



The Argumentation and Communication Leadership Academy is pleased to announce our winter event: The 2017 ACLA Respect Communication Arts Invitational. The theme of this tournament is Respect. Students will have the opportunity to explore Respect in multiple speech and debate events. At this tournament, we hope that students will explore how they can create spaces where everyone can be respected.

This tournament will have events for 4 age groups:

K-3rd Little Orators (Please see below)

3rd – 5th Grades: Elementary

6th – 8th Grades: Middle School

9th – 12th Grades: High School

Use the link below to add this event to your Facebook calendar.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/185184335367963/>

Payment

To speed up the registration process, the Respect Invitational will **not** be accepting payment the day of the tournament. Payment for this tournament is due on or before December 4. If payment is not received by December 4, all entries for that school will be dropped. Payments can be made via Google Wallet to InstructorWillWash@gmail.com or by mail. Checks can be made payable to "ACLA" and mailed to:

7071 Warner Ave. F375
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

The school fee for this tournament is \$65.

Pattern A is \$40 for public forum debate and \$15 per competitor for Congress.

Pattern B is \$15 per competitor, per event.

Per student fee. There will be a \$1 per student fee to allow the tournament to purchase snacks and lunches for the judges.

Registration will open November 10 and close December 4 at 5 PM. Fees will be frozen on December 4. All changes required after December 4 will need to be emailed directly to the tournament director (wwashington@aclacademy.org). Students can be added after December 5 for an increased price (\$20 per event). If a drop is needed after December 5, 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 4 rounds of Pattern A and 3 rounds of Pattern B events. This tournament will not have out-rounds for pattern B events.

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.

Original Narrative

This event is traditionally offered as an experimental pattern C event at ACLA tournaments. For the Respect Speech and Debate Invitational, we are making it a standard event with 3 rounds.

The theme for Original Narrative is **Respect**. 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 <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 **"Inclusion."**

Emotional 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

Pattern A and B will require 1 judge for every 4 entries. There will be a charge of \$65 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. Lunch will be provided for all judges by Jersey Mikes.

Events

Pattern A (Single Entry Only)

Elementary School Congress (Grades 3rd – 5th)

Middle School Congress (Grades 6th – 8th)

High School Congress (Grades 9th -12th)

Elementary School Public Forum (November Topic)

Middle School Public Forum (November Topic)

High School Public Forum (November Topic)

Pattern B (Events offered for three age groups, Elementary School, Middle School & High School) Triple Entry allowed.

SPAR

Impromptu

Prose

Duo

Cultural Artifact

Original Narrative

Declamation



Little Orators (K through 3rd Grades) – Pattern C

For the first time ever, we are going to have a Little Orators competition. Little Orators will compete in three different events. Storytelling, Exceptional Person Informative, and Impromptu Dice. There will be 1 round of each event, and the trophies will be awarded to the students with the top cumulative score.

This event is for students in grades K-3rd. In each event students should speak for 1 to 3 minutes and try to relate their piece to the tournament theme Respect. In this age group, all students receive a medal, and the price is \$8 per event.

There are three rounds of presentations:

Registration: 11:45AM to 12:00 PM

Round 1: 12:15PM to 12:45 PM (Storytelling)

Round 2: 12:45PM to 1:15 PM (Exceptional Person Informative)

Round 3: 1:15 PM to 1:45 PM (Impromptu)

Awards: 2:00PM

Pattern D: (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

The Big Idea Pitch – Featuring special guest judge Daniel Choi from the financial Wake Up Show

<https://www.financialwakeupshow.com/>

Oral History (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Pattern E: (Rules for this event are on tournament home page)

Non-Fiction Writing Competition

Fiction Writing Competition

This event will feature special guest judge Adriana Mather

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm3060680/>

<https://www.amazon.com/How-Hang-Witch-Adriana-Mather/dp/0553539477>

Pattern F: Oral Interp Theatre – Featuring special guest judge James Bird of Zombot Pictures

<http://www.zombotpictures.com/home.html>

(Rules for this event are on tournament home page)



Top Honor Award: We will be recognizing students the top students in each age group with a special award called the Top Honor Award. Only events in patterns A and B will be calculated in the total for this award. The calculation will be as followed: A rank of 1 will equal 4 points, rank of 2 equals 3, a rank of 3 equals 2 points, rank of 4 equals 1 point.

To be eligible for this award, you must enter into Pattern G.

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.