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Friends,

On behalf of the Lewis & Clark College Speech/Debate team, I cordially invite you and your forensics squad to participate in the 2026 Steve Hunt Classic. This year's tournament will take place on the picturesque Lewis & Clark campus, **October 9-11, 2026**. It will serve as the first Designated tournament for the Northwest Forensics Conference. It is one of the most comprehensive forensics invitationals in the nation, as we will be hosting four formats of debate as well as individual events. **This year will also feature a swing tournament for individual events.**

Competition will be held in the following events:

- All eleven AFA-NST events (2 preliminary rounds)
- NPDA style debate (5 preliminary rounds)
- IPDA style debate (5 preliminary rounds)
- British Parliamentary style debate (5 preliminary rounds)
- NFA-LD style debate (5 preliminary rounds)

We will provide coffee, tea, juice and light fare for breakfast all three days of the tournament; food service will be available for programs to pay for lunch/brunch over the weekend.

While I cannot guarantee you beautiful weather, as it is Portland in October, I can guarantee you a great weekend of competition and community. I look forward to hosting you. Please let me know of any questions you might have or if you need any additional information.

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REGISTRATION

All events will utilize the speechwire.com website for registration. Please use these sites as resources not only for entering the tournament but also for making changes to your entry and finding important tournament announcements.

Entry Deadline: Monday, October 5 at 5:00 pm (Pacific). Additional entries will not be accepted after this deadline. **Judges should be entered by Monday in order to facilitate strikes and/or placement issues.**

Drop Deadline: Tuesday, October 6 at 11:00 pm (Pacific). After this deadline, fees will be calculated and drops will be charged full entry fees.

Please use the following guidelines to determine appropriate divisions for your students:

Novice - Students in the novice division are in their first full year of collegiate forensics. They have not advanced to elimination rounds more than three times in their respective genre. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Coaches should refrain from placing students with significant high school experience in novice divisions. If a student has competed in more than 3 high school tournaments, they should be placed in junior or open.** The tournament director reserves the right to reassign divisions to any student who is improperly placed in a novice or junior division.

Junior - Students in junior division are in their first or second year of collegiate competition. They have not advanced to elimination rounds more than eight times in their respective genre.

Senior - Open to all students meeting national eligibility requirements of their respective event.

Divisions may be collapsed based upon entries; NFC guidelines will determine whether an event is collapsed or not.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

AFA-NST rules will govern both individual events competitions. Information and event descriptions can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/afanietnew2/products-services/event-descriptions>

The swing (Neil Sabin) tournament will only utilize an open division.

Students may triple enter within a pattern of individual events. **Students are responsible for making it to every round that they are scheduled for. Students who are triple-entered and fail to make it to a scheduled round will not be allowed to make up the competition.**

We will not hold final rounds in events with fewer than nine (9) competitors. Novice and open division will be collapsed if there are fewer than 9 contestants entered in the division. Lower divisions will always be moved up. Junior division will be collapsed if there are fewer than 12 contestants in the division.

Conflict patterns:

Pattern A: EXT PER DI POI ADS POE

Pattern B: IMP INF CA DUO PRO EDC

Editorial Commentary: This is a supplemental category at our tournament that is meant to simulate a radio or television editorial commentary. The student will prepare a manuscript, which attempts to influence an audience toward a particular position related to a current event. The competitor will deliver this speech while seated at a table or desk (as a news anchor would). The time limit is 3:45-4:15 minutes and should be strictly adhered to. Judges are to give NO time signals, though the competitors may time themselves or receive time signals from a coach or teammate.

Judges will have the opportunity to code themselves off of performances based upon the content warnings of those performances. More information to come shortly before the tournament.

DEBATE

NPDA Debate

We will offer two divisions of parliamentary debate: novice and senior. We will use NPDA rules (available at <https://npdadebate.com/governance/>)

No topic areas will be utilized for this year's Steve Hunt Classic. Topics will be centrally announced, and teams will have twenty (25) minutes from the time of the announcement until the time that the PMC must start.

We will break all 3-2 or better teams to elimination rounds **with a maximum of 16 breaking entries in each division**, with ties broken on W/L, high/low speaker points, then total speaker points. Brackets **will** be broken in elimination rounds.

We anticipate using NPDA judges in LD and vice versa. Hybrid entries allowed with a maximum initial entry of 2 hybrid entries across all divisions.

IPDA Debate

We will offer IPDA debate in three divisions, novice, junior and senior. IPDA debate will use rules as presented in the IPDA constitution, which can be found at <http://www.ipdadebate.info/constitution-bylaws.html>. We will use the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format with thirty (30) minutes of preparation time. Debaters will be presented with five resolutions; each debater will be allowed to strike two resolutions, thus leaving one resolution to be debated.

We will break all 3-2 or better debaters to elimination rounds **with a maximum of 16 breaking entries in each division**, with ties broken on W/L, high/low speaker points, then total speaker points. Brackets **will** be broken in elimination rounds. Please note that due to room availability, we will need to flight IPDA debate.

BP Debate

We will offer one division of BP debate with a **junior (not novice) breakout**. The BP division will utilize WUDC guidelines, which can be found at <https://www.worlddebating.org/wudc-manual> with a 7-7-7-7-7-7-7 format and **twenty (20) minutes of preparation**. The topics will be centrally announced. Each team will have an opportunity to debate in each of the positions, and may debate teams from their own school.

We will utilize two plus judges in each round. We encourage consensus judging, but given our schedule, we must insist that decisions be made in a timely fashion. If a decision has not been reached after fifteen (15) minutes after the conclusion of the debate, the chair's ballot will be considered binding.

Elimination rounds will be determined by entries.

NFA-LD Debate

We will offer two divisions of NFA-LD debate. The LD division will utilize the 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 time limits per the National Forensics Association, and will utilize NFA rules, which can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/nationalforensicsassociation/about-nfa/governing-documents>. We will break all 3-2 or better debaters to elimination rounds **with a maximum of 16 breaking entries in each division**, with ties broken on W/L, high/low speaker points, then total speaker points. Brackets **will** be broken in elimination rounds. **LD will be offered as a hybrid event.**

The 2026-27 LD resolution is Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public ownership of one or more of the following industries: electric utilities, health insurance, arms manufacturing, pharmaceuticals.

We anticipate using NPDA judges in LD and vice versa. Hybrid entries allowed with a maximum initial entry of 2 hybrid entries across all divisions.

SWEEPSTAKES

Sweepstakes awards will be given according to the following formula:

Event	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd/SF	4th/QF	Finalist/OF
BP:	15pts	12pts	9pts	7pts	6pts
NPDA:	15pts	12pts	9pts	7pts	6pts
IPDA:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts
IE's:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts
LD:	10pts	8pts	6pts	4pts	2pts

JUDGING AND FEES

Please note the following judge coverage requirements when calculating fees:

1 judge covers six (6) total individual events entries, regardless of pattern

1 judge covers two (2) NPDA/BP/LD entries or a fraction thereof

1 judge covers three (3) IPDA entries

All debate judges are committed until the first **FULL** elimination round in each division and one round past elimination of their teams. All individual events judges are committed throughout the tournament. **Teams that require more than 2 hired judges should alert the tournament director by October 1;** entries of that size without covered judging are subject to reduction should sufficient judges not be able to be hired.

School Fee:	\$50 (waived for teams traveling from over 400 miles away)
NFC Fee:	\$5 per students (only for NFC schools)
IE entry:	\$10 per slot
Uncovered IE:	\$20 per slot (in addition to the entry fee)
NPDA entry:	\$80 per team
BP entry:	\$80 per team
IPDA entry:	\$40 per entry
LD entry:	\$40 per entry
NPDA/BP/Policy Uncovered:	\$175 per team (in addition to the entry fee)
IPDA/LD Uncovered:	\$90 per debater (in addition to the entry fee)

Teams competing in both individual events tournaments can pay their fees together.

LODGING

The AC Hotel Lake Oswego (the former Crowne Plaza) has set up a block of rooms for the tournament for the rate of XXX per night. Insert link here

MAPS AND DIRECTIONS

Directions to campus and the campus map are available at

<http://www.lclark.edu/visit/directions/maps/>. Parking should be fairly easy to find as it is Lewis & Clark's fall break. Specific destinations for competition will be released as the tournament comes nearer.

SCHEDULES

Friday, October 9

8:30 am	Extemp Draw
8:45 am	Round I, Pattern A
10:15 am	Round I, Pattern B
11:30 pm	Lunch
12:15 pm	Extemp Draw
12:30 pm	Round II, Pattern A
2:00 pm	Round II, Pattern B
3:30 pm	Extemp Draw
3:45 pm	Finals, Pattern A
5:15 pm	Finals, Pattern B
ASAP	Speech Awards

Saturday, October 10

NPDA/LD/IPDA Debate

8:30 am	Debate (NPDA/LD/IPDA) Round I
10:30 am	Debate Round II
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Debate Round III
3:00 pm	Debate Round IV
5:00 pm	Debate Round V

BP Debate

9:00 am	Briefings
9:15 am	BP Round I
11:00 am	Lunch
12:30 pm	BP Round II
2:45 pm	BP Round III
5:00 pm	BP Round IV

Speech Swing (Neil Sabin)

8:30 am	Extemp Draw
8:45 am	Round I, Pattern A
10:15 am	Round I, Pattern B
11:30 pm	Lunch
12:15 pm	Extemp Draw
12:30 pm	Round II, Pattern A
2:00 pm	Round II, Pattern B
3:30 pm	Extemp Draw
3:45 pm	Finals, Pattern A
5:15 pm	Finals, Pattern B
ASAP	Speech Awards

Sunday, October 11

8:30 am

Debate Elims as needed (BP Round V)

12:30 pm

Debate & Sweepstakes Awards

1:00 pm

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