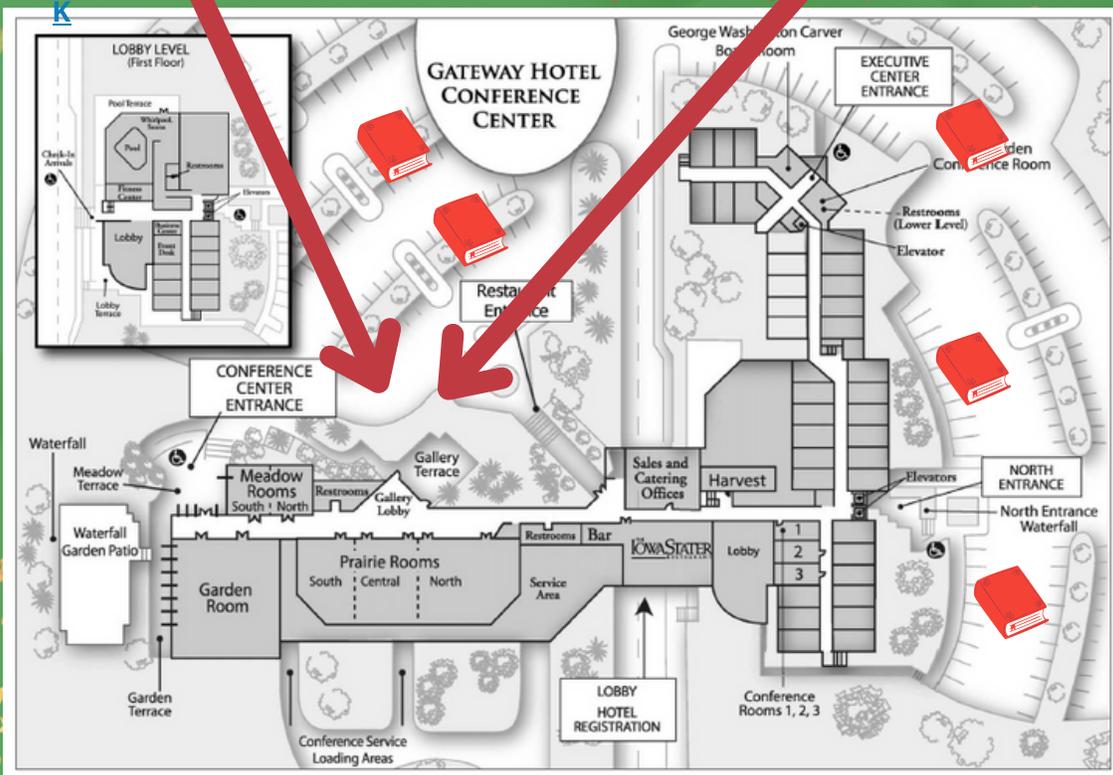
## DIRECTIONS to the GATEWAY HOTEL:

Take HWY 30 into Ames.  
 Exit at 146 or Elwood Drive.  
 Head south on Elwood Drive.  
 Turn right (or west) on Green Hills Drive.  
 You can see the GATEWAY from the HWY.



**NOTE: The GATEWAY HOTEL has fantastic "Express Checkout." This will allow you to check out without going to the front desk on Saturday AM. Inquire at the front desk upon check in.**

**REGISTRATION on Friday morning is right inside the GALLERY LOBBY.**



## PARKING

is FREE all around the hotel. Park in the NORTH lot for hotel or the WEST lot for Convention.



## NEED Continuing Ed Credit?



UNI is partnering with the IHSSA to offer a 3 credit online course. \$300.

TITLE: Team Collaboration in the Development, Creation, and Performance of Choral Reading and Reader's Theatre for Classroom or Contest.

Click [HERE](#) for UNI COURSE DETAILS.



## ELECTION RESULTS

Dr. Tim Cronin, Decorah, has been elected to serve on the Executive Committee as the NE representative.

Carrie Tinkham, Cedar Rapids Washington, has been elected as the Coach at Large on the Executive Committee.

## REGISTRATION RECEIVED?

All Convention Registrations are made online. You should receive a reply email indicating you have registered. If in question, please inquire with [STACY@IHSSA.ORG](mailto:STACY@IHSSA.ORG)

## BREAKFAST @ CONVENTION

Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM. It is a buffet and will go until 8:15. DOOR PRIZES, the RIGGLEMAN AWARD, an ADDRESS, and SWIFT sessions will follow.

## FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Friday night HALL OF FAME banquet is a time to dress up a bit. We suggest business dress.

# CALLBOARD

September 30: WDM Dowling Catholic, Maroon Maelstrom Debate  
October 4: Judge Certification, Kuemper Catholic, Carroll  
October 7: CAM, WILD Debate Tournament, CAM  
October 7: Judge Certification, East Mills and North Scott  
October 10: NSDA Springboard Series Scrimmage  
October 12: NSDA Springboard Series Scrimmage  
October 12-15: Waukee, THE TRAGEDY OF MACBETH  
October 13-14: IHSSA Coaches Convention, Gateway Hotel, Ames  
October 17: NSDA Springboard Series Scrimmage  
October 19: NSDA Springboard Series Scrimmage  
October 20-21: Des Moines Roosevelt, Tournavelt Debate  
October 20-22: Cedar Rapids Washington, Iowa Caucus Debates  
October 21: Judge Certification, Decorah  
October 25: Judge Certification, Virtual ONLINE, IHSSA  
October 26-29: North Scott, OUR TOWN  
October 26-29: Postville, NOISES OFF  
October 27-28: Ottumwa, CHARLOTTE'S WEB  
October 27-28: Atlantic, Bull Creek Invitational Debate

Want YOUR EVENTS published?

SUBMIT YOUR SPEECH/THEATRE/DEBATE DATES

for our IHSSA Callboard at this LINK:

[IHSSA CALLBOARD DATES \(CLICK LINK\)](#)



# CONTEST NOTES



**SHAWN STARR**

JUDGE CERTIFICATION SITES are listed in this issue of SWIFT. We encourage all coaches to attend. When you as a coach get certified, you are truly supporting your students by gaining a better understanding of the IHSSA Constitution. Too, we encourage you to look for individuals in our communities who would be fantastic judges for the IHSSA. It is the mission of the IHSSA to continually strive to represent all students' communities.

(SHAWN STARR Woodbury Central, Judge Certification Committee Member, at Northwestern College.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID?

Have you paid your 23-24 Membership Dues? Membership forms were sent from IHSSA Office mid August. These are due NOVEMBER 15, 2023. After this date, a \$15 penalty is assessed. Membership closes December 1. Let us work to have EVERY school in the state represented as a member of the IHSSA! If we can help encourage a school near you, please contact the State Office.

## USERNAMES

The usernames/passwords for on-line forms are the same as last year. If you need a refresh, call the State Office. Keep it handy; you'll be using it several times.

## ACT/SAT Conflicts

There ARE conflicts with SAT testing. ACT tests are Feb. 10 and April 13. SAT testing is on March 9, the same day as STATE IE. NO SPECIAL REQUESTS will be accepted for ACT/SAT TESTING.

## MENTORING PROGRAM

1st year Coach?  
NEED extra Support?  
Please call IHSSA OFFICE!  
WE GOT YOU!

## NEW COACHES

Contact STACY in State Office for IMPORTANT INFO! Stacy@ihssa.org  
WE got YOU!

## REMINDER

When making payments please put on the check what event that check is for. This will assist Pam AND it will help YOUR bookkeeper and their work.

# DEBATE TOPICS & MORE

PUBLIC FORUM TOPICS and all other debate topics can be found at:  
[www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org) (Click link.)

From the NATIONAL FEDERATION of STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS (NFHS): "The Policy Debate Quarterly, an annual publication in four issues, remains one of the most credible and valuable resources for policy debaters and coaches across the country. Used by beginners and experienced debaters, it provides a basis for individual research and a springboard for critical analysis of the area selected each year for high school policy debate."

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE THE POLICY DEBATE QUARTERLY.](#)



## TIMOTHY E. SHEAFF IHSSA Hall of Fame 2022 IN MEMORIAM

We are saddened by the passing of IHSSA Hall of Fame Member and the voice of the NSDA National awards emcee Timothy E. Sheaff. Tim was a legendary debate/drama/speech director at Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines, whose over 30-year-long career competitive success was felt locally and at the national level. His devoted service to the speech and debate communities was continually generous and filled with an abundance of joy. Tim served on the IHSSA Debate Committee, as well as the NSDA Board of Directors. Tim also prided himself on mentoring countless new coaches during his tenure. Tim's service to the community shined most as emcee for the final rounds and awards ceremonies for nearly 20 years at the National Tournament. During that time, he introduced more than 2200 judges and celebrated the accomplishments of almost 5000 individual student competitors. For Tim, speech and debate was a family affair. His six children were highly successful speech and debate competitors. Tim's voice, his mentorship, and his leadership will be greatly missed.

# JUDGING CERTIFICATION SITES



## NORTHWEST

Wednesday, September 20  
Northwestern College DeWitt Theatre,  
7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 27  
Spencer High School, 7:30 PM

Saturday, October 4  
Kuemper Catholic High School, 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 4  
Woodbury Central High School, 9:30 AM

## NORTHEAST

Wednesday, September 20  
Union High School, 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 23  
Hampton-Dumont High School, 9:30 AM

Saturday, October 21  
Decorah High School, 10:00 AM

## SOUTHWEST

Saturday, September 23  
Ankeny Centennial High School,  
10:00 AM

Saturday, September 30  
ADM-Adel High School, 10:00 AM

Saturday, October 7  
East Mills Elementary School, 10:00 AM

## SOUTHEAST

Wednesday, September 13  
Cedar Rapids Xavier High School, 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 16  
Iowa City Liberty High School, 9:00 AM

Saturday, October 7  
North Scott High School, 9:00 AM

## VIRTUAL

Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 PM  
Intermediate and Experienced Judges Only  
Email [Stacy@ihssa.org](mailto:Stacy@ihssa.org) for link by Oct. 21

## CONVENTION

Saturday, October 14  
Gateway Hotel, Ames, 12:30 PM



# IHSSA JUDGES + YOU!

Judge Certification sessions last for 1 1/2 hour. Please arrive 10 minutes EARLY! If you are unable to attend a session please contact [stacy@ihssa.org](mailto:stacy@ihssa.org). If you are a certified judge a letter will be sent to you with more info about certification. Please bring \$10 certification fee for the year and a writing utensil. ONLINE PAYMENT is now available at [THIS BOUND LINK](#). Or use the QR code.

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# NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR?

[MENTEE/MENTOR SIGN UP Link!](#) The IHSSA together with the IOWA ARTS ALLIANCE wants to connect new IHSSA teachers/coaches with experienced teachers/coaches. If you are in NEED of a MENTOR, please complete. If you can be a MENTOR, please complete.

For those individuals enlisting in the program that are also full-time speech/drama/debate/language arts teachers, **opportunities exist for a small stipend \$\$--both for the MENTEE as well as the MENTOR.**



# NFHS: FREE Courses!

The National Federation of State High School Associations provided FREE learning opportunities. You are strongly encouraged to educate yourself regarding COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE and THEATRE SAFETY. These online courses are FREE and are provided as a courtesy by the [NFHS Learning Center](#).

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## NFHS: Teacher Satisfaction Survey

YOUR voice is IMPORTANT and NEEDED NATIONALLY! Please take the NFHS Teacher Satisfaction Survey. We want to know why you became a Speech/Debate/Theatre Coach! We will be using this information to help create recruitment efforts for younger generations to become teachers and advocacy efforts to help support current coaches in the future.

THEATRE TEACHERS [Survey Link](#)

SPEECH/DEBATE TEACHERS [Survey LINK](#)





# US Department of Education OPPORTUNITIES

## Contest Sites 24



**\*LG District assignments are released in December.  
IE District site assignments are released in January.**

### **NORTHWEST**

#### **LARGE GROUP DISTRICT**

Denison  
Northwestern College  
Sioux City East

#### **LARGE GROUP STATE**

Spencer

#### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT**

MOC-Floyd Valley  
Sioux Central  
Woodbury Central

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST**

Kuemper Catholic

### **NORTHEAST**

#### **LARGE GROUP DISTRICT**

Cascade  
Decorah  
Union

#### **LARGE GROUP STATE**

Dubuque Senior

#### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT**

Maquoketa Valley  
Mason City  
West Delaware

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST**

Hampton-Dumont CAL

### **SOUTHWEST**

#### **LARGE GROUP DISTRICT**

ACGC  
Clarke Osceola  
Shenandoah  
WDM Valley

#### **LARGE GROUP STATE**

Ankeny Centennial

#### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT**

Bondurant-Farrar  
Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson  
East Union  
Waukee Northwest

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST**

ADM

### **SOUTHEAST**

#### **LARGE GROUP DISTRICT**

Keota  
Iowa City Liberty  
Monticello  
Pella

#### **LARGE GROUP STATE**

Pleasant Valley

#### **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT**

Montezuma  
Mount Vernon  
North Scott  
South Tama

#### **INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST**

Cedar Rapids Xavier

**STATE DEBATE:  
ANKENY DMACC CAMPUS**

**LG.GROUP ALL STATE FESTIVAL:  
IOWA STATE**

**IE ALL STATE FESTIVAL:  
UNI**



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