

September 7, 2023

Hello Forensics Colleagues!

You are invited to the “Showdown in the Heights” speech tournament invitational at Prairie State College on Friday, November 10 (IPDA Debate) and Saturday, November 11, 2023 (Individual Events). We are very excited to be hosting both Friday and Saturday on the PSC campus. We are hoping that this tournament will be enjoyable, efficient, friendly, competitive, and most importantly, educational.

The tournament is a novice tournament, which means any community college competitor in their first three years of competition and any four year college or university competitor in their first year of competition will be allowed to participate.

One of the unique aspects of this tournament is that in addition to the standard team awards, we will be offering the “Quality Team” sweepstakes as well.

We will be using the ForensicsTournament.net host website, and during the week of registration, you will be able to enter your entire team entry using forensicstournament.net.

In this invitation you will find tournament details, including event groupings, tournament schedule, as well as food and hotel options.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see the contact information below. We hope to see you on November 10 and 11! **Entries are due Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Please register at:**

<https://forensicstournament.net/ShowdownintheHeights/23>

Sincerely,

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Chicago Heights, IL 60411

General Information

Event Groupings

Debate – IPDA

Group A – Prose, Duo, Informative, DI, CA, Impromptu

Group B – Poetry, Extemp, STE, Persuasion, POI

Phi Rho Pi rules will be followed for all of the events. Rules are posted on the Phi Rho Pi website www.phirhopi.org.

Tournament Schedule

Friday, November 10, 2023 – IPDA Debate

10:15-10:45 a.m. – Registration – Go to Registration (Room 3190) to verify entry.

Draw 11:00 a.m.	11:30 a.m. Speak Round 1
Draw 12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m. Speak Round 2
Draw 1:45 p.m.	2:15 p.m. Speak Round 3
Draw 3:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m. Speak Round 4
Draw 4:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m. Speak Semi-Final Round
Draw 6:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m. Speak Final Round

Saturday, November 11, 2023 – Individual Events

7:30 a.m.	Registration (Room 3190)
8:45 a.m.	Round 1 Group A
10:00 a.m.	Round 2 Group A

Lunch (on your own!) Halsted Street has an abundance of food options (**Jimmy John's** does not deliver to Prairie State.)

12:15 p.m.	Extemp Draw
12:45 p.m.	Round 1 Group B
1:30 p.m.	Extemp Draw
2:00 p.m.	Round 2 Group B
3:30 p.m.	Finals Group A
4:45 p.m.	Draw for Extemp Finals
5:15 p.m.	Finals Group B
ASAP	Awards

Ranks and Awards

The top six individuals in each event will advance to the final round. Ties will be broken in this order: speaker points, judges' preference (where applicable), and number of firsts. We will not break an event into a semi-round unless entries in the event allow us to do so.

The top five schools accumulating the most points will receive team sweepstakes awards. Final round points will be awarded as follows:

6th place	2 points
5th place	4 points
4th place	6 points
3rd place	8 points
2nd place	10 points
1st place	12 points

There will also be a “QUALITY” TEAM AWARD for the top five schools. This will be based on the total number of team points in finals divided by the number of entries.

Food

Doughnuts, bagels, juice, and coffee will be available in the morning. For lunch, a list of area fast food restaurants will be provided.

Fees

Entries are due

Entry Fee:	\$10 per slot.
Uncovered Judges	\$10 per slot.
Drops/Changes through 5 p.m. Wed.	No Charge Drops
Drops after 5:00 p.m. Wed.	\$10 per slot
Drops after 5:00 p.m. Thurs.	\$15 per slot
Day of Drops	\$25 per slot
	\$60 per dropped judge

Also, we will not accept substitution entries for those students who are unable to attend the tournament after Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Entry and judging fees will not be reduced for dropped entries. If there are any last minute drops on the day of the tournament, please call or text Joshua or Dana from the van.

Hotels

All hotels are located East of I-57, just north and south of Lincoln Hwy (Route 30)

Hampton Inn & Suites Chicago Southland—Matteson
20920 Matteson Avenue
Matteson, Illinois, 60443
Phone: 708-748-4102

La Quinta Inn Chicago Matteson
5210 West Southwick Drive
Matteson, IL 60443
Phone: 708-503-0999

Country Inn and Suites (has a pool)
950 Lake Superior Drive
Matteson, IL 60443
Phone: 708-748-4740

Holiday Inn Chicago Matteson Conference Center (has a pool)
500 Holiday Plaza Drive
Matteson, IL 60443
Phone: 708-747-3500

NOT recommended, but probably the most economical:

Americas Best Value Inn Matteson
5200 West Lincoln Highway
Matteson, IL 60443
Phone: 708-481-3900