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Dear Forensic Colleagues,

On behalf of the University of Central Missouri's Department of Communication, the "Talking Mules" Speech & Debate Team, and our coaching staff, I am thrilled to extend this invitation to attend the 2023 Missouri Mule Speech & Debate Tournament, hosted on the campus of University of Central Missouri in beautiful Warrensburg, MO on **October 6-7, 2023**.

On Friday, we will offer 5 preliminary rounds, and an appropriate number of elimination rounds, of IPDA (V, JV, N, and Professional). Saturday offers a completion of IPDA rounds, if necessary, 5 preliminary rounds for LD (O, JV, N), with an appropriate number of elimination rounds, and all 11 AFA-NIET individual events. Entries can be received at <https://forensicstournament.net/MOMule/23>.

If you have students with special circumstances or needs, we will do everything in our power to make appropriate accommodations. Coaches, please email us your requests prior to 5:00 PM (CST), Monday, October 2. Our goal is to create a safe and supportive environment for all competitors and judges.

As always, we are committed to providing a quality, on-time, competitive experience. To accomplish this, we have asked Nikki Freeman and Gina Jensen to assist in the tab room.

The official tournament hotels are:

Comfort Inn, flat rate \$96 double queens, 660-429-4848.

Fairfield Inn & Suites, flat rate \$179 double queens.

A cautionary note: We are a small-ish town with several activities occurring in neighboring communities. Once the room blocks are gone, there will not be many additional options.

Other hotels:

Holiday Inn Express, call for rates, 660-656-2020.

Best Western Inn, call for rates, 660-747-3000

Super 8 (Warrensburg), call for rates, 660-429-3611 or 660-429-2183.

Day's Inn, call for rates, 660-429-2400

America's Best Value Inn, (9 miles down HWY 50 in Knob Noster), call for rates, 660-563-3000.

There are other options in neighboring communities, but you're looking at a 30 minute drive. Feel free to reach out if you need additional recommendations.

We recognize we're a little earlier on the schedule this year, but we hope you are still able to join us in Warrensburg. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to jordancompton@ucmo.edu

We look forward to hosting you,

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Tournament Host

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