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DEAR FORENSICS COMMUNITY,

The forensics team at Butler University is pleased to invite you and your team to the first half of the **Audrey Cunningham "Forensics 500"** featuring synchronous virtual competition in Individual Events on Saturday, September 25, 2021. All competition will feature the use of Yaatly tournament software with registration, balloting, and tabulation using Speechwire.

Saturday's IE tournament offers competition in all 11 AFA events. The start time for Saturday's IE tournament will be 9:00AM (Eastern), a friendly start time for schools in either the Eastern or Central time zones.

Please note the entry deadline of **5:00pm (Eastern) on Tuesday, September 21, 2021**. We anticipate an educational, challenging, and very entertaining tournament and hope you will join us, virtually! For questions regarding the tournament, please contact Butler's Director of Forensics, Janis Crawford, at jcrawfor@butler.edu.

Warmly,

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TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

To help us plan, we would appreciate if each school planning to attend would mark their team as attending on Speechwire as soon as possible, even if you don't yet know how many entries you will bring. Registration will close at 5:00PM (Eastern) on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, utilizing speechwire.com. No entries may be added after that time, although name changes and drops will not incur a penalty until after 12:00pm Noon on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

Students may enter up to three events per flight.

Novice divisions will be held for any individual event where there are six or more novice competitors **and** six or more varsity competitors. A novice is a student who has not competed in collegiate forensics for two semesters.

All judges are expected to be available for all rounds including finals.

Flight A:	Flight B:
Extemp, Prose, Drama, Communication Analysis, Informative	Impromptu, Poetry, Duo, POI, Persuasive, After Dinner Speaking

FEES

Individual events incur a fee of \$10 per entry, plus an additional \$10 if uncovered. One duo team constitutes one entry. One judge covers six individual events entries or any fraction thereof (i.e., 7 entries requires two judges). All drops and/or changes after 12:00pm (Eastern) on Thursday, September 23, 2021, will incur an additional \$20 fee. For Saturday's individual events fees, make checks out to "Butler University" and addressed to Janis Crawford, 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46208.

COMPETITION

- Competition will take place utilizing the Yaatly platform. Students and judges must create accounts on Yaatly in order to participate. More information on how to set up organizations and accounts, as well as frequently asked questions regarding competition on the platform, are available at info.yaatly.com.
- No participant or observer may record anyone without prior approval of the student, the student's coach, and the Director of Forensics of the host school.
- AFA rules will govern the individual events competition. Event descriptions can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions>.
- Duo partners may not perform from the same physical location unless both partners have received a Covid-19 vaccination. The tournament staff will not verify vaccination statuses but will rely on the honor system.
- At the tournament director's discretion, competitors from the same school may compete against each other so we may utilize that school's judges in other sections.
- Students are expected to make it to every round for which they are scheduled. Students who fail to perform an event during the allotted time will be removed from that event without refund.
- No final round will be held for an event with only one section of competition.
- A semifinal round will be held for an individual event with 35 or more entries. In the event of a semifinal round, an updated schedule will be provided.

AWARDS

Individual events awards presented by Butler University will be mailed to the top six finalists in each individual event, the top novice in each individual event without a novice division, the top three schools in limited entry team sweepstakes, and the top three schools in open sweepstakes. Team sweepstakes awards may change depending on the number of schools attending.

SCHEDULE

Registration/Check-in begins at 8:00AM. All times Eastern.

9:00AM	Extemp Prep
9:30AM	Round 1A
10:45AM	Extemp Prep
11:15AM	Round 2A
12:15PM	Lunch Break
1:30PM	Round 1B
2:45PM	Round 2B
4:00PM	Finals Prep
4:30PM	Finals A
5:45PM	Finals B
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