Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to invite you to in sunny Muncie, Indiana on October 12th to celebrate our 50th Annual Age of Aquarius Tournament. Once again, we are delighted to be swinging with Illinois State University on BSU's campus on Sunday October 13th. We encourage you to join us in October to celebrate 50 years of BSU speech; we are looking forward to an exciting and fun celebratory tournament.

We will be offering 2 IE tournaments making for a very busy weekend. BSU's IE tournament will take place on Saturday and on Sunday ISU will offer another opportunity for a competitive tournament. We will offer all NFA and AFA events at both tournaments. For the BSU half of the swing, awards will be presented to the top six speakers in each event, top three speakers in quadrathon, and top three schools in team sweeps. For the ISU tournament, awards will be presented to the top six speakers in each event, top three speakers in quadrathon and top three schools.

Please register for both tournaments at: speechwire.com. We encourage judges to bring their laptops as we are delighted to announce that we will offer electronic balloting via Speechwire both days of the tournament. While we will offer electronic ballots, paper ballots will still be available for any judge who would prefer to write feedback and scores on standard ballots.

On-campus registration will be held in the lobby of the David Letterman Communication and Media Building on Saturday & Sunday morning. We look forward to seeing you and if you have any questions regarding the tournament, directions, or hotels please call. See you in October!

Safe travels,

Mary Moore, Ashley Coker & Mike Storr
Ball State University

Megan Koch & Spencer Coile
Illinois State University

Tournament Schedule Saturday, October 12th (BSU)

Registration Lobby of LB	7:30-8:00
Extemp Draw	8:00
Rd 1 A	8:30-9:45
Extemp Draw	9:45
Rd 2 A	10:00-11:15
Rd 1 B	11:15-12:30
Rd 2 B	1:15-2:45
Extemp Draw	2:45
Finals of A	3:00-4:30
Finals of B	4:30-6:00
Awards	ASAP

Pattern Groupings:
Pattern A: Ext, Per, Duo, ADS, Pro, POI, & Radio

Pattern B: Imp, Poe, Info, RC, DI, & Public Narrative

Tournament Schedule Saturday, October 13th (ISU)

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Extemp Draw	8:30
Rd 1 A	9:00-10:15
Rd 1 B	10:15-12:00
Extemp Draw	12:00
Rd 2 A	12:30-1:45
Rd 2 B	1:45-3:00
Extemp Draw	3:00
Finals of A	3:15-4:30
Finals of B**	4:30-6:00
Awards	ASAP

Pattern Groupings:
Pattern A: Ext, Per, Duo, ADS, Pro, POI
Pattern B: Imp, Poe, Info, RC, DI
*** We will try to collapse finals on Sunday.*

Entries

1. For the purpose of this tournament, NOVICE is defined as a student for whom 2019-2020 is their first year of collegiate competition.
2. A novice division will be offered in any IE event that has 1) more than 30 entries AND 2) at least 12 novice students. We will make every effort to offer a novice division and maintain quals for the national tournaments.
3. A student may enter **only 3** events per pattern. However, she/he should be made aware that the rounds are one hour and 15 minutes and will not be extended if a student is unable to complete all three events in time allotted.
4. Semi-Finals will be held for events containing over 50 entries.
5. The deadline for receiving entries for both halves of the swing is 6:00 pm (EST) on Tuesday, October 8th. Entries should be submitted via speechwire.

Fees for Age of Aquarius

1. Each IE entry is $10.00.
2. One judge is required for every 6 IE entries.
3. There is a $10 fee per uncovered IE entry (plus the entry base fee)
4. DROP FEES will be assessed after 5 pm on Wed. Oct. 9th. The drop fee for IE is $15.00. The drop fee for a judge is $50.
5. Please make checks for BSU portion out to Ball State University.

Fees for ISU

1. Each IE entry is $8.00.
2. One judge is required for every 6 IE entries.
3. There is a $10 fee per uncovered IE entry (plus the entry base fee)
4. DROP FEES will be assessed after 5 pm on Wed. Oct. 9th. The drop fee for IE is $15.00. The drop fee for a judge is $50.
5. Please make checks for the ISU portion out to ISU forensics.

Radio News Broadcasting:

Preparation time: 30 minutes (with draw procedure/format of Extemp)
Speaking time: 5 minutes maximum (time signals will NOT be provided by judge)
Contestants will be given a packet of source materials and will have 30 minutes to select and organize a 5-minute simulated radio new broadcast. All material used in the broadcast must be provided by the tournament with the exception of any hypothetical station call letters, time and current weather conditions or forecast and no more than one commercial (maximum 30 seconds). Contestants should strive to present a broadcast that resembles a live radio news segment and refrain from humorous devices (like the traffic girl falling out of the traffic copter or Bigfoot rampaging through town, etc). Maximum time limit for the speech is 5 minutes. Students will be seated at a table during the performance and may use a stopwatch since time signals will not be given. Judges will not face the contestant during the speech. Students will speak in listed order.

**Competitors may NOT be entered in BOTH RADIO and EXT, as both events prep simultaneously.

Public Narrative

Speaking time: 5 minutes maximum—delivered from manuscript.
The Public Narrative event is a narrative speech designed to inspire audience belief or action through the sharing of a student's personal experience. Public Narratives are marked by clear development of the speaker's personal story, enhancement of identification between the audience and issue or set of issues, emphasis of urgency, and vocal and nonverbal delivery choices that reflect the speech's purpose. (For guidance on developing a public narrative, see Marshall Ganz work.)
Rather than using a 3-point structure with previews and other overt organizational devices, narrative speeches use to story to serve as the primary organizational element.

Quadrathon

For Age of Aquarius, we will give awards to the top 3 students competing in four or more OPEN events. If a student is entered in five or six events, her/his BEST FOUR will count toward quadrathon. Novice final rounds do NOT count toward quadrathon tabulation. For the ISU tournament, awards will be given to the top three speakers in quadrathon.

Sweepstakes

Team sweepstakes for Age of Aquarius will be awarded to the top three schools based on open final round points. Team sweepstakes for the ISU half will be awarded to the top three schools based on open final round points.

Parking

It is suggested that you park north of the Robert Bell building (RED R2 lot) and gain access to the Letterman building through the Robert Bell building. Be sure to look for signs. Meters and "Reserved" (handicapped, business, and numbered) spaces are enforced 24/7. You <u>will</u> be ticketed! If you are having trouble with parking, finding Muncie, Ball State University, or the Letterman building please contact Ashley Coker's cell phone at (765) 729-3936.

Access to www in Extemp

The university provides wireless Internet access in all buildings and most green spaces on campus. In extemp you should be able to access our guest network. Keep in mind, our guest network is <u>unencrypted</u>; therefore you should take any and all necessary steps to backup and secure your device when connecting to bsuguest and avoid performing any tasks that are considered confidential.

Lodging

Here is a list of contact information for recommended hotels in Muncie. Be sure to ask for the BSU rate as you reserve rooms:

Baymont	(765) 228-2443
Best Western	(765) 282-0600
Comfort Inn & Suites	(765) 587-0294
Courtyard by Marriott	(765) 287-8550
Days Inn	(765) 288-2311
Fairfield Inn	(765) 282-6666
Hampton Inn	(765) 288-8500
Holiday Inn Express	(765) 289-4678
BSU Student Center	(765) 285-1555
Quality Inn & Suites	(765) 216-1675
Signature Inn	(765) 284-8400
Super 8	(765) 287-5058