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Dear Coaches and Debate Team,

September 10, 2016

Pacific Lutheran University and Puyallup High School cordially invites you to the “**TOH Karl Invitational**” on **Friday, October 28th** and **Saturday, October 29th** at **Pacific Lutheran University, (just off of highway 512 in Tacoma, Wa)**. As our tournament is very early in the tournament season, we are excited to offer a tournament focused on learning, modeling, and teaching.

This year, we will be offering Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, and Congressional Debate (in both Open and Novice division). In addition, we will be offering all eight of the Washington state individual events, in addition to SPAR, in Open division. **All novice individual events**, students will be allowed to use scripts or notecards (with the exception of impromptu).

As our tournament is so early in the season, we are committed to focusing our tournament on education. To this end, ***there are some changes*** from past tournaments. 1.) Judge Mentoring – As this is the beginning of the year, we know that there will be new or less experienced judges (although there is still the expectation that coaches are actively training and preparing their own judges). To that end, we would like to create a mentoring system for judges who are interested in learning, but would like to watch the first round or so. If you have judges who are experienced and willing to mentor others, please let us know on the registration. Additionally, if you have judges with less experience who might value the experience of shadowing another judge, please also note this on the registration. Round 1 of both debate and IE’s will be shadow judged in as many cases as needed/or as possible. 2.) Elimination rounds – We know there to be value in watching elimination rounds. If a student did not break to the finals, watching eliminations may allow them to further their skill or even make connections with other more experienced students. While we believe that there is value in rewarding excellence, we believe that inviting all students to actively commit to watching out rounds at the highest level, will further their forensics education. Therefore, out rounds will be held in all open division (provided there are sufficient numbers). In all novice divisions, we will award the top 10% (or more). It is an old policy adage that winners win. So, we are committed to putting trophies in kids’ hands, because we know this is one of the ways to encourage growth of your teams!

We will do our best to make sure that the tournament runs smoothly, professionally, and on time. The philosophy of the tournament remains: to encourage scholarship, record excellence, and balance the spirit of competition with the educational goals of forensics. We hope that you will join us on the lovely **PLU Campus, in October** to forge the spirit of competition and continue the tradition of excellence.

Best –
Sarah Sherry and Dr. Justin Eckstein
Puyallup High School Pacific Lutheran University
Speech and Debate Coach Director of Forensics

(Full tournament invitation can be found at <http://www.forensicstournament.net/TOHKarl/16>)

SUPERVISION

The WIAA requires the presence, **at all times**, of a certificated staff member from the school or district supervising your participants. Your school will not be allowed to compete if you do not comply with this rule.

Registration

Registration this year will occur through the website <http://www.forensicstournament.net>. The deadline for registration is **Wednesday, October, 26 2016**. Fees will be set on that day. Drops after that time will not be deducted from the entry fee. Please register early. Changes in registration must be made on the website. We will leave the website open until Thursday evening at 6:00 PM for changes.

Concerning drops and changes: Please make changes before Friday afternoon. Late changes have a drastic impact on the tournament schedule. The earlier you can make changes for your entries, the better the chances are for an ON TIME tournament.

Students will find plenty of space within the Chris Knutsen Hall – on the main floor of the University Center.

Students will have access to the campus wi-fi. Once on campus, connect to the PLU server and log on as a guest.

We are attaching a map of the campus to the [forensicstournament.net](http://www.forensicstournament.net) site, but we will have some copies of the map and schedule available at the information desk. This year we will again have Lute Link ambassadors who will help students find buildings. They will be located very near the main doors of the UC at the Lute Link Charging station!

Likewise, every building will have Puyallup students who are available for directions or who can call for an escort between buildings.

Finally, there will be ballot check-in tables for judges in nearly every building. The only exceptions being: Memorial Gym – judges can take ballots next door to Olsen Gym; Hong Hall - judges can take ballots to Ingraham or the Administration Building; and Ramstad – who will return to the University Center. It is our hope that this will expedite and help the entire tournament to run in a very timely manner.

Please make all PO's or checks payable to Pacific Lutheran University.

Parking

Parking will be available in the Mortvedt Library Parking Lot and street parking. Below are directions.

Address:
Pacific Lutheran University
12180 Park Ave S
Tacoma, WA 98447

From I-5 North or South...

1. Take exit 127 for WA – 512 East toward Puyallup
2. If coming from North of PLU, turn left onto WA – 512 East, if coming from South of PLU, turn right onto WA – 512 East.
3. Take the WA – 7 South/Pacific Avenue exit toward Parkland/Spanaway
4. Turn right onto WA – 7 South/Pacific Ave South
5. Turn right onto 121st ST South
6. Take the 2nd left onto Park Avenue South. Anderson University Center will be located on the right
 - a. There is a large clock tower in front of the building as well as a Viking ship.
7. Parking is available in the Mortvedt Library Parking Lot between Garfield and Wheeler.
<http://www.plu.edu/admission/first-year/visit-plu/directions.php>

Hotels

Because of the Puyallup Fair, there are a number of reasonably priced hotels in the Puyallup area (about 10 min north of PLU on 512); including a brand new Shiloh Inn and Fairfield Inn. In addition, there are excellent, debate-friendly hotels near the South Hill Mall the Holiday Inn Express and Best Western. All hotels are close (easily within a mile or less) to a wide variety of eating and grocery shopping options. Please contact us, if you would like recommendations or if we can help facilitate your choices.

DEBATE

Please check www.nflonline.org for the accurate topic wording for all topics. All debates will run on the same schedule and so no students will be able to double enter in any debate events. It is our intent to offer a full-service tournament which allows students to compete in multiple preliminary rounds and then to encourage all students of all levels to watch elimination rounds.

Policy: We will offer 2 divisions of CX - Novice and Open. Rounds will follow the 8-3-5 format with 6 minutes of prep time per team. There will be 5 preliminary rounds of competition and open policy debaters will break to appropriate elimination rounds. We will be using the Washington State Novice Case Areas and restrictions. See attached document on Forensicstournament.net for the complete list.

Lincoln-Douglas: We will offer 2 divisions of LD - Novice and Open. Rounds will follow the 6-3-7-3-4-6-3 format and have 4 minutes of down time per competitor. **We will be using the November/December topic!!!**

Public Forum: We will be offering two divisions of Public forum – Novice and Open. **We will use the November topic as published on the NSDA website.** Rounds will follow standard PF time format with 3 minutes of prep per team and teams will coin flip for pro/con or 1st/2nd speaker.

Congressional Debate: We will be offering two division of Congressional Debate – Novice and Open. We will have no more than 25 students per chamber. Students will use the fall WSFA congressional packet. This can be found on our Forensicstournament.net site. Based on the preliminary rounds, we will then break a maximum of 20 students from the open division to Super Session.

Individual Events:

Students may enter up to 2 events within the single IE pattern. However, all double-entered contestants are cautioned that PLU is a large campus. It is the responsibility of the student to make it to both events in a timely manner.

PLEASE READ THE EVENT RULES CAREFULLY. NOTE: ALL NOVICE EVENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE NOTECARDS OR SCRIPTS!

EXPOSITORY: A speech that is designed to be informative in nature. Visual aids and note cards are permitted, but are not required. Time: eight minutes (8) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

DRAMATIC INTERP: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is serious in nature. The presentation is memorized but given without props or costumes. Time: ten minutes maximum with 30 second grace period.

DUAL INTERP: A cutting from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which may be either humorous or serious in nature. The selection must be memorized but given without props or costumes. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum with a 30 second grace period.

EXTEMPORANEOUS: Thirty minutes before speaking time, each speaker will select a topic from a choice of three. Questions will be based on current events. Speaker will be expected to organize and analyze material relevant to the subject area and answer the chosen question. Notecards for novices is permitted. Time: seven minutes (7) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

ORATORY: An original speech designed to persuade—that is, to change or reinforce an existing belief, to eulogize, to cause agreement with speaker's position, or to motivate to action. This is a memorized event. Time: ten minutes (10) maximum, with a 30 second grace period

IMPROMPTU: Student will be given a choice of three topics. The student will choose a topic and have six minutes to prepare and speak on the chosen topic. Time may be used in any manner the speaker chooses (example-2 minutes prep and 4 speaking or 4 minutes prep and 2 minutes speaking). Time: six minutes (6) maximum, with thirty seconds (30) grace.

HUMOROUS INTERP: One or more cuttings from a published play, prose, poetry, TV, or radio script, which is humorous in nature. The presentation is memorized. Time: ten minutes with thirty seconds (30) grace.

INTERPRETIVE READING: At least one cutting of prose and one cutting of poetry linked thematically. (Play scripts are not a permitted part of this event.) Time: eight minutes maximum with thirty seconds grace.

SPAR: Each spar panel consists of approximately eight competitors. The debaters will be assigned affirmative or negative until all debaters are assigned to a side by the judge prior to the start of the round. Each pair will consider a single issue/resolution which is presented to the debaters by the judge right before each pair debates. The affirmative will have one minute before speaking must commence. The first affirmative speaker will give a two-minute speech in favor of the resolution; immediately after that speech, the first negative speaker will refute the position in a two-minute constructive. Strict adherence to the exact wording of the resolution is not required, but the debaters should at least regard the topic as a common frame-of-reference. Please see our forensicstournament.net page for more information on this event.

Judging:

1. Schools are required to provide one judge for every **two (2) CX** teams and one judge for every **three (3) LDers or Public Forum Teams**. Thus, if a team entered 1 policy team, 2 LDers, and PF team, they should provide one judge for policy and one judge for LD/PF or a total of two. One judge is required to be nominated and available **for every 5 entries from a school entering Student Congress** participants. In individual events, one judge is required for each 5 IE's entered. One student doing two events counts as two entries. A Dual Interp pair is counted as one entry. Judges can cover both individual events and

debate. (Please make sure that judges are aware that they are covering both pools! This is one of the greatest challenges faced by tournaments, judges believe erroneously that they only have to do one or the other, but coaches have signed them up for both. This leaves the tournament short-handed and puts a great deal of pressure on those judges who are trying to help!)

2. Judges are obligated to judge the category of debate for which their team is competing. Please only sign a judge up for a single debate event. Please provide specific information about the event(s) and division(s) for each judge. It is so important that all of this information is, also, communicated to your judges. We will need them for every round of the event for which they are registered.

3. **Judges are expected to judge one round beyond the elimination of the last entry from their school.**

4. We have a small number of judges for hire. For those programs outside Western Washington, we can work out extra judges for you to "rent". Please call in advance. **Do not show up short.** Competitors will be dropped.

5. Sadly, we have been unable to come to a complete resolution with PLU food services which would allow us to provide all judges with meals during the tournament. While, we have been able to provide meals in the past, this year, we will move more in align with other college tournaments. While, we be able to provide coffee/water and some light snacks, there are a number of good options on the PLU campus. We apologize for the inconvenience, but food permits and other licensing and litigation issues have changed the scope of our abilities in this area.

6. **LIMITATIONS:** Each school is limited to a total of 10 CX, PFD, or LD debate entries and unlimited individual event entries. Student Congress entries are limited to 10 per squad. A dual interp pair is counted as one entry. However, a school may enter additional squads, if they pay an additional school fee of \$30.00.

Fees:

Team (squad) Fee: \$30	Policy/PF Teams: Open - \$25, Novice - \$20
LD and Stu Co speakers: Open - \$15, Novice - \$10/entry	IE's: \$10/entry – Dual: \$15/entry
Hired Judge Policy: \$150/team	LD, PF: \$75/team
	Hired Judge IE or Congress: \$25/entry

Food:

You will have a number of options. A snack bar, espresso stand, and food court will be open with a variety of foods. Garfield St. has the usual assortment of "healthy" fast food within a quarter mile of the school. Be aware to give yourself plenty of time if you head off campus.

Behavior:

While we will try to have fun and interactive activities for students in between rounds and we hope that you will enjoy an exciting atmosphere at the tournament, this is a college campus and the expectation is that all tournament participants treat the facilities, faculty, and students with respect and a rigorous defense of this academic arena.

Remember:

1. We reserve the right to refuse further entries once the physical capacities of the PLU facilities have been met. First come/first serve entries guarantee a reserved spot for early registration. Once the reserved spots have been taken, no other entries will be accepted.
2. Register early. The later you register, the lower chance you have of reserving a spot. We recommend establishing your entry by Monday, October 24th. **No Drops will be credited after Wednesday, October 26th at 4pm.**
3. **Fees will be assessed as of 4pm on Wednesday, October 26th. Any and all drops made after this point will be charged.**

4. Please contact us about your drops prior to the tournament dates. Drops are the main reason tournaments get off to a slow start. Everyone benefits by phoning in drops. It is easiest to make changes on-line at forensics tournament, until Thursday Oct 27th at 6:00. After this point, please email any drops or changes to Sarah Sherry. Calling the Puyallup or PLU school lines will only cause chaos as we are unlikely to receive these messages. PLEASE contact Justin or Sarah **personally** and early at sherrysm@puyallup.k12.wa.us or justin.eckstein@plu.edu. Adds will only be accepted if the physical capacity has not been exceeded.

Schedule:

Friday

2:30 – 3:30 Registration

3:30 – 6 - Round 1

4:00 – 6:30 – Round 1 Stu Co

6 – 8 – Round 2

7 – 9:30 – Round 2 Stu Co

8 – 9:30 – Round 3

Saturday

7:30 – 8 - Registration

7:45 – 9:30 – Round 1 IE's

9:30 – 11:30 – Round 4/SC Open super session round 1

11:30 – 1:15 – Round 2 IE's

1:15 – 3:15 – Round 5/SC Open super session round 2

3:15 – 5 – Round 3 IE's

5 – 7 – Out rounds for Open Debate - Policy, PF, LD (as needed)

7 – 8:30 – OPEN IE Finals

9:00 (or ASAP!) – Awards

Questions?

Contact Sarah Sherry at sherrysm@puyallup.k12.wa.us or Dr. Justin Eckstein at justin.eckstein@plu.edu