

Viewers Like You: A Celebration of Public Broadcasting



Hello friends and colleagues,

Together, the University of Nebraska Omaha and Doane University welcome you to the 14th annual Halloween Swing. We will offer an in-person swing this year on Saturday, October 25th and Sunday, October 26th at the UNO campus in Omaha, NE. Both halves of the swing will offer all eleven AFA-NST individual events. We look forward to providing you with an engaging tournament in an inviting atmosphere with our 2025 theme 'Viewers Like You: A Celebration of Public Broadcasting'.

We will use SpeechWire for registration, tabulation, and ballots. To register, please visit <http://www.speechwire.com/>. You can find more information about the 2025 Halloween Swing below.

If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Warm regards,

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Flight Information:

Students may enter up to 3 events per flight

Flight A

Communication Analysis
Duo Interpretation
Extemporaneous Speaking
Informative Speaking
Program of Oral Interpretation
Prose Interpretation

Flight B

After Dinner Speaking
Dramatic Interpretation
Impromptu Speaking
Persuasive Speaking
Poetry Interpretation

Tournament Schedule for BOTH days:

8:45 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Extemp Draw for Round I
9:30 a.m.	Round I A
10:45 a.m.	Round I B
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Extemp Draw for Round II
1:00 p.m.	Round II A
2:15 p.m.	Round II B
3:30 p.m.	Extemp Draw for Finals
3:45 p.m.	Finals for A Events
5:15 p.m.	Finals for B Events
ASAP	Awards

Entry Deadline:

Entries for both tournaments are due by Monday, October 20th, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. CST via SpeechWire. We encourage you to indicate that your team will be attending at your earliest convenience, to help with tournament preparation.

Tournament Fees:

Entries are \$10 per slot and \$15 per uncovered slot. Fees for the tournaments will be assessed on the basis of information received as of 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22nd. Any school judges dropped after 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24th will incur a drop fee of \$100.

If you are attending both halves of the tournament, you can pay for both tournaments in cash or check at registration on Saturday.

If you are only paying fees via check, please make checks payable to:

Doane Forensics

1014 Boswell Ave.
Crete, NE 68333

Judges:

One judge is required for every 6 entries. All judges are expected to be knowledgeable of current AFA-NST rules. We will be using electronic ballots, so please bring a laptop computer and charger for judging. (If you are in need of a laptop or would prefer to hand-write ballots, please contact Nathaniel Wilson.)

Sweepstakes:

Team and individual sweepstakes points will be awarded based on placement in final rounds (12 points for 1st place, 10 points for 2nd place, 8 points for 3rd place, 6 points for 4th place, 4 points for 5th place, 2 points for 6th place, and 1 point for 7th place and below).

Individual sweepstakes are open to all competitors.

Tabulation:

PLEASE NOTE: Speaker points WILL NOT be used in this swing. In the unlikely situation that there is an unbreakable 3-way tie, judges may be asked to assign speaker points.

Prelims

Contestants will advance to finals based on lowest cumulative rank. Ties in rank will be broken on: head-to-head, strength of opposition, and reciprocals.

Finals

Placing in final rounds will be determined by predominance of 1's, followed by lowest cumulative rank. Ties in rank will be broken on: judges' preference, reciprocals, and then prelim ranks.

Sweepstakes

Ties in team and individual sweepstakes will be broken on the number of finals, followed by the highest number of finishes in finals (1st's, 2nd's, 3rd's, etc.).

Limited Prep:

Judges will be instructed to provide 15 seconds of reading time in Impromptu (as per AFA-NST rules). Reading time will also be provided in the final rounds of impromptu, even if there is no printed text associated with the prompt. Both tournaments, prelims will consist of traditional quotations. Saturday finals, the prompt will be an **object** related to the tournament theme. Sunday finals, the prompt will be Halloween cards.

Health and Wellness:

In order to help your students feel their best, we will provide complimentary breakfast and lunch for all competitors, coaches, and judges on Saturday and Sunday. Vegetarian options will be provided.

It is also our priority to ensure that all attendees thrive in a safe and healthy environment. Masks are not required, however some students or judges may choose to wear a mask. Students may choose to wear a mask while performing; this should not impact the judges assessment of that performance.

We encourage everyone to do what they must to avoid triggers, microaggressions, or other harmful exposure. If any students or judges need to be blocked from a person or event for any reason, do not hesitate to let us know. The Halloween Swing adheres to the AFA-NST open-door policy. Competitors and observers may leave the round as needed and shall not be penalized for exiting a round at any time. Please wait to return in between performances. Judges are encouraged to take a brief break as needed in between performances.

Location:

We will be in **Arts and Sciences Hall** on Dodge Campus (ASH), the far east end of campus -- 6001 Dodge St. in Omaha, NE, 68182.

Parking is available outside the ASH building, and you can enter from any building entrance.

Use the campus map for reference (in Files for Download) — Halloween Swing will be in building 2, and the open parking in lot 11.

Hotel Accommodations in Omaha:

There are a variety of hotels near campus and within affordable range.

We recommend the following:

Marriott Residence Inn Aksarben

Phone: 402.926.0303

1717 South 67th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, USA, 68106

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Phone: 402.343.1000

8736 W Dodge Rd, Omaha,
NE 68114