

HSSA + YOU



embrace
your
shine

Coaches Convention
October 10/11, 2025
Gateway Hotel, AMES



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The newness of the upcoming school year offers a certain magical “glow” about it. Whether you are a new coach who is bursting with excitement about the possibilities or a veteran coach who has polished their sparkle into a program that just radiates, every coach has a brightness to bring and share at the IHSSA Coaches Convention. **IHSSA + YOU: EMBRACE YOUR SHINE!**

At Convention, there will be a vast array of jewels you’ll get to choose from based on your sparkling preferences. Do you need to be dazzled by a presenter’s knowledge on the different individual events/large group categories? Does the pizzazz of technology pique your interest? You will be inspired by our keynote speaker JJ KAPUR who is a shining IHSSA alumni! Stay to watch the evening banquet room shimmer with all the glitz from the IHSSA Hall of Fame inductees. And of course, prepare to be dazzled by the delicious dessert buffet provided by the Southwest District!

Whether your shine is so iridescent that it’s hard to miss or maybe your shine just needs a bit of polishing, the 2025 Coaches Convention has something for everyone. Join us October 10-11 while we let our radiance reflect off one another and truly light up the Gateway Convention Center. Be sure to register right away! There are door prizes for early entries and an array of dazzling prizes available for all who attend that are sure to catch your eye. We all make our programs sparkle in their own way and when we all come together for the Coaches Convention, we leave brighter than ever before. **IHSSA + YOU: EMBRACE YOUR SHINE!**

IHSSA CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Convention Chair Jacque Seidl (ADM)

Robin & Darrin Crow (Cedar Valley Christian)

Wendy Buseman & Emileigh Eilderts (Hampton-Dumont-CAL)

Lindey Krug (Fort Dodge)

IHSSA 53RD ANNUAL SPEECH COACHES CONVENTION

OCTOBER 10-11, 2025

GATEWAY HOTEL, 2100 GREEN HILLS DRIVE, AMES, IA

800.367.2637/515.292.8600

WWW.GATEWAYAMES.COM

CONVENTION

REGISTRATION:

ALL CONVENTION
REGISTRATION IS
ONLINE AT

WWW.IHSSA.ORG.

LINK: WWW.IHSSA.ORG/DEFAULT.ASPX

HOTEL

REGISTRATION:

DOUBLE/KING: \$149

EXECUTIVE KING: \$149

JR. SUITE: \$149

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**DUE: SEPTEMBER 26! AFTER
SEPTEMBER 26, THESE ROOMS
WILL BE RELEASED! RESERVE
YOUR ROOM EARLY!**

ONLINE [GATEWAY HOTEL
RESERVATIONS LINK HERE](#)

5 YEARS OF LESS?

IF YOU ARE COACH OF 5 YEARS
OR LESS, PLEASE CHECK THE
IHSSA WEB SITE FOR A
POSSIBLE FREE CONVENTION
REGISTRATION! INFO
ALSO IN THIS ISSUE
OF SWIFT!

WOW!

3 GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS!

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EARN 3
GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS AT
THE CONVENTION. LOOK FOR
MORE INFO IN THIS SWIFT AND
ONLINE AT WWW.IHSSA.ORG

SCHEDULE LINK:

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

PRE-CONVENTION: 9:30 AM

TICKETED LUNCH: 11:15 AM

KEYNOTE: 12:15 PM

SESSIONS: 1:15 PM

DISTRICT MEETINGS: 4:30 PM

FORMAL HALL OF FAME

DINNER: 6:30 PM

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ATTENDING THE IHSSA CONVENTION.
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COST:

\$150

LUNCH ADD ON:

\$25

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

SCHEDULE LINK:

SATURDAY, OCT. 11

BREAKFAST: 7:30 AM

SWIFT SESSIONS: 9:00 AM

SESSIONS: 10:00

JUDGE

CERTIFICATION CLINIC:

12:30 PM

IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION

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THE RADISSON: OVERFLOW

DOUBLE: \$169

515.259.1973

CHOOSE "OPTION 2" TO SPEAK WITH ON-DUTY AGENT. **TELL THEM YOU ARE NEED A ROOM IN THE IHSSA SPEECH BLOCK.**

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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.

FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DRAWING for 5 YEARS or LESS IHSSA COACHES

4 free registrations will be given away to IHSSA coaches who have been coaching 5 years or less!

1 free registration will be given away to a young coach in EACH of the IHSSA districts. Winners will be announced at the breakfast on Saturday morning of the Convention. YOU must be present at breakfast to win! To submit your name (and this is so EASY!):

Write a 50 word or LESS paper on why you feel going to the IHSSA Coaches Convention would help you this coming year.

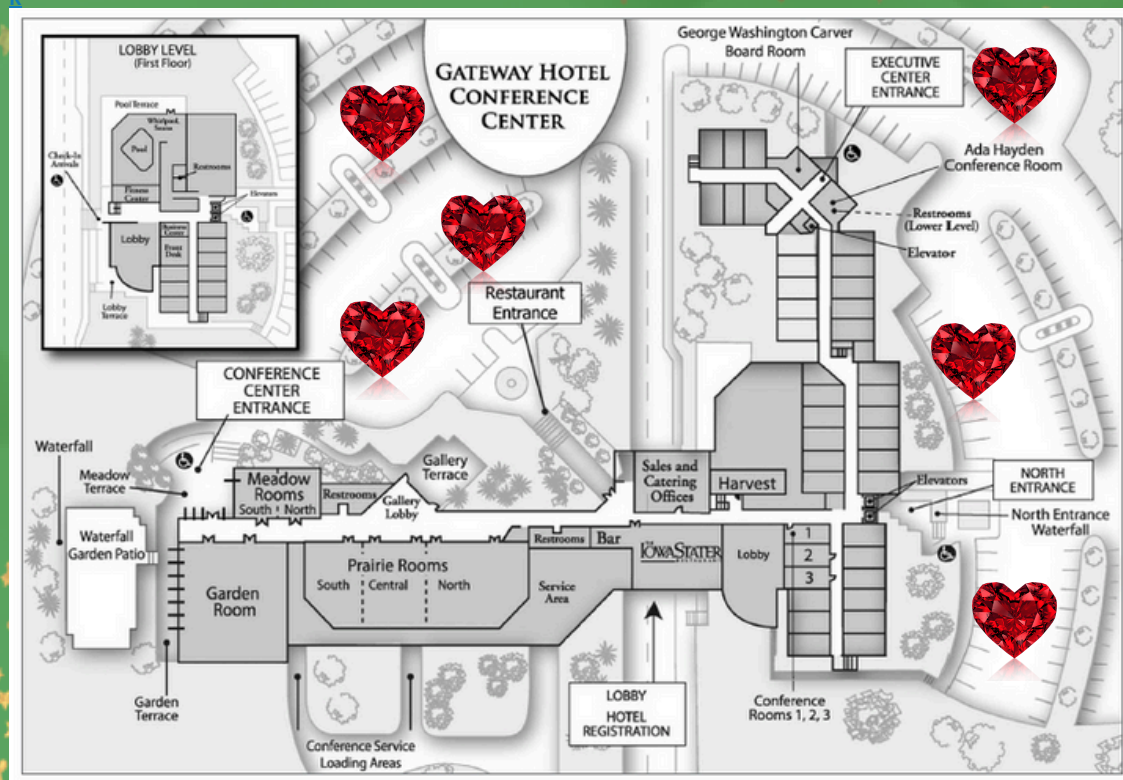
Please send via email to the State Office. If your name is chosen, we will either refund your registration fee to the school (if they paid the registration) or refund the registration fee to you (if you paid) for the Convention fee or apply to Convention 2026.

Due DATE: October 4!

Send to: Stacy@ihssa.org

BREAK A LEG!

**FREE
CONVENTION
REGISTRATION!**



PARKING

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

















2025 IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION

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Friday, October 10 & Saturday, October 11



NEW COACH
TRACK

	NORTH	CENTRAL	SOUTH	OTHER	NOTES
FRIDAY 9:30 AM	CONTEST MANAGERS MEETING		NOVICE COACHES FORUM  9:30 - 11:00 Erin Hoffman, Elizabeth May, Mandy Meyers, Christina Moyer	CONVENTION REGISTRATION LOBBY 9:00 - 12:15 GALLERY LOBBY	EXPERIENCED COACHES FORUM HARVEST ROOM 9:30 - 11:00 Dirk Waller
10:00 - 11:30	BREAKOUT IE CONTEST MANAGERS	BREAKOUT LG CONTEST MANAGERS			COACHES CONVENTION FOR UNI CREDIT LOBBY 11:00 Marilyn Shaw
12:15 - 1:20		KEYNOTE ADDRESS  JJ KAPUR		MINI SESSIONS	FRIDAY'S LUNCH:  MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED*** Lunch in the Garden Room 11:15 - 12:00 TICKETED LUNCH REGISTER ONLINE
1:30 - 2:30	ALL LG EVENTS  Cole Berkenpas, Debbie DeVore, Matt Devore	PREPPING FOR NON-PREP EVENTS Kenton Engels, Brianna McCollum	CREATING AN ORIGINAL ORATORY JJ Kapur	1.FOCUSING STUDENT TALENTS Kelly Thompson 2.STUDENT LEADERSHIP Emily Hintze/ Stacie Kintigh	
2:30 - 3:20	NON-TRADITIONAL COACHES Jenna Hendrix, Liesl Roorda	ORGANIZING STUDENT-WRITTEN EVENTS Susan Ackermann, Kirk Kelloway	1ST YEAR SURVIVAL TIPS  Kimberly Cavalier, Rylee Gehlsen, Kaitlyn Vasey	1.REDISCOVER 1-ACT Noel Wotherspoon 2.IMPLEMENTING AI Emma Bedard	
3:30 - 4:20	MIME Cynthia Koster, Amy Toye	ALL IE EVENTS  Christine Meader, Laurel Olsen	WARM-UPS Emily Hageman	1.DEBATE Sam Magner/Jen Tovar 2. HOSTING CONTEST Michelle Nystel	
4:30 - 5:15	SE	NE	NW	SW Harvest Rm	HALL OF FAME Meeting
6:30 - 7:00		HALL OF FAME RECEPTION Gallery Lobby 		FRIDAY NIGHT IS A TIME TO DRESS UP and CELEBRATE. We suggest BUSINESS DRESS.	
7:00 - 9:00		HALL OF FAME BANQUET Garden Ballroom 			
9:00 - ???		DESSERT/COFFEE Meadows Room 			
SATURDAY 7:30 AM		BREAKFAST BUFFET, DOOR PRIZES, & MESSAGE Garden Ballroom 			SWIFT PRESENTERS Scott Davidson Jodi Grant Emily Hintze Molly Holkesvik Suzi Jones Stacie Kintigh Teresa Lawler Jacki Pleggenkuhle Brenda Reeves Layne Sheetz Marcine Tracy Gabe Twedt Pam Wymer
9:10 - 9:55		SWIFT: Speech Workers of Iowa Feature Themselves Experienced, Intermediate, Novice Tracks 			
10:20 - 11:10	OUTSIDE THE BOX WITH CR/MT Kevin Hosbond	VIDEOCASTING: NEW IE CAT Deb Benjamin, Kim Carlson, Molly Holkesvik, Carl Rankin	BUILDING STUDENT RESILIENCE  Ben Hirdler, Allison Rasmussen	2 BLOCK TECH WORKSHOP: Abby Avis, Rachel Burrow, Tim Clay, Dixie Forcht, Skip Olson	
11:15 - 12:05	READING THE ROOM AND PEOPLE Jackye Bowlin, Kelsey Dinkla	VIDEOCASTING: NEW IE CAT Deb Benjamin, Kim Carlson, Molly Holkesvik, Carl Rankin	COPYRIGHT & SCRIPTS  Liz Hansen, Dani Helmich		
12:10 PM		MORE DOORPRIZES! Gallery Lobby 		ALL CONVENTION CHECK OUT 9:55 - 10:15	
12:30 - 2:30	JUDGE CERTIFICATION 