

# AFA NIET DISTRICT ONE

January 18, 2013

Dear Friends,

You are hereby invited to attend the 2013 AFA-NIET District One "Last Chance" Tournament and NIET Qualifier swing. This year's swing will be held at California State University, Northridge in Northridge, CA, from March 1-3, 2013. The District's "Last Chance" (March 1, 2013) Tournament is open to all schools, while the District's Qualifier Tournament (March 2-3, 2013) is only open to those schools that can subscribe in District One. The deadline to enter both tournaments is MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 at 6:00 PM. Please enter online at <http://www.forensicstournament.net>.

This year's NIET will be held at Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS on April 5-8, 2013. An invitation is available online at <http://www.afa-niet.org>. **If you have students who have qualified at-large for the NIET, you will need to submit an at-large qualification form for each student by Friday, February 22, 2013. ALL QUAL SHEETS SHOULD BE E-MAILED to the District Chair, Professor Angela Gregory, at [agregory@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:agregory@chabotcollege.edu). If she does not have results from a tournament, then you must submit copies of those legs in order for the student to qualify.** I have attached an at-large verification sheet with the invitation that you may email Angela (via attachment) for greater convenience. Please get forms to Angela as soon as possible so that she can verify that your student is qualified for the NIET. **The official deadline for Angela to have at-large qualification forms is February 24, 2012.**

You are encouraged to nominate up to 2 students from your school for the AFA-NIET All American Award. Please see inside the invitation for forms and more information. All nomination materials must be turned in to the District Chair, Professor Angela Gregory, by registration on Saturday morning, March 2, 2013. We cannot consider incomplete files; do make plans to have the application, competition and service résumés, recommendation letters, and official transcripts ready by the deadline.

If you have any questions about the At-Large qualification process, or the NIET please feel free to contact our District Chair, Professor Angela Gregory, at [agregory@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:agregory@chabotcollege.edu). Please let me know if you have any questions about the tournaments; I look forward to seeing you in Northridge!

Sincerely,

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# **DISTRICT ONE “LAST CHANCE,” QUALIFIER, AND CHAMPTIONSHIP SCHEDULES**

**\*\*Schedule will be adjusted as necessary depending on number of entries\*\***

## **District One “Last Chance” Tournament**

Friday, March 1, 2012

1:30 PM Registration, Manzanita Hall Building (MZ 130)

1:45 PM Extemp Draw, Rd 1

2:00 PM Rd 1

3:30 PM Extemp Draw, Rd 2

3:45 PM Rd 2

5:15 PM Extemp Draw, Rd 3/Finals

5:30 PM Rd 3/Finals (as necessary depending on entry)

ASAP Awards/Announcement of Placing

## **District One Qualifier Tournament**

Saturday, March 2, 2012

7:30 AM: Registration, Manzanita Hall Building (MZ 130)

8:00 AM: Extemp Draw 8:30 AM B1 (Ext, Duo, POI, Pers)

9:45 AM: A1 (Inf, Pro, Imp)

11:00 AM: C1 (ADS, Poe, Dra, CA)

12:15 PM: Extemp Draw

12:30 PM: B2

1:45 PM: Lunch Break

2:45 PM: A2

4:00 PM: C2

5:15 PM: Extemp Draw

5:45 PM: B3

Sunday, March 3, 2012

8:30 AM: A3

9:45 AM: C3

ASAP: Post Breaks

11:00 AM: Lunch Break

12:00 PM: Extemp Draw

12:30 PM: Elim 1

1:45 PM: Elim 2 (if necessary)

3:00 PM: Coaches/Students Meeting

4:00 PM: Awards

## **RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

### **DISTRICT ONE “LAST CHANCE” REGULATIONS**

- 1) Open to all schools.
- 2) Students may enter up to 3 events. Extemporaneous competitors may only double enter.
- 3) Each judge covers 5 slots total.
- 4) We reserve the right to limit entry based on judge availability. Please enter student's events in the order of preference. We will take each student's first event, then second, then 3rd if there are enough rooms/judges.
- 5) We will abide by AFA-NIET rules for the tournament.

### **DISTRICT ONE NIET QUALIFIER REGULATIONS**

- 1) Each school may enter up to five slots in each event.
- 2) Students may double-enter in each pattern. Students may not enter events that they have already qualified. Students whose school is not planning on attending the NIET may not enter.
- 3) Due to a finite amount of funds available to hire judges and preponderance of large teams that provide judges we are unable to place, we will be going to 1 judge per prelim round.
- 4) Each judge covers 5 slots per pattern.
- 5) We will abide by AFA-NIET rules and the district charter for the tournament.

### **WHERE TO SEND AT-LARGE SHEETS AND TOURNAMENT ENTRY**

Please enter online at <http://forensicstournament.net>.

The deadline is MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013 at 6:00 PM. You may make changes up until Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at Noon, when fees will be assessed. If you have problems with the online entry system, please email Geoffrey BrodakSilva at [gbrodak@calstatela.edu](mailto:gbrodak@calstatela.edu). You can also contact his office at 323-343-4204.

For At-Large entry forms, Angela prefers you to email her the provided excel sheet via an attachment to [agregory@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:agregory@chabotcollege.edu).

If you need to send in the At-Large sheets or some sheets that he does not have, then send to the following places:

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Snail mail: | Chabot College<br>25555 Hesperian Blvd, Hayward, CA 94545<br>Care of Angela Gregory<br>Communication Studies Department |
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Please email or call and let Angela know that you have sent her something via snail mail. Her office phone is: 510-723-2623.

## FEE INFORMATION

### “LAST CHANCE”

Cost per slot at the “Last Chance” Tournament: \$5 (\$10 for Duo)  
Judging fee per uncovered slot: \$12 (One judge covers 5 slots)  
\$15.00 per change after Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at Noon  
\$100.00 dropped judge fee after Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at Noon

### DISTRICTS

NIET Subscription Fee (if not already paid): \$50  
Per School Judge Fee (passed 3/2006 meeting): \$50  
Cost per slot at the Qualifier Tournament: \$8 (\$16 for Duo)  
Judging fee per uncovered slot: \$12 (One judge covers 5 slots per pattern)  
\$15.00 per change after Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at Noon  
\$100.00 dropped judge fee after Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at Noon

Please bring CASH to pay your fees or contact Angela Gregory to get information on who the check needs to be made out to. Sue can be reached via email at [agregory@chabotcollege.edu](mailto:agregory@chabotcollege.edu) and via phone at 510-723-2623.

## LODGING

There is still no central tournament hotel; but The Warner Center Hilton in Woodland Hills is a good choice. It is a deluxe, business class hotel that is full of amenities, including high speed Internet. The hotel is located at 6360 Canoga Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA, 91367. It is next door to the Cheesecake Factory and BJ's Pizza, and is across the street from fast food and Starbucks. Many great food options are walking distance to the hotel. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 866-288-3310 or by going to the hotel's webpage at [www.woodlandhills.hilton.com](http://www.woodlandhills.hilton.com).

Some other good choices:

Airtel Plaza Hotel & Conference  
Center

7277 Valjean Ave  
Van Nuys, CA 91406  
1-866-599-6674

Extended Stay America Los Angeles  
- Northridge

19325 Londelius St  
Northridge, CA 91324

Best Western Woodland Hills Inn  
21830 Ventura Blvd  
Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Howard Johnson Inn and Suites  
7432 Reseda Blvd  
Reseda, CA 91335

Radisson Hotel Chatsworth  
9777 Topanga Canyon Blvd ,  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

Regardless of where you choose to stay, you are encouraged to make your reservations as soon as possible. If you have any questions about lodging, please contact John Kephart at [csundebate@gmail.com](mailto:csundebate@gmail.com).



# NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TOURNAMENT

## AMERICAN FORENSIC ASSOCIATION

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### At Large Reporting Form

**FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR BY MARCH 7, 2013**

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ (fill out one form for each student)

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

COACH: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

|  | Event | Rank | Tournament | Date | # of Schools | # of entries |
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#### GROUP A EVENTS: Informative/Prose/Impromptu

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> event in "A" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> event in "A" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### GROUP B EVENTS: Extemporaneous/Dramatic Duo/Persuasion/Program Oral Interpretation

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> event in "B" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> event in "B" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### GROUP C EVENTS: Poetry/Communication Analysis/After Dinner Speaking/Interpretation of Drama

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> event in "C" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> event in "C" |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Send completed form to your District Chair

**DO NOT SEND FORM TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

**FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF YOUR DISTRICT CHAIR BY MARCH 7, 2013**

I certify the above information is correct and meets requirements for AFA-NIET At-Large Qualification

COACH'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_



## **All-American Individual Events Team Nomination**

**Rationale:** This award is designed with the intent to recognize students beyond the area of competition. While achievement in the forensic activity is taken into account, equal weight should be given to scholarship and service. This award should serve as a crowning touch to those seniors who have demonstrated outstanding qualities in all three areas.

**General Qualifications for Nomination:** Nominees should demonstrate personal qualities that show their understanding of the role of intercollegiate forensic competition in a liberal education. They should show evidence of success and good conduct in the forensic activity, excellence in their classroom studies as evidenced not only by grade-point average, but also by the range and challenge of study, and show a commitment to the betterment of their community through their forensic and non-forensic activities.

### **Specific Criteria for Nomination:**

The nominee(s) must be designated as a senior at their four-year institution and attending their last AFA-NIET as a competitor.

The nominee(s) must be competing at the NIET during the year nominated.

The nominee(s) must have at least an overall “B” GPA in college coursework. Each nomination must include a copy of the student’s official college transcript of grades.

The nominee(s) must provide a personal statement.

The nominee(s) must provide documentation of forensic success including a resume of awards earned during forensic competition. Letters of support for each nominee shall convey the value the individual has added to the forensic activity in general (e.g., mentoring, good sportsmanship).

The nominee(s) must provide documentation of service work. This may include forensic-related service. Service outside of the forensic community is a significant criterion. Non-forensic service venues may include the community, civic organizations, the school, etc.

Each nomination must include a letter of support addressing the student’s work in providing community service to their university and the community at large

**Nomination Process:** Nominations must come from a program director/coach and be submitted to the District Chair. No more than two nominees may come from the same school. District Chairs will inform member schools of deadlines for submission. Each District Committee will select one recipient from their respective district, and forward up to five additional nominations from their district to the Chair of the Selection Committee. There will be at least one recipient from each of the AFA-NIET districts. At-large recipients may come from any district. **District chairs must submit all nominations to the Chair of the All-American Team Committee no later than March 15, 2011.**

### **All-American Individual Events Team Nomination** (submit to your District Chair)

Full Name of Nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
University/College:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Director/Coach of Nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address of Director/Coach:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments:**

Official Copy of College Transcript Grades

Personal Statement (limit to one page)

Resume of Forensic Awards (limit to one page)

Resume of Service Work (limit to one page)

Letters of Support (no more than three letters, including letter from a director/coach)

**Questions about the nomination process should be directed to your District Chair.**