



SWIFT

MAY 2024

SPEECH WORKERS OF IOWA FEATURE THEMSELVES

IHSSA + YOU **HELLO! HELLO!**



- **ACADEMIC CONGRATS**
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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."

A Lil' Acorn

I'd like to share a final thought on how amazing you are!

And how individually, you have made a difference!

Yes, you are Difference Makers!

Jane Goodall said, "What you do makes a difference.
And YOU alone decide what kind of difference you want to make."

YOU...decide...what kind of difference you want to make.

What kind of difference do you want to make?

One day a man was walking along a beach when he noticed, a young person picking up starfish and throwing them back into the ocean.

"Pardon me, " the man asked, "What are you doing?"

The student replied, "Throwing the starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they will die."

The man laughed and said, "Do you realize there are miles upon miles of beaches and hundreds and hundreds of starfish? How can you make a difference? You will be here forever."

The student listened politely, bent down to pick up another starfish and then threw it into the surf. Then, they smiled at the man and said, "I made a difference for that one."

The difference YOU have made upon students (miles and miles of them) has forever impact.

Your impact as a teacher/a guide/a mentor/counselor and a life saver is most generously applauded and affirmed! I can think of no better award or honor than that of making a difference in the life of a young person!

YOU truly are a TREASURE to this world!

What a difference YOU have made!

Have a most engaging and relaxing summer!

And...in the spirit of speech education,

Stacy S. Hansen



DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

The following schools have achieved a 3.25 or above GPA in their classroom work while actively participating in interscholastic speech activities. These students exemplify the excellence achieved by the young people of today and the future of tomorrow!

CONGRATULATIONS!

ANKENY CENTENNIAL: Large Group, Individual Events

APLINGTON-PARKERSBURG: Individual Events

BISHOP GARRIGAN: Large Group, Individual Events

CAM: Debate, Large Group

CAM 9TH: Individual Events

CEDAR VALLEY CHRISTIAN: Large Group, Individual Events

CHEROKEE WASHINGTON: Large Group, Individual Events

CHEROKEE WASHINGTON 9TH: Large Group, Individual Events

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY: Large Group, Individual Events

COUNCIL BLUFFS THOMAS JEFFERSON: Large Group, Individual Events

COUNCIL BLUFFS THOMAS JEFFERSON 9TH: Individual Events

DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES: Individual Events

DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES 9TH: Individual Events

DANVILLE: Large Group, Individual Events

DENVER: Large Group, Individual Events

DON BOSCO: Large Group, Individual Events

EAST MARSHALL: Large Group, Individual Events

EAST MILLS: Large Group, Individual Events

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK: Large Group, Individual Events

GLENWOOD: Large Group, Individual Events

GLENWOOD 9TH: Individual Events

GRISWOLD: Large Group

HAMPTON-DUMONT-CAL: Debate, Large Group, Individual Events

HAMPTON-DUMONT-CAL 9TH: Large Group, Individual Events

IKM-MANNING: Large Group, Individual Events

IKM-MANNING 9TH: Individual Events

KUEMPER CATHOLIC: Large Group, Individual Events

LISBON: Large Group, Individual Events

LYNNVILLE-SULLY: Large Group, Individual Events



DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

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MAQUOKETA VALLEY: Large Group, Individual Events
MAQUOKETA VALLEY 9TH: Individual Events
MARQUETTE CATHOLIC: Large Group
MAYNARD WEST CENTRAL: Individual Events
MFL MARMAC: Large Group, Individual Events
MFL MARMAC 9TH: Individual Events
MID-PRAIRIE: Large Group, Individual Events
MOC-FLOYD VALLEY: Large Group, Individual Events
MOC-FLOYD VALLEY 9TH: Large Group, Individual Events
MONTEZUMA: Large Group, Individual Events
MONTEZUMA 9TH: Individual Events
MONTICELLO: Large Group, Individual Events
MONTICELLO 9TH: Large Group, Individual Events
MOUNT AYR: Large Group, Individual Events
MOUNT AYR 9TH: Large Group, Individual Events
NEWELL-FONDA: Debate, Large Group, Individual Events
NORTH BUTLER: Large Group, Individual Events
NORTH BUTLER 9TH: Individual Events
ORIENT-MACKSBURG: Large Group, Individual Events
PCM: Large Group, Individual Events
POCAHONTAS AREA: Large Group, Individual Events
POCAHONTAS AREA 9th: Large Group
RIVERSIDE: Large Group, Individual Events
ROLAND-STORY: Large Group, Individual Events
SOUTHEAST VALLEY: Large Group, Individual Events
TURKEY VALLEY: Large Group
UNION: Large Group, Individual Events
WESTERN DUBUQUE: Large Group, Individual Events
WESTERN DUBUQUE 9TH: Individual Events
WESTWOOD: Individual Events

Schools listed are those based on applications received by April 30, 2024.



IHSSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!** Thank you for offering your generous leadership, your thoughtful guidance, and your continuous vision for excellence to the IHSSA! We are beyond grateful for giving of yourselves so abundantly and passionately! True servant leaders you are!

TIM CRONIN, Superintendent, Decorah, NE

I am honored to serve the students and coaches in the IHSSA. I look forward to helping you in any way, and especially enjoy all of your performances at contest!



RUSS ADAMS, Superintendent, MOC-Floyd Valley, NW

We are committed to providing EVERY student with an opportunity to stretch, learn, and grow. EVERYONE has a place, and EVERYONE is supported!



KEVIN SENEY, 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!



BILL MESSEROLE, Principal, Creston, SW

The IHSSA has a place for every student. It is the most inclusive activity that celebrates all abilities. Strengthening this program along with expanding opportunities to participate continues to be my focus.



JEAN BERGER, Executive Vice President, IGHSAU

There is joy-We have fun.
There is compassion-We demonstrate how much we care.
Gratitude-We are grateful for the opportunity and those we include.



CARRIE TINKHAM, Coach At Large, CR Washington

I love serving on the Executive Committee because I see the impact the IHSSA has on students all over our state, and I believe wholeheartedly in the IHSSA philosophy.



RISE IHSSA STUDENT ENSEMBLE



RISE

RISE (Rise IHSSA Student Ensemble) is a student group of IHSSA students representing each of the 4 Districts. Members act as a voice of Iowa's student participants and serve as a student sounding board for the associated IHSSA Committees.

In addition to assisting in the promotion of the educational value of speech participation, RISE explores issues around career and vocational training, citizenship and character counts, and student leadership. Members will participate in leadership seminars, awareness projects and will assist with selected contest/festival responsibilities. Members will also facilitate local leadership projects and provide feedback on a multitude of issues directly impacting IHSSA student voices.

Three representatives serve from each of Iowa's four districts (NE, SE, NW, SW). Consideration for selection will include speech/drama/debate participation in school as well as the community and demonstrated leadership skills. Incoming grades 11-12 may apply (grade for 2024-25 school year). Students must show an understanding of the role of IHSSA in a student's life long journey and the value of participation. Participants must be available for scheduled teleconferences and in-person meetings. Junior members will be selected for a two-year term; Seniors 1 year.

To be eligible for consideration for RISE, candidates must:

- **Complete Official Application**
- **Submit Letter of Recommendation from School Administrator (Principal, AD) or Speech Coach**
- **Submit Resume**
- **Submit a 3-4 minute Video Application**
- **Hold a Minimum Cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)**

[HERE IS THE RISE APPLICATION LINK.](#)



RISE

RISE IHSSA STUDENT ENSEMBLE

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IHSSA DATES FOR 2024-2025

AUGUST 17, 2024 - JUDGES / COACHES WORKSHOP, VIRTUAL

**OCTOBER 11/12, 2024 - IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION
GATEWAY HOTEL, AMES**

**JANUARY 10/11, 2025 - STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT,
DMACC, ANKENY**

JANUARY 25, 2025 - DISTRICT LARGE GROUP CONTEST

FEBRUARY 8, 2025 - STATE LARGE GROUP CONTEST

**FEBRUARY 22, 2025 - ALL-STATE FESTIVAL LARGE GROUP
IOWA STATE CENTER, AMES**

MARCH 1, 2025 - DISTRICT INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

MARCH 15, 2025 - STATE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

**MARCH 31, 2025 - ALL-STATE FESTIVAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS,
UNI, CEDAR FALLS**

Get these dates to your students, parents, and administration so you
can plan for these dates next year!

Web link for all Unified Dates for 2022-2027
<http://ighsau.org/calendar/>



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IHSSA LOGO TRADEMARK

Please remember the IHSSA Logo is a trademark symbol and cannot be used unless you have permission from the IHSSA State Office. The IHSSA logo may not be used for end of the year awards/certificates/clothing/etc. Permission must be requested for any type of use. The IHSSA is a copyrighted trademark symbol.

HAVE YOU PAID ALL ENTRY FEES??



Please take a moment to make sure your fees are paid. At this time, we have several coaches schools who still have not paid for their membership fee from the fall or convention. Your invoices for all contests can be found on your login/password page. Please take a moment and check to see if your fees are paid. Debate, Lg.Group District/State/All State, IE District/State/All State, Membership, Convention, Awards. Please contact the IHSSA office for any questions.



CONTEST DATES FOR 2025

Be sure to check the page in this issue of SWIFT that has the dates of IHSSA events. Make copies and give them to your Activities Director, Principal, Superintendent, Counselors, office staff, fellow teaching staff, and, most importantly: YOUR STUDENTS. If we plan for these dates now, there will be less conflict in 2024-2025. For those of you who like to plan ahead, the IHSSA has the calendar set for contest dates through the year 2026. Give us a call for those dates or talk to your Activities Director.

AWARDS



Please remember all awards will be shipped directly to your school from the factory. Therefore, we ask that you allow 2 -3 weeks for delivery. It is important to know that the State Office will NOT have any awards on hand for emergency requests. After May1, no PO#s will be accepted for an award order. However, you still may order with a check or cash after April 30. Please plan AHEAD for your award ceremonies. Be sure to buy the IHSSA award for the extra official look! You are not allowed to use the IHSSA on your own.



NO POSTING on YOUTUBE

Please remember that the royalty agreement you have for contest does NOT cover your events to be posted on YouTube. If you have students or parents who are posting their events or performances on YouTube, be aware that you are not covered under any type of IHSSA agreement. It is strongly advised that these postings be taken down.

MORE notes



FAMILY WEEK 2024 DATES

The Iowa High School Speech Association, Iowa High School Music Association, Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, in response to recommendations from our ad hoc committee, implemented a "Family Week" on the Unified Activities Federation Calendar. "Family Week" is a week that prohibits any coach or teacher/student contact and any unified activity event from occurring. That period will include Sunday through Sunday of week 3 and Week 4 of the calendar. It will begin July 28, 2024 and extend through August 4, 2024. The Iowa High School Speech Association supports "Family Week", and there can be no speech, theatre, or debate activities within the IHSSA member schools during that week. All high school students, including incoming 9th graders, are covered under the rule and are not to have contact (on or off school premises) with teachers nor use school facilities during the eight day period.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU NOTES!

The IHSSA is most grateful to the friendships and support of our partnering organizations and businesses. Please take a moment and send a THANK YOU by email or mail to our following friends. Your thoughtfulness will be greatly received.

IOWA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC UNION (Year long support)
ATTN: Executive Director Jean Berger, jeanberger@ighsau.org
5000 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266

DMACC (State Debate)
ATTN: President Rob Denson
2006 S Ankeny Blvd, Ankeny, IA 50023

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA (IE All State Festival)
ATTN: President Dr. Mark Nook, president@uni.edu
1227 W 27th St, Cedar Falls, IA 50614



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+ MORE THANK YOU NOTES!

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY (LG All State Festival)

ATTN: Director of Programming, Craig Wiebke, cwiebke@iastate.edu
Scheman Building
1805 Center Drive, Ames, IA 50011

DISCOVER AMES (LG All State Festival and Fall Convention)

ATTN: President Kevin Bourke, kevinb@discoverames.com
Aspen Business Park
1601 Golden Aspen Dr # 110, Ames, IA 50010

CEDAR FALLS TOURISM and VISITORS BUREAU (IE All State Festival)

ATTN: Sales and Marketing Director Adam Bolander, Adam.Bolander@cedarfalls.com
6510 Hudson Rd, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

POETRY OUTLOUD (Year Long Support)

ATTN: Program Manager Jennie Knoebel, jennie.knoebel@iowa.gov
State Historical Building
600 E Locust St, Des Moines, IA 50319

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS (Year Long Support)

ATTN: Director of Education Karoline Myers, karolinem@dmpa.org
221 Walnut Street Des Moines, IA 50309

MEDIACOM /MC22 (Televised Debate, Lg. Group All-State, and IE All-State)

ATT: Senior Manager Jeff Anderson, jeanderson@mediacomcc.com
Senior Manager | MC22 Operations
6300 Council Street NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402



2024 HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! NOMINATE!

Be sure to take a moment and nominate someone for the IHSSA Hall of Fame. Induction into the Iowa High School Speech Association Hall of Fame is the highest honor the Speech Association may confer on an individual. It is presented to a distinguished individual of state-wide reputation and outstanding accomplishments. The contribution and service given by the inductee stem from dedication and commitment to the Iowa High School Speech programs *beyond* normally expected and superlative identification. By the model of their lifetime work they have exemplified most clearly and forcefully the ideas and purposes to which high school speech programs and competitions are dedicated.

If you are aware of a speech coach, administrator, or judge who fulfills the above criteria, please send the IHSSA a letter for recommendation. Your nomination will be held in strict confidence and forwarded to the Hall of Fame Jury for their consideration.

Please include a paragraph or two in which you justify why you believe this individual is worthy of being inducted into the IHSSA Hall of Fame.

APPLICATION for THE

IHSSA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION Link: also on website

Thank you - Hall of Fame Jury

**Richard Riggleman
New Speech Coach
AWARD
Fall 2024**

**APPLY
TODAY!**

**IHSSA Fine Arts
Administrator
AWARD
Fall 2024**

The Richard Riggleman Speech Coach Award was established to recognize young IHSSA Speech Coaches. The award consists of 1,000 per year, renewable for two consecutive years, for a total of \$3,000.

The recipient must be a SECOND/THIRD YEAR TEACHER as of the start of the 2024-2025 school year and active in IHSSA activities. The award will be presented at the annual IHSSA Speech Coaches Convention. *Those interested may contact the IHSSA State Office for an application.*

[HERE is the RICHARD RIGGLEMAN APPLICATION LINK.](#)



The profile of the recipient should reflect the following disciplines: (1) must be in a second year residence of teaching at an Iowa School participating in the IHSSA; (2) show a commitment to coaching speech, large group events, individual events, and/or debate; (3) demonstrate excellence in the coaching of speech; (4) have past experience competing in high school or college speech; and (5) present a scholastic record with an emphasis in speech courses.

The Riggleman Award is the first of its kind that has been established with the IHSSA. Mr. Riggleman was an active IHSSA coach for over 30 years and still remains very active with IHSSA activities as a judge, State Debate Tournament manager, and manager for numerous State and District contests. Richard Riggleman was inducted into the IHSSA Hall of Fame in 1994. The IHSSA is extremely grateful to Mr. Riggleman for his generous and continued support of the Iowa High School Speech Association.

This award will be given to one Administrator at the Fall Convention. The award was developed by the IHSSA Executive Committee to recognize those administrators in Iowa who go above and beyond the call of duty for IHSSA.

To receive this award an administrator must be nominated by their IHSSA coach. This nomination should be in letter form no longer than 2 pages and not less than 1. In the letter, each coach should state the reasons why this administrator should be recognized as the IHSSA Fine Arts Administrator of the year.

This person can be any administrator in your district. For example, Supt., Principal, AD, Assistant Principal, etc. They also must be an active administrator at this time. Be sure to include details such as their position in your school district and examples of their work to make the IHSSA better in your school district.

Letters of recommendation can be sent at this time to the IHSSA State Office. Summer time is a fantastic time to recommend a worthy Administrator!

Please indicate on the outside of the envelope that it is a nomination for IHSSA Fine Arts Administrator of the year. Be sure to honor those who have made your life better through their support!





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REACH FOR THE STARS!

Coaches Convention 2024

October 11 & 12, Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames

FREE COACHES/JUDGES + YOU WORKSHOP AUGUST 17, 2025

**SAVE
THE DATE**

**SCHEDULE for AUGUST 17
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**
10:00: Welcome
**10:05: SPONTANEOUS
SPEAKING/IMPROV**
10:55: ENSEMBLE ACTING
11:45: The KINDNESS PROJECT



**JUDGE CERTIFICATION for
Intermediate/Experience Judges**

Contest Sites 25

NORTHWEST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

Manson NW Webster
Sheldon
Spencer

LARGE GROUP STATE

Sioux City East

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Fort Dodge
Whiting
Woodbury Central

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

--TBA

NORTHEAST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

Cascade
Hampton-Dumont-CAL
Turkey Valley

LARGE GROUP STATE

Decorah

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Independence
Janesville
West Hancock

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

Starmont

SOUTHWEST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

ACGC
Des Moines East
Clarke
Glenwood

LARGE GROUP STATE

Waukee

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

CAM
Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson
Mt. Ayr

--TBA

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

Ames

SOUTHEAST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

Clear Creek Amana
Monticello
South Tama
--TBA

LARGE GROUP STATE

Cedar Rapids Washington

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Central City
Central DeWitt
Pekin

West Burlington

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

North Scott

**STATE DEBATE:
ANKENY DMACC CAMPUS**

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

**IE ALL STATE FESTIVAL:
UNI**

ELECTIONS: Executive Committee

NW District Executive Committee ELECTIONS

Elections will be held this coming fall for the position on the Ex. Committee for the NW District. Ballots will be sent out after Labor Day. If you have an Administrator (Superintendent or Principal) who is interested in serving on this Committee, please have them contact the IHSSA State Office. We will be glad to give them details and the responsibilities needed for this position. This is a 4-year term, with the option to run for a consecutive term.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

NE: LG GROUP ALL STATE

Emily Eisenman,
Waterloo West

SW: IE ALL STATE

Kate Engelkes &
Chuck Ripley, Ames

JUDGE CERTIFICATION Sites

IHSSA JUDGES + YOU!

If you are interested in hosting a Judges Certification meeting at your school next year please contact the State Office or your district's representative on the Judges Certification Committee. All you have to do is provide a place for the meeting. A Judges Certification Committee member will run the meeting. It is important that we all work together in recruiting individuals who would be great judges and keeping those who are superior. We need your help in finding that new great judge from your community.

NE: Lisa Phyfe, Waverly-Shell Rock, lisa.phyfe@wsr.k12.ia.us

NW: Shawn Starr, Woodbury Central, sstarr@wcwildcats.org

SE: Vince Hrasky, Tri County, vince.hrasky@tri-countyschools.com

SW: Dirk Waller, CB Abe Lincoln, dwaller@cbcsd.org



CALLBOARD

Summer

May 30: Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards Showcase,
Des Moines Civic Center

June 16 - 21: NSDA National Tournament, Des Moines

June 23 - 28: International Thespian Festival,
Indiana University Bloomington

July 28 - August 4: Unified Federation:
IGHSAU/IHSAA/IHSMA/IHSSA Family Week

August 17: IHSSA Coaches/Judges Summer Workshop,
Virtual



NFHS Summer
Camp ADVICE



NFHS
FREE COURSES!

2024 IHSSA All State Individual Events

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE



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FINE DESIGNS LINK

ORDER NOW.

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