

August 23, 2014

Dear Friends:

You are invited to the **first annual Audrey Cunningham Forensics 500 Speech & Debate Tournament** hosted by the University of Indianapolis Communication Department on Saturday, September 20, 2014. As many of you know, Audrey retired from speech coaching after 26 years of service to the forensics community so this is the first year we are hosting this tournament in her honor. Don’t worry; she will of course make a tournament appearance! This will also be a swing with the Butler University tournament, which takes place on Sunday, September 21st.

UIndy is a regular one-day tournament with both Parliamentary Debate and Individual Events (2 flights plus finals with a total of 10 NFA events plus POI). ***Students can only compete in debate OR I.E., not both***. For I.E., we are going to attempt to keep entries open so schools may enter as many per event as they wish; **however, please mark novices. We will recognize top novices!**

We will involve as many alums as possible to lighten the judging load, but **all judges are expected to be available for finals.** I.E. slots will be eight dollars per slot in order to keep things affordable!

For those of you coming out of town, there are several nice hotels off the I-65 and Southport Road exit. All parking lots are unrestricted on UIndy’s campus on the weekend. There are several lots directly behind the library and Fine Arts Center. Tickets for lunch in the dining hall will be available for purchase. If possible, let us know ahead of time so we can let food services know.

So, join us in Esch Hall for the greatest spectacle in speech, the Forensic 500! Please contact us with any questions by calling Rebekah Watson Gaidis at 317-788-3444 or emailing to [watsonrg@uindy.edu](mailto:watsonrg@uindy.edu). Please note the entry deadline of **5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, September 16, 2014**. We will be using **forensicstournament.net** to register for this tournament.

Sincerely,

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## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

We will follow N.F.A. rules. Students – don’t overdo it. You have an hour and half to make your events.

FEES: Regular I.E. entry fees are $8.00 per slot & $8.00 per uncovered slot. Name changes are FREE.

Any drops (including dropped judges) must be made by 5:00 p.m., September 18th. Any drops made after that deadline will be fined $10.00 per slot. Judges dropped after the deadline will be charged $20.00. The day of the tournament each dropped slot will cost $20.00. This is in **addition** to the original charge for the slot and judging fee. A dropped judge will be $50.00. For debate, the entry is $50 per team. One judge covers two teams with a $50 fee per uncovered team.

One judge will cover six slots. PLEASE BRING ANY AND ALL AVAILABLE JUDGES! If your entry is so large that you cannot be used as a judge, the tournament director reserves the right to move contestants so that you may fulfill your judging responsibilities.

GROUP A: Extemp, Poetry, Informative, Duo, DI,

GROUP B: Impromptu, ADS, Persuasion, Prose, Rhet Crit, POI

**Individual Events Schedule**

7:15 – 8:00 **Registration & Breakfast in Esch Hall Lobby**

8:00 Extemp Draw

8:30 Round IA

9:45 Extemp Draw

10:15 Round II A

11:30 Lunch

12:15 Round I B

1:45 Round II B

3:15 Extemp Draw – Finals

3:30 Finals A

5:00 Finals B

7:00 or ASAP AWARDS

**Parliamentary Debate Schedule**

**MASS TOPIC ANNOUNCE IS IN GOOD HALL 105 DEBATE TAB IS IN GOOD HALL (GH) 101**

**Debate judges, bring ballots directly to GH 101 after the rounds and stay in Good Hall**

7:15 – 8:00           Registration & Breakfast in Esch Hall Lobby

(Register in Esch Hall Lobby for payment first, then report to Good Hall to Billy Wooten)

8:00 – 8:15           Parli Topic release

8:15–9:15             Parli 1

9:15 – 9:30           Parli Topic release

9:30–10:30           Parli 2

10:30-10:45          Parl Topic Release

10:45-11:30          Parli 3

11:30-12:30          Lunch (BE BACK BY 12:30)

12 :30-12:45        Parli Topic release

12:45-1:45            Parli 4

1:45-2:00             Parli Topic release

2:00–3:00             Parli Quarters

3:15-3:30              Parli Topic release

3:30–4:30             Semi Parli

4:30-4:45             Parli Topic release

4:45-5:45             Final Parli

7:00 OR ASAP    Awards