

Forensics Team

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Hello all,

The Forensics Team at Concordia University Irvine invites you to participate in the Sixth Annual Jannese Davidson Memorial Tournament. This year, our tournament features two parts: a free asynchronous speech tournament taking place January 17th-23rd, and a free synchronous debate tournament, taking place virtually January 22nd-24th.

Jannese Davidson, a former Arizona State and Azusa Pacific competitor and former Director of Individual Events at Concordia University Irvine, tragically and unexpectedly passed away on August 31st, 2014. This tournament is held to honor the memory of this exceptional woman.

Jannese competed in both speech and debate events, and so the Davidson Memorial offers all 11 NST/Phi Rho Pi Speech Events, NPDA Debate, IPDA-LD Debate, and NFA-LD Debate. There are no entry fees, but **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COVERED**. There can be no exceptions to this rule.

We look forward to welcoming you virtually to this newly styled (but still free!) sixth installment of the Jannese Davidson Memorial tournament.

Sincerely,

Amanda Ozaki-Laughon, Director of Forensics
Benjamin Lange, Director of Debate
Claire Crossman, Director of Individual Events

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Tournament Requirements

Entries

There are no entry fees. All Speech entries and corresponding videos are due to Speechwire on Sunday, January 17th, by 5:00pm PST.

All Debate entries are due to ForensicsTournament by Wednesday, January 20th by 5:00pm PST. Drops can be made until Thursday, January 21st by 5:00pm PST.

Any drops after the deadlines have passed should be emailed to Amanda Ozaki-Laughon for approval at Amanda.ozaki@cui.edu

Judging

Speech: Asynchronous speech tournaments offer a great deal of flexibility for judging rounds! Programs must provide 2 rounds of preliminary judging for every 5 speech slots (or fraction thereof).

Example: if your program brings 15 total speech entries, your program needs to provide 6 rounds of preliminary judging. If your program brings 17 total speech entries, your program needs to provide 8 rounds of preliminary judging.

Debate: Programs must provide 1 judge for every 2 NPDA entries. Programs must provide 1 judge for every 2 NFA-LD/IPDA-LD entries.

Host Eligibility: While CUI students are allowed to compete and advance to elimination rounds, CUI is ineligible for all sweepstakes awards.

Speech Events

Huge thanks to our Director of Individual Events, Claire Crossman, and our Assistant Director of Individual Events, Melissa Fuentes, for serving as the tabulation staff for speech! The tournament will offer 2 preliminary rounds and a final round in 2 divisions of all 11 AFA/Phi Rho Pi events. In events with 35 or more entries, a semi-final round may be held.

Divisions: The tournament will offer Open and Novice divisions. Novices should be in their first year of collegiate speech competition with no or limited high school experience and have not placed 3rd or higher twice in intercollegiate competition. The tournament will do what it can to maintain a true novice division. If there are fewer than 6 novice entries, it may be collapsed into Open division. Novice division does not qualify for NFA Nationals.

Tie Breakers: Competitors will first be ordered by cumulative ranks, then reciprocals and finally by judge ratings. In single-panel final rounds, placing will be determined first by

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cumulative rankings in finals, then judge's preference, followed by reciprocal scores and finally by judge ratings.

Debate Events

Huge thanks to the Director of Debate of El Camino Community College for serving as tabulation director!

Divisions: The tournament will offer Novice, Junior, and Open divisions. NPDA will abide by NPDA division rules, NFA-LD will abide by NFA division rules, and IPDA will follow its own division rules. If there are fewer than 8 entries in an event, it may be collapsed into the next highest division.

Format: The tournament will offer 6 preliminary rounds of NPDA debate for Open and Junior and 4 preliminary rounds for Novice, and corresponding elimination rounds. NFA-LD and IPDA-LD will have 4 preliminary rounds and corresponding elimination rounds.

Virtual Platform: Debate events will be hosted on Forensics Tournament and will use FTN's 8x8 conferencing software. You do not need to download the app in order to access these rooms via your browser. Using the browser version is the most accessible form of using this software.

Pairings: Rounds 1 & 2 of NPDA and Round 1 of IPDA/NFA-LD Debate will be randomly matched. All subsequent rounds will be high-low power matched. The tournament will offer a limited number of judge strikes (likely 20% of the field).

Constraints need to be submitted via email to the tabulation director, Brittany Hubble, at bhubble.csulb@gmail.com

Tie Breakers: In NPDA debate, teams will first be ordered by wins, then adjusted speaker points, followed by total speaker points, then opposition record and finally by Z-Score.

In NFA-LD and IPDA-LD, competitors will first be ranked by wins, then total speaker points, followed by opposition wins and finally Z-Score. Brackets will not be broken.

Tournament Awards

Due to the unprecedented nature of this 2020-2021 season, our priority was to continue to offer this tournament free of charge despite new budgetary restrictions installed on our program. We will provide PDFs of award certificates for your download, and host a live awards ceremony announcing results recognizing the top 10 speakers and advancing debaters in all debate events, and the finalists in speech events.

Special Award: The Ninja Pixie Award.

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Jannese competed in both debate and speech events, and so an overall award (combining points earned in debate and speech events) will be presented. To be eligible, students need to enter at least one debate event and two of the three types of speech events (limited preparation, platform, interpretation). Points will be earned using the school formula below. The top 5 students from two-year schools receive CUI Forensics scholarships.

Institution Sweepstakes Awards: The top 5 schools in both 2-Year and 4-Year divisions will be recognized. In debate events, each elimination round earns 3 points. In speech, 1st=5 points, 2nd=4 points, 3rd=3 points, and finalists earn 2 points. Each school's points for speech and will be converted to a percentage. Those two percentages will be summed for placings.

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Asynchronous Speech Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Due</u>
Thursday, January 14, 5:00pm PST	All speech entries due via Speechwire.
Saturday, January 16, 5:00pm PST	Extemp and Impromptu prompts emailed to participants
Sunday January 17, 5:00pm PST	All entries and corresponding videos due to Speechwire. Registration closed.
Monday January 18, 12:00pm PST	All preliminary round ballots released and sent to judges via Speechwire
Wednesday, January 20, 5:00pm PST	Preliminary ballot rankings due
Wednesday, January 20, 8:00pm PST	For events with 35+ entries, semi-final/final postings released, ballots released (semi-finals if needed – if a clean break is possible, finals postings will be released and ballots released)
Thursday, January 21, 5:00pm PST	All semi-final (if necessary) and final round ballots due.
Friday, January 22, 8:00pm PST	All final round ballots due
Saturday, January 23, 9:00pm PST	Awards video released

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Synchronous Debate Schedule (ALL TIMES IN PACIFIC STANDARD TIME)

NPDA Debate

Friday, January 22nd, 2020

1:00pm – Judge/Coach/Participant
check-in via Tournament HQ

2:00 – Topic Announce Round 1
2:20-3:10– NPDA Round 1

3:30 –Topic Announce Round 2
3:50-4:40 – NPDA Round 2

5:00 Topic Announce Round 3
5:20-6:10 NPDA Round 3

Saturday, January 23rd, 2020

8:00am Topic Announce Round 4
8:20-9:10 NPDA Round 4

9:30 Topic Announce Round 5
9:50-10:40 NPDA Round 5

11:00 Topic Announce Round 6
11:20-12:10 NPDA Round 6

12:30-1:15 Lunch Break

1:15 Topic Announce Elim 1
1:35-2:15 NPDA Elim 1

2:45 Topic Announce Elim 2
3:05-3:55 NPDA Elim 2

4:15 or ASAP: Awards

4:45 or ASAP: Topic Announce Elim 3
5:05-5:55 NPDA Elim 3

6:15 Elim 4 Topic Announce
6:35-7:25 – NPDA Elim 4

IPDA/NFA-LD Debate

Sunday, January 24 2020

8:00-9:00am IPDA/LD Round 1

9:20-10:20 IPDA/LD Round 2

10:40-11:40 IPDA/LD Round 3

12:00-1:00 IPDA/LD Round 4

1:00-1:45 Lunch Break

1:45-2:45 IPDA/LD Elim 1

3:05-4:05 IPDA/LD Elim 2

4:25-5:25 IPDA/LD Elim 3

5:45pm Awards Ceremony