



**The Communication Arts League is proud to present our inaugural event.**

**The theme of this tournament is "First Impressions". Students will have the opportunity to explore First Impressions in multiple speech and debate events.**

**This tournament will have events for 4 age groups:**

**K-3<sup>rd</sup> Little Orators (Please see below)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades: Elementary**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades: Middle School**

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades: High School**

### **Payment**

League Dues

\$200 a year 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

\$100 a year for Little Orators

Plus \$5 per student onetime payment

All patterns are \$12 per event. Little Orators is \$20

Payment information coming soon.

Registration will open Sept 16 and close Oct 5th at 5 PM. Fees will be frozen on Oct 5th. All changes required after Oct 5th will need to be emailed directly to the tournament director ([wwashington@aclacademy.org](mailto:wwashington@aclacademy.org)). Students can be added after Oct 5th for an increased price (\$20 per event). If a drop is needed after Oct 5th, a \$15 penalty per drop will be assessed to the school due the day of the tournament.

All Interp events, Informative, and Original Oratory will have a 30 second grace period. This means that judges should not lower the competitor's score as long as they do not go over the grace period.

We will offer 3 rounds of Pattern A and Pattern B events. This tournament will not have out-rounds.

Awards: The top 3 students in each category will receive trophies and, depending on the number of entries, medals will be awarded to other top ranking competitors. Events with less than 3 entries will be cancelled, and a refund will be issued at the tournament. We will not be combining age groups at this tournament.



### **Novice Events**

We are offering novice events. These events are for students who are attending their very first tournament and have never competed. Please do not enter a student in Novice if they have attended a tournament in the past.

### **ESL**

In addition to a novice division we are offering a division for English language learners. This event is for students who consider English their second language and still struggle with speaking English.

### **Original Narrative**

The theme for Original Narrative is **First Impressions**. Have fun with it!

In this event, the students will have the opportunity to present an original **personal** story that explores the original narrative theme of the tournament. This speech should be delivered extemporaneously (not from a manuscript) and the winner for each age group will have the opportunity to deliver their speech at Awards.

The event will mirror the storytelling format of the Moth and Snap Judgment (NPR) podcasts.

Examples can be found here:

[http://player.themoth.org/#/?actionType=ADD\\_AND\\_PLAY&storyId=388](http://player.themoth.org/#/?actionType=ADD_AND_PLAY&storyId=388)

<https://themoth.org/>

### **Original Narrative Guidelines**

Time limit: 5 minutes, maximum

Students will be ranked from 1 to 5 in the following categories for a total of 25 points.

Meeting the Tournament Theme: How well does the speech relate to **“First Impressions”**

Emotional/Humor appeal: How well does the speech pull in the judge in emotionally?

Personal: How well do we get to know the competitor?

Moral/Lesson: Does the speech teach the audience something?

Delivery: Standard public speaking concepts/performance.

This is not an interp event and students should **not** have a formal introduction.



## **Judging**

This tournament will require 1 judge for every 5 entries. There will be a charge of \$75 for every uncovered judge slot. Missing ballots will result in a \$25 nuisance charge per ballot. Judges must be 16 years old or older. (Middle school students are **not** allowed to judge at this tournament.)

## **Lunch**

There are plenty of lunch options near CSU Fullerton. Please arrange to have a parent pick up food for students and have the food brought to campus to be eaten during the lunch break.

## **Events**

### ***Little Orators (K through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades) – Pattern C***

To participate in the little Orators event students must enroll in the LO Honor Society, and wear a vest outlined in the LO requirements. This event is for students in grades K-3<sup>rd</sup>. All students in this age group will do the same event “Storytelling.” The stories should be 1 to 3 minutes in length and have a formal intro where they relate their stories to the tournament theme of Inclusion. In this age group, all students receive a medal, and the price is \$20.

There are two rounds of presentations:

Registration 2:30

Round 1: 3:00 PM - 3:40PM

Round 2 3:45PM - 4:25PM

Awards 4:30 PM

## **Events (Triple Entry Allowed)**

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| Events (High School, Middle School, Elementary School) | Little Orators |
| Storytelling                                           | Storytelling   |
| Impromptu                                              |                |
| Cultural Artifact Speech - video submission            |                |
| Original Narrative - video submission                  |                |
| SPAR                                                   |                |
| Writing Competition                                    |                |



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| Declamation      |  |
| ESL Storytelling |  |
| ESL Impromptu    |  |
| Novice Impromptu |  |
| Novice SPAR      |  |

Pattern D:

Non-Fiction Writing Competition (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Pattern E:

Original Narrative Video Submission (Please see instructions on tournament landing page)

Photo release: Please let all parents know that we will be taking photos at this tournament to help promote future tournaments and activities. By signing up for this tournament, participants have agreed to allow images to be used to promote Speech and Debate and future ACLA tournaments. Parents are not allowed to film or take photos of any students (even their own child) during competition rounds.