

Dear Forensics Colleagues:

You and your squad are cordially invited to attend the **2026 College of DuPage *Frank-ly Paine-ful Speaking Tournament***, named in honor of former Directors of Forensics – Frank Tourangeau. This year's tournament will be held IN PERSON ***January 16th and 17th, 2025.*** This year our theme will be C.O.D.& D, so assemble your party of adventurers and venture into the darkest dungeon of Glen Ellyn, Illinois for loot and fame.

We will offer IPDA Debate and 11 individual events following Phi Rho Pi guidelines for both halves of the Individual Events swing. You can register for the tournament at <https://forensicstournament.net/FranklySpeakingTournament/26>

Please pay special attention to the Phi Rho Pi event descriptions.

College of DuPage will be hosting its in-person IPDA debate tournament on Friday with the IE portion on Saturday. If entries allow, we are dedicated to holding **community college** division finals in addition to the open finals.

Sincerely,

Kacy Abeln, Director of Forensics

Brandon Wood, Director of Individual Events/Tournament Director

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Mia Poston, Coach

GENERAL INFORMATION

ENTRIES: Register your entry by Wednesday, **January 14th at 5pm.**

1. Go to <https://forensictournament.net/FranklySpeakingTournament/26> 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
4. Please call Brandon Wood (630)546-8320, if you have any problems

PARTICIPATION: Any regularly enrolled student is eligible to enter as many as six events; however, the participant may not enter more than three events from each grouping (one person may enter two duos in Group B as two of their three events).

Group A

Prose
Informative
Extemp
DI
CA
Duo

Group B

Poetry
Impromptu
STE
Persuasion
POI

There is no limit on entries per event; however, if a school enters more students than there are sections in any one event, the tournament director may place more than one student from the same school in the same section. **Triple entered students (TE) must sign in to all three events prior to the round. Judges will not be required to wait for students that have not signed in.**

FEES:

Individual Events: \$10.00 per individual event slot. One judge for every six individual event slots must be provided. A limited number of hired judges can be provided at the rate of \$12.00 per uncovered individual event slot.

IPDA Debate: IPDA slots are \$15 a debater with one judge covering two slots. A judge can be provided at the rate of \$40.00 dollars per uncovered debate slot. Change/drop fees range from \$10.00 to \$30.00 (see DEADLINES section). **Make all checks payable to Kacy Abeln.**

ELIMINATION ROUNDS: Preliminary rounds for individual events will be randomly paired. The six participants with the best rankings will advance to the open division final round. Standard tie breakers will be used. The six community college participants with the best rankings that have not advanced into open division finals will advance to the two-year college division finals; however, we will not advance more than half of the field of community college competitors into a final round. Again, standard tie breakers will be used. We will do our best to provide a full panel of three judges for all finals; however, if we have a limited number of judges available, community college finals may only be assigned one judge. Awards will be given to all participants advancing to a final round.

TEAM SWEEPSTAKES: There are three sweepstakes categories:

Overall Sweepstakes (IE and Debate) will recognize the top 3 teams (1st place receiving the **Lauren Morgan Open Division Sweepstakes Award**).

Open IE Sweepstakes will recognize the top 5 teams in Individual Events.

Community College Sweepstakes will recognize the top three community college teams in IE points (1st place receiving the **Jim Collie Community College Sweepstakes Award**).

Sweepstakes points earned in the community college division will not count in the open division. Sweepstakes points earned in the open division by a community college participant will count in the community college division.

	Two Year Division	Open Division
1 st Place	6	12
2 nd Place	5	11
3 rd Place	4	10
4 th Place	3	9
5 th Place	2	8
6 th Place	1	7
7 th or Later Place	0	6

THE JODIE BRIGGS INDIVIDUAL SWEEPSTAKES AWARD: A contestant must be entered into a minimum of any four events to qualify for individual sweepstakes, with IPDA counting as an event. Awards will be given to the top five overall students. The winners will be determined by the largest number of sweepstakes points earned for their team according to the

previously listed schedule. Entry in individual sweepstakes is the responsibility of the coach when making the entry.

FOOD: For those of you familiar with the Midwest, our chances of hosting in a winter wonderland is always a possibility. There are multiple options by campus, but if safety/difficulty become an issue we recommend the local Jimmy Johns (630-942-8480) for delivery.

DEADLINES: Changes/Drops should be made by the coach through forensictournament.net until Thursday, January 15th at noon.

Changes made after Noon on Thursday will incur a \$10.00 charge. A \$25.00 fee per slot will be charged for any drop made day of the tournament.

*A \$30 fee per dropped judge will be assessed for any judges dropped **after 9 p.m. CST on Thursday, January 15th**. A \$50.00 fee per dropped judge will be assessed for judges dropped the day of.

EVENT RULES: For individual events, Phi Rho Pi event descriptions will govern event operation. For complete information on the web, visit <http://www.phirhopi.org>.

In addition, four over-riding rules govern events:

1. All public events must be the original work of the contestant.
2. No speech or program, in part or in its entirety, may have been used by the contestant prior to September 2025.
4. College of DuPage will not be responsible for providing audiovisual or any other equipment or power sources for use during the tournament.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

IPDA Portion - Friday, January 16th

9:15-9:45	Registration
10:00am	Round 1 (10:00am prep/10:30 speak)
11:15am	Round 2 (11:15am prep/11:45 speak)
12:15pm	LUNCH * The cafeteria will not be open because we are still on Winter Break; there are many affordable options within driving distance and many places do delivery to campus. We will try our best to schedule 1 coach/judge per school to be off Round 2
1:00pm	Round 3 (1:00pm prep/1:30pm speak)
2:15pm	Round 4 (2:15pm prep/2:45 speak)
3:45pm	Bronze Round (3:45pm prep/4:15pm speak)
5:15pm	Silver/Gold Round(5:15 prep/5:45 speak)

·Important Note: If there are enough teams, we will add an additional Community College Final for the next non-advancing Community College competitors in IPDA to be held concurrently with the Open Silver/Gold Round. Open and Community College division competitors will compete amongst each other in preliminary rounds.

·Important Note 2: This is a single flighted tournament. If the tournament size becomes so large it requires double-flighting, coaches will be notified but Registration will still begin 9:15am.

Individual Events Portion - Saturday January 17th

7:30-8:00	Registration (SSC Lower Level)
8:00	Extemp Draw
8:15	Round 1 Group A
9: 30	Extemp Draw
9:45	Round 2 Group A
11:15	Lunch
12:00	Round 1 Group B
1:30	Round 2 Group B
2:45	Extemp Draw for Finals
3:00	Finals Group A
4:30	Finals Group B
ASAP	Awards
