



SWIFT

MAY 2023

SPEECH WORKERS OF IOWA FEATURE THEMSELVES

IHSSA + YOU **HELLO! HELLO!**

- **ACADEMIC CONGRATS**
- **GRATITUDE**
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- **23.24 CALENDAR**
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- **ADMIN AWARD APP**
- **CONVENTION 2023**

+ MORE!

"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

You may have heard of the book "212 The Extra Degree" by Sam Parker and Mac Anderson.

The premise of the book is based on the analogy that at 211 degrees, water is very hot –but still liquid. At 212 degrees, it boils, and with boiling water, comes steam, and steam can power a train.

And trains deliver.
Trains connect.
Trains supply and maintain.
Trains transport and transcend.

Simply by raising the water temperature just by a single degree means the difference between just having hot water and creating energy. That little extra effort makes a huge difference.

Small change. Big impact.

By just adding 1 degree.
+1.
YOU!
YOU are that +1 degree!
YOU!

You are the +1 in that student's life! You encourage, invite, inspire, welcome, and LOVE your students! YOU TRANSCEND!

You offer your students a home, a safe place, a place of encouragement and acceptance, a place where they are ignited to be a better person and find meaning and connection to the bigger world around them!

Every. Single. One. Of. Them!
Small change. Big impact!

You release the potential in all of your students to make an everlasting difference in their lives and this whole big world! You give them energy and hope to power full STEAM ahead!

Thank you, IHSSA Family, for carrying and powering our most valuable freight –our students! YOU are incredible engineers of providing forever impact and education +!

Small change. FOREVER impact!



-- Stacy 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!

AGWSR: Individual Events

ANKENY CENTENNIAL: Large Group, Individual Events

APLINGTON-PARKERSBURG: Individual Events

ATLANTIC: Large Group, Individual Events

ATLANTIC 9TH: Individual Events

AUDUBON: Large Group, Individual Events

BELLEVUE MARQUETTE CATHOLIC: Large Group, Individual Events

BELLEVUE MARQUETTE CATHOLIC 9th: Large Group

BISHOP GARRIGAN: Large Group, Individual Events

CAM: Debate, Large Group, Individual Events

CAM 9TH: Individual Events

CASCADE: Large Group, Individual Events

CENTRAL CITY: Large Group, Individual Events

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY: Large Group, Individual Events

COUNCIL BLUFFS THOMAS JEFFERSON: Large Group, Individual Events

DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES: Individual Events

DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES 9TH: Individual Events

DANVILLE: Large Group, Individual Events

DECORAH: Large Group, Individual Events

DECORAH 9TH: Large Group, Individual Events

DON BOSCO: Large Group, Individual Events

EAST MARSHALL: Large Group, Individual Events

EAST MILLS: Individual Events

GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK: Large Group, Individual Events

GLENWOOD: Individual Events



DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

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GRINNELL: Large Group

INDEPENDENCE: Large Group, Individual Events

KUEMPER CATHOLIC: Large Group, Individual Events

KUEMPER CATHOLIC 9TH: Large Group, Individual Events

LISBON: Large Group

LYNNVILLE-SULLY: Large Group, Individual Events

MAQUOKETA VALLEY: Large Group, Individual Events

MAQUOKETA VALLEY 9TH: Individual Events

MFL MARMAC: Large Group, Individual Events

MFL MARMAC 9TH: Individual Events

MID-PRAIRIE: 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: Large Group, Individual Events

NEWELL-FONDA 9TH: Large Group

ORIENT-MACKSBURG: Large Group, Individual Events

OSKALOOSA: Debate, Large Group, Individual Events

POSTVILLE: Individual Events

RIDGE VIEW: Large Group, Individual Events

RIDGE VIEW 9th: Large Group, Individual Events

SIDNEY: Large Group, Individual Events

SIOUX CENTRAL: Large Group, Individual Events

SIOUX CENTRAL 9TH: Large Group, Individual Events

TREYNOR: Large Group, Individual Events

TRINITY CHRISTIAN: Individual Events

WAUKEE: Large Group

WEST DES MOINES VALLEY: Large Group, Individual Events

WESTERN DUBUQUE: Large Group, Individual Events



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!

RUSS REITER, Superintendent, Independence, NE

Supporting the IHSSA is about supporting "all" students with incredible lifelong skills. How best to make a difference in the lives of our students and their futures. They inspire me!



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, the RISE will explore 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.

Two representatives will be selected 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 2023-24 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 and Seniors one 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 2023-2024

AUGUST 12, 2023 - JUDGES / COACHES WORKSHOP, VIRTUAL

**OCTOBER 13/14, 2023 - IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION
GATEWAY HOTEL, AMES**

**JANUARY 5/6, 2024 - STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT,
DMACC, ANKENY**

JANUARY 20, 2024 - DISTRICT LARGE GROUP CONTEST

FEBRUARY 3, 2024 - STATE LARGE GROUP CONTEST

**FEBRUARY 17, 2024 - ALL-STATE FESTIVAL LARGE GROUP
IOWA STATE CENTER, AMES**

FEBRUARY 24, 2024 - DISTRICT INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

MARCH 9, 2024 - STATE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

**MARCH 25, 2024 - 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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notes



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.



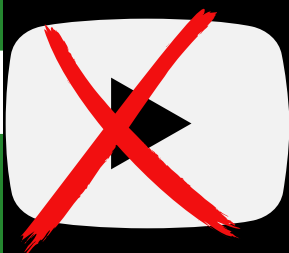
CONTEST DATES FOR 2024

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 2023-2024. 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 May 1, 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 2023 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 23, 2023 and extend through July 30, 2023. 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
ATTN: Liberal Arts Dean Jim Stick, jwstick@dmacc.edu
2006 S Ankeny Blvd, Ankeny, IA 50023

SIMPSON COLLEGE (State Debate)

ATTN: Director of Academic Recruitment Spencer Waugh, spencer.waugh@simpson.edu
701 North C Street, Indianola, Iowa 50125



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+ MORE THANK YOU NOTES!



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA (IE All State Festival)

ATTN: President Dr. Mark Nook, president@uni.edu

ATTN: Dean Dr. John Fritch, John.Fritch@uni.edu

1227 W 27th St, Cedar Falls, IA 50614

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: Coordinator Veronica Tarello, veronicat@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

UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY (Year Long Support)

ATTN: Asst. Professor of Communication NiCole Dennler, dennlern@uiu.edu

P.O. Box 1857, Fayette, IA 52142-1857

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

2023 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.

Thank you - Hall of Fame Jury

APPLICATION for THE

IHSSA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION Link: also on website

**Richard Riggleman
New Speech Coach
AWARD
Fall 2023**

**APPLY
TODAY!**

**IHSSA Fine Arts
Administrator
AWARD
Fall 2023**

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 2023-2024 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!



IHSSA * YOU:

The Story of Us

Coaches Convention

October 13 & 14, 2023



SAVE THE DATE

Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames, Iowa

FREE COACHES/JUDGES + YOU WORKSHOP AUGUST 12, 2023



SCHEDULE for AUGUST 12
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
10:00: Welcome
10:05: Judging MIME!
10:55: Judging The FAB FOUR!
11:45: A Judges Tool Box! CALL IN!



JUDGE CERTIFICATION for
Intermediate/Experience Judges

Contest Sites 24

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
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
Mt. 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

ELECTIONS: Executive Committee

COACH at LARGE Executive Committee ELECTIONS

The COACH AT LARGE seat on the Executive Committee will be open for state wide elections. Anyone who is interested in running for the Coach at Large position may seek information regarding the procedures and process from the State Office. Ballots will be sent out after Labor Day. We would be happy to offer you details and the responsibilities needed for that position. This is a 4-year term, with the option to run a consecutive term.

NE District Executive Committee ELECTIONS

Elections will be held this coming fall for the position on the Ex. Committee for the NE 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.

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

June 1: Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards Showcase
Des Moines Civic Center

June 18 - 23: Simpson College Public Forum Debate Camp
Indianola

June 19 - 23: 2023 International Thespian Festival
Indiana University Bloomington

July 23 -30: Unified Federation: IGHSAU/IHSAA/IHSMA/IHSSA
Family Week

August 12: IHSSA Coaches/Judges Summer Workshop
Virtual



NFHS Summer
Camp ADVICE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

NW: Judge Certification
Shawn Starr, Woodbury Central
SW: Large Group All State
Jacki Pleggenkuhle, Waukee

FINE DESIGNS LINK

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