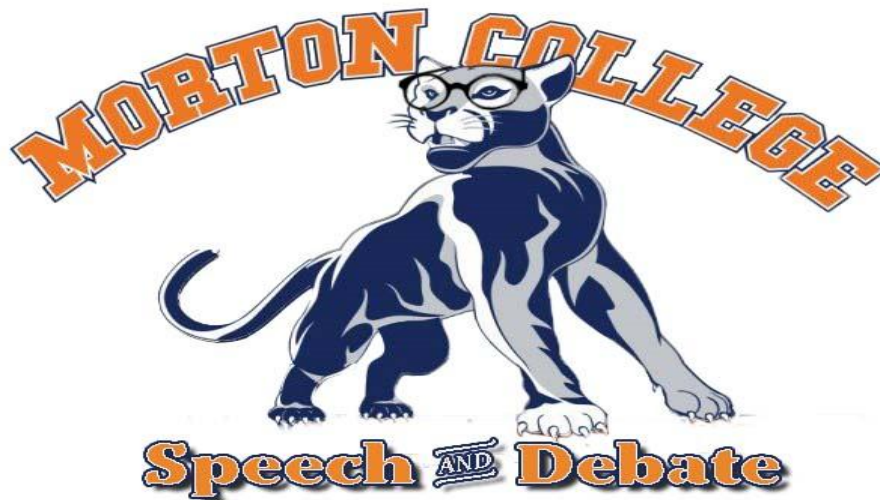




Forensics Colleagues:

You and your squad are cordially invited to attend **“Almost Crystal Clear” IPDA at Morton College**, to be held on October 11th 2024 on our beautiful campus in Cicero, IL. We will offer a four round in-person IPDA tournament with a “Tournament Final” round for all winning record participants. We are also pleased to announce that Morton will be **waiving ENTRY FEES** for covered entries (1 judge covers 2). Your free entries will also include complimentary snacks, beverages, and modest awards for your winning debate students.

If you haven’t been to Morton College in a while, we have renovated vast majorities of our campus that are ideal for hosting local debate tournaments. And if we haven’t had a chance to meet, rest assured I am firmly committed to hosting an efficient debate competition in a safe, friendly environment for my students and yours.

Thank you all for your future consideration and participation. If you have any questions about “Almost Crystal Clear” IPDA at Morton College, please contact me anytime with the contact information provided. Thanks! JE

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ACCOMODATIONS: Morton College and its Debate Program are committed to fostering an inclusive environment that caters to a diverse range of learning styles and disabilities, ensuring that every participant has an equitable and enriching experience.

DEBATE FORMAT: IPDA Resolutions will consist of three fact/value topics and two policy topics with different themes per round. Neg strikes first, then Aff, and so forth. After 30 minutes of prep time, competitors will follow the 5-2-6-2-3-5-3 format. *Coaches can provide guidance during prep but are discouraged from directly prompting arguments.*

ENTRIES: Register your entry by Tuesday, October 8th at 4pm.

1. Go to forensictournament.net/almostcrystalclear to complete your entry
2. Click Login (if you have never used this site before, it will ask you to register)
3. Go through each tab and register your team. Call Jason at 773-458-4839 for help.

CHANGES/DROPS: made through forensictournament.net until Thursday, October 10th at noon. Drops after the deadline will accrue a \$25 fee that will go to awards.

AWARDS: The following awards will be presented.

All winning records competing in Tournament Final

Top six speakers (based on speaker points)

Top three IPDA team sweepstakes (based on wins)

Top Skyway Conference Competitor and Debate Program

CATERING: Because we are waiving entries, there will be some healthy snacks and beverages available. *Paisans* is our campus eatery and will be open, along with a large variety of fast food chains that deliver within 10 minutes.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: October 11th, 2024

12:30pm	IPDA Registration
1:00pm	Round 1 Draw
2:15pm	Round 2 Draw
3:30pm	Round 3 Draw
4:45pm	Round 4 Draw
6:00ish ASAP	Tournament Final Quick Awards, Thanks!

*The tournament director has the rights to change the schedule as needed.

Why "Almost Crystal Clear"?

The debate tournament being named "Almost Crystal Clear" is designed to evoke a sense of clarity and transparency while acknowledging the complexity and nuance inherent in debates. The term "almost" implies that while the discussions and arguments presented may strive for clarity, they also recognize the intricacies and diverse perspectives that can make achieving absolute clarity challenging.

Participants are expected to articulate their arguments with precision and clarity. This promotes effective communication skills and encourages debaters to present their points in a straightforward manner. By incorporating the word "almost," the tournament acknowledges that real-world issues are often multifaceted and not easily distilled into absolute clarity. This encourages participants to engage with the complexity of topics and consider various perspectives.

"Almost Crystal Clear" serves as a thought-provoking and intriguing name for our debate tournament, capturing the essence of clear communication while embracing the nuanced nature of debates in the real world.

It's also the day before the Crystal Clear tournament at McHenry. 😊