

# IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION 'BLURBS' 2021

**Novice Coaches** ... Speech can be like a circus- so many wonderful and exciting things happening under one big tent! While it may seem overwhelming at first, don't fret! Experienced Ringmasters Beth, Derek, Jacque and Vince will guide you through everything you need to know to get through your season, from recruiting your performers to preparing for contest. If you are a new or inexperienced coach, this will truly be "The Greatest Show on Earth"!

**Experienced Coaches** ... What Do You See? The Importance of Diversity and Inclusion. Personal reflection is an important aspect of coaching and directing. We will discuss various interpersonal questions to assess social awareness as we discover possible barriers to a fully new idea of competition and theater.

**IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION FOR CREDIT** - Fall 2019 IHSSA Convention Workshop - 3 UNI credit hours.....\*(This course is offered for current teachers and Speech Coaches seeking re-certification or Iowa Board of Education Endorsement 168). **October 26—Dec. 18, 2021**

**Description:** This course will familiarize the student about the importance of argumentation and debate; the development of logical thinking, persuasive reasoning, concepts and terms utilized in argumentation and debate and the structure and design of Lincoln Douglas Debate, Policy Debate and Public Forum and debate as a classroom tool.

**Conjuring a Debate Program from Thin Air...** In this session, you'll learn how to start a debate program at your school- from getting students involved, learning where to find information, categories, and the in's and out's of competition season. You'll also learn about NSDA/ IHSSA IE speech carryover to enhance your current speech program.

**One Act Play...** Learning to Perform on Life's Stage is the perfect description of directing a one act play. This is your circus and yes, those are your monkeys. But don't panic! Enter the Big Top and embrace all the challenges of mounting a fully produced and traveling one act play. There will be time for participation, discussion, problem-solving, and creating a plan to improve your speech/theatre department.

**Speed Dating the IHSSA Way...** Join Craig and learn from everyone in the session some great tips for making the IHSSA contest season easier for you. You will get up and move and be an active part of this session. Learn from everyone else what are the BEST life lessons for the IHSSA coach.

**Royalties - Getting the Proper Rights ...** Coming back this year is Dr. James Weaver from the NFHS. He will provide tips & ideas on how to obtain permission to perform your material for contest season. Plus he will discuss the new NFHS learn course on copyright compliance and other great resources from the NFHS. Everyone needs to be aware of rights and copyright when doing material for IHSSA contest.

**Readers Theatre ...** It is a good day for Readers Theatre in Iowa! Ashlee Whittington and Suzi Jones will share their ideas about how to keep Readers Theatre simple and fun. It is possible to have an All-State Readers Theatre with a large cast, minimal staging and a purchased playscript. Can't find just the right script? Kim Keller will talk about the joys and challenges of writing your own material.

**Building Connections Through the Performing Arts ...** What makes our communities thrive? The arts. Join Tina Bakehouse as she provides specific stories and strategies of how the performing arts truly build connections to help grow our Iowa communities. Be prepared to be inspired and brainstorm ideas to take back to your community.

**Securing Rights to Material the Easy Way...** As the ringmaster to your school's speech team circus, it can be difficult to know how to get permission to perform plays, music, and other material. Learn tips and tricks on how to secure performance rights to speech material the easy way. That way you don't end up in the lion's den.

**Dance 101...** Step, kick, kick, kick, kick, step, touch, again!! Step, kick, kick, kick, kick, step, touch, again!! Would you like to learn some basic dance steps that will make your students look fantastic? I have been a speech coach at Logan-Magnolia High School for 15 years. I have hosted many contests and been in the IHSSA Speech world for 35 years. I have been dancing all of my life. I have choreographed many musicals, show choirs, speech events, and dance classes. Bring your best dancing shoes, socks, or bare feet and let's learn: Jazz Squares, the Waltz, Grapevines, Step-Touches, the "Hard Step," and many other easy dance movements.

**Mindfulness: On Stage and in the Classroom...** Whether it is a struggle with staying focused, test anxiety or stage fright, things can get in the way of our students and our own best performance. In this session find out how mindfulness can empower all of us to quiet ourselves, be fully present, and tend to our emotional well being.

**SEL-Self-Care for Teachers and Students...** This is about you.. you are the Ringleader in your life and making choices to make your life better. This was a SWIFT session and now is brought back by popular demand for a full session.

**Improv 2.0** ... An interactive exploration of different games and activities to get your students ready for contest! Be prepared to explore spontaneous storytelling and building character in the moment. Leave your scripts at the door!

**Organizational Systems for the Speech Team** ... Team organization is key to a smooth-running speech season (and keeping the ring master sane), and a little bit of advance preparation goes a long way to create the Greatest Show on Earth. Learn some tips and tricks to juggling your three-ring circus of teams large and small from Carrie and Cynthia, and you'll have the opportunity to walk out of our big top with some useable magic tricks ready to trapeze into speech season. All new coaches, as well as those who are looking for some new stunts, are encouraged to attend with their laptop in order to start organizing and wrangling their own Speech Circus.

**Musical Theatre for Large Group and Individual Events**... Join All-State Critic judge in both LG and IE musical theatre Jackie Schmillen for the road to success with big top ideas on what makes musical theatre entries work. Jackie is a former professional performer of many national touring professional shows.

**Mime**.... When it's time to enter the Big Top during Large Group Speech this year, don't forget about an integral part of any circus--the mimes! Whether you're new to this journey, or just looking for some tricks to make your act number one, Megan Schumacher (Dubuque) and Kevin Hosbond (Grinnell) are here to entertain. Our show will include a mixture of finding the story and techniques for bringing it to life.

**Storytelling** .... The advent of the Moth radio hour, Snap Judgment, and It's Been a Minute have shown the spotlight on personal storytelling. Join Darrin and Robin Crow as they teach you ways to help your students turn their own life experiences into a great storytelling piece! They will also spend time working on physicality and movement to enhance your students' tales. Be prepared for a fun, interactive session that will cast storytelling in a whole new light!

**SWIFT SESSION**... **11 GREAT SESSIONS TO HELP THE IHSSA COACH**  
**LG ALL-STATE**, Erin Orhlund and others; **IE ALL-STATE**, Megan Young and others  
**THESPIANS/EDTA**, Mary Fasse Shaw & Liz Hansen;  
**POETRY OUTLOUD**, Yvette Hermann/Jennie Knoebel; **IOWA HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS** Karoline Meyers; **ONLINE REGISTRATION Q & A**,  
Debra Robbins; **STARTING UP A 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEAM** Liz Meier; **FUNDRAISING**  
J'Kalein Madison; **IE RADIO NEWSCASTING** Brian Christensen; **RECRUITING**  
**COACHES & VOLUNTEERS(You are not in this alone)** Molly Holkesvik; **SO YOU**  
**SHOULD THINK ABOUT HOSTING CONTEST** Carrie Tinkham

**Judge Certification** ... The 'team' of Lisa Phyfe, Mark Morehead, Dirk Waller, Stacy Hansen, and Vince Hrasky will make sure your judging performances are ready for this year. Judge Certification can be gained by attending this for the next 3 years.