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Oct 28  Mime - 4:00 (Kevin Hosbond, Grinnell High School)
Short Film - 4:30 (Ted Van Deventer, WDM Walnut Creek & Valley High School)

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Nov 11 Copyright - 4:00 (Dr. James Weaver, NFHS)
What Contest Will Look Like - 4:30 (Craig Ihnen, IHSSA) this is where we will discuss contest and how it will progress.

What is in this issue of SWIFT

- Contest deadlines
- E-mail Address of Coaches
- IHSSA Mentoring Info
- Poetry Outloud
- On-Line Registration for IHSSA contests
- IHSSA final two Coaches Convention Sessions
- State Debate Tournament Info

Check the web site for membership info for your school. Be sure to attend the November 11th session on how contest will happen in 2021.

Plus so much more!!

We hope you have been attending the IHSSA virtual Coaches Convention? What great information and advice has been available on those dates! Please check out the links of the past sessions. From working in an online world for the classroom and the theatre, to how to perform Storytelling in person or virtual, to self help for us in this time where we all could use some positive reinforcement! All the information, handouts and powerpoints are located on this link on the IHSSA web site.


This Wednesday, Oct. 28th, is the 3rd Coaches Convention session with topics of Mime and Short Film. Be sure to attend and get the help you have come to find at the in-person Coaches Conventions all of these years.

Special thanks goes to the Convention Committee for their outstanding work this past month. They are: J’Kalein Madison, Russ Adams, Jacki Pleggenkuhle, Kevin Hosbond and Marissa Klausen. This entire committee deserves a lot of acknowledgement for the work they have done to bring you the virtual convention this year. There are still 2 sessions to attend and I hope you are already signed up. If you cannot attend a session, it will be posted about a week later on the IHSSA web site. Handouts and power points are always part of those links for the sessions.

One of the great aspects so far is that a virtual Judge Certification took place on Saturday morning of the traditional Coaches Convention weekend. Over 100 judges took advantage of this event. It was a great way to celebrate the IHSSA Coaches Convention and to have more folks become judges for the IHSSA. Combining the numbers of the summer event and this event on Oct. 10th, over 250 individuals have certified or re-certified via the virtual format this year. Congrats to everyone who took those virtual events! Also, we continue to do live in-person certification across the state. Check out the dates that are listed on this SWIFT that are still open.

There will be plenty of opportunities to judge this coming contest season for all.

We appreciate the Judge Certification Committee of Lisa Phyfe, Dick Walker, Mark Morehouse, Vince Hanusky and Stacy Hansen. Please remember that our judging improves when you, as coaches, fill out the evaluations and let the Committee know what areas need improvement.

The IHSSA Hall of Fame members (pictured in this SWIFT) met during the originally planned Convention weekend. This group provides four scholarships to IHSSA students and makes a huge difference with their continued support of our collective mission. They continue to judge, coach and even provide sessions at the coaches convention every year. Several provide invaluable support to younger coaches in their areas. Please know you can always submit a name for possible Hall of Fame honors by writing the State Office and give some background why that person would be a good candidate for the IHSSA Hall of Fame.

I was watching TV the other night and David Byrne’s American Utopia was playing. In this program he leads us through many feelings and emotions that are so prevalent in our country at this time - from the despair in our daily lives to what we can hope to be. By the end of the show I had the positive feeling I felt when I work with IHSSA students, judges, and coaches. Byrne’s work has so many similarities to the work we do in the IHSSA which provides the connections between all of us. Like he stated, “We are a work in progress, but we can get there.” I so agree with this statement. We are a work in progress this year. Through this work we can change and create a better future for all. From the little things you are doing each day - holding tryouts for your groups, finding that perfect selection for one of your students, opening up another world for a student this year - to the look on the faces in the group when that feeling of being one together is there. When you reach out to all of those in your school to become a part of this activity there is nothing we cannot do when we do it together. Knowing that this year will be different from years past, I know that it will be fine because we are in this and working together....enjoy the journey!
CONTEST NOTES

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

This was NOT a rule change year so all the rules in your Constitution and By-Laws are the same from last year. You will NOT be receiving any updates to rules this fall. The rules from last year are correct and still in place. Also, there were no changes to any of the comment sheets. WE DID NOT CHANGE RULES THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID 19. No Spring meetings were held and therefore no rule changes were made for this coming season. We hope to have Spring meetings and that will then be a rule change meeting.

JUDGE CERTIFICATION MEETINGS

This is open to anyone who wishes to become an IHSSA judge. Please contact the State Office (crraig@ihssa.org) for the registration link. IF YOU ATTENDED THE AUGUST WORKSHOP, THAT COUNTS AS CERTIFICATION IF YOU TOOK THE TEST. Please contact the State Office on this option. This option is still available for coaches if you wish to become a judge this year.

IN-PERSON SESSIONS

If you attend one of the following sessions you will be required to wear a mask and practice social distancing throughout the event. Please check the web site (ihssa.org) to confirm if the site will run due to last minute concerns with Covid-19.

SOUTHEAST
Marion
Grinnell
Linn Mar High School
Grinnell High School
Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 4, check web site for date/time

NORTHWEST
Le Mars
Le Mars Community High School
Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.

NORTHEAST
Jesup
Jesup High School
Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.
MENTORING PROGRAM

The IHSSA would like to help any fellow coaches who believe they would benefit from a mentoring program. All you need to do is give the State Office a call and indicate that you would like to have a fellow coach as a mentor. The State Office will then contact a coach in your area and set up a mentoring program between the two coaches. If you would like to have more information on this subject, please call the IHSSA. If you are a new coach this would be VERY important for you to have a mentor

CONTEST SITE ASSIGNMENTS

A few schools have had questions regarding how the district site assignments are made for contest each year. Our major goal is to have districts sites equal in size. Sometimes this will make the drive a bit further than we would like; however, we believe that it is important to give each student the same opportunity at every contest. Without doing this, some contest sites would have 60 schools and others would have only 15-20 schools. Contest site assignments will be made in early December after the membership closes on the 1st of that month. Contest locations will be posted on the web site after December 16th. Be sure to check the web site for your contest site location. That will be the only communication for your assignment for the IHSSA contest series.

DO NOT REGISTER FOR CONTEST UNTIL YOUR SCHOOL IS ASSIGNED A SITE. IF YOU REGISTER EARLY YOU WILL HAVE ISSUES AND MAY HAVE TO REGISTER ALL OVER AGAIN!!!

2020-2021 IHSSA MEMBERSHIP

Check the web site (in November) to see if your membership has been paid for 2020-2021. Membership closes for the 2020-21 contest year on December 1, 2020. If you do not see your name shown then call the State Office ASAP!!! As of today, there are several schools that have been members that have not sent in their membership for 2020-2021. Membership cards were sent to the IHSSA coach in August at your school. If you DID NOT receive a card please contact Deb in the State Office (deb@ihssa.org) and she will send you another card via e-mail right away. PLEASE CHECK THE WEB SITE IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

Short Film, TV Newscasting and Radio Broadcasting Presentation at Contest

Please read your Constitution - you must provide your own media formatted presentation. The contest site will have a backup just in case something happens to your projector or computer, however, it is your responsibility to bring your own equipment.

DO NOT PLAN ON USING THE CONTEST SITE EQUIPMENT IN SHORT FILM, TV NEWSCASTING, and RADIO BROADCASTING. This was discussed at the contest managers meeting and they asked us to speak to this issue again.

Each school should bring their own projector to show the Short Film and TV Newscasting. The contest sites will have speakers for you to plug into but you need to bring your own equipment to show the Short Film and TV News. If you bring your own equipment you will have no problems showing these events. We had some issues with this in the past, and the District Officers suggested to contest managers that all Short Film and TV Newscasting entries bring their own equipment to show their presentations. What each site will have is a cart to set up your equipment up in the hallway before each presentation. When your event is then ready to go you wheel the cart in and your presentation will be set. There will be no setting up of equipment in the room any more. This should help those events run much more smoothly than before. If you are using music for short film, tv news, or radio broadcasting you must get rights from the copyright holder and get synchronization rights for that music. DO NOT USE SYNCHRONIZATION RIGHTS WITH OUT THOSE RIGHTS!!!

NOTE on timing of the Short Film... credits ARE A PART OF THE TIME. If you show credits they count as part of the time!!

IHSSA CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINES FOR 2021 CONTEST SEASON

STATE DEBATE
District January 6, 2021
State January 6, 2021

STATE LARGE GROUP
Immediately after district contest

DISTRICT IE
February 10, 2021

STATE IE
immediately after district contest

Be sure to send this in. Last year we had several schools that did not send in their monies until we called. Just getting the PO does not send the money in. You must work with your business office on this issue.

Please remember these deadline dates. Late entry penalties will be enforced per constitutional rules.

IHSSA Committee Appointments 2020

LG All-State - Beth Bellinghausen, Lawton-Bronson
IE All-State - Kim Carlson, Monticello
Debate - Kirk Kellway, CAM & John Cooper, Iowa City West
Judge Certification - Lisa Phye, Waverly-Shell Rock

IHSSA QR Patch

Poetry Out Loud info for this coming year!!!

Poetry Out Loud will be held this year and here is the link to find information about this great activity. This group has supported the IHSSA at our convention for many years. Please consider having an entry in this event his coming year. Here is the link: https://iwacoulture.gov/arts/get-involved/poetry-out-loud/how-to-participate

Also, check out the web site of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for great resources for your high school such as their film festivals: https://iwacoulture.gov/media/film-festivals
CONTEST SITES FOR 2021

(Please be aware sites could change due to many issues that we are dealing with this year. Please watch for changes and updates in SWIFT and on the IHSSA web site)

CONTEST SITES FOR 2021

NORTHWEST
Central Lyon
Spencer
ES East
Mason NW Webster

SOUTHWEST
Ankeny Centennial
Clarke
NORTH EAST
Postville

SOUTHEAST
The following e-mail addresses have been compiled by the State Office from the electronic questionnaire form sent out in the September issue of SWIFT by the IHSSA. There are two listings in this SWIFT if an address is wrong please send us a correct one. We appreciate all who took the time and effort to help us with this address book. As a courtesy to you, we will only put your e-mail in the SWIFT if you send us your address. We will run another listing in the November issue of SWIFT if necessary.

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November 18th...It is at: https://www-tabroom.com/index/tourn/index.html?tou rn_id=14458

The students could research, write and submit two bills or resolutions must be in by November 15. The intent form is on the web site and will be sent from the State Office via mail, too. If you need more please go to the web site for another copy.

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE STATE TOURNAMENT THERE IS HELP, JUST CONTACT THE STATE OFFICE AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN SUPPORT.

THREE AVAILABLE

LARGEST GROUP SITES: DISTRICT

NORTHWEST
Central Lyon
Spencer

SOUTHWEST
Ankeny Centennial
Clarke

SOUTHEAST

STATE DEBATE SITE
DMACC, Ankeny

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SITES: DISTRICT

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ENGELKES, KATE
BARTON, GRANT
MARNER, CALEB
REEVES, COURTNEY
WEAVER, JENNIFER
DICKINSON, TAMMY
HULL, KRIS
DUSEK, CHRIS
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Please watch the IHSSA web site for how the State Debate Tournament will be held this year November 11th that will be announced on the webinar.

Handouts from Coaches Convention and Powerpoint presentations

On the front page of the IHSSA website is a link to the page that holds handouts and powerpoints to many of the presentations at the IHSSA Coaches Convention. This is a great resource for coaches. Check it out!!
Below is the meeting of the IHSSA Hall of Fame at Convention this year. It was held at the same time and date that they usually hold their meeting. It was very special to have this group meet again and talk over items that they continue to do for the IHSSA even through COVID. For the first time this past year, despite the pandemic, four Hall of Fame scholarships of $1,000 each were given to very deserving IHSSA students who are planning to pursue speech, theatre, and debate work in their higher education. Please see the August SWIFT for those students and their respective schools. Thank you IHSSA Hall of Fame for your continued support! GREAT TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN!