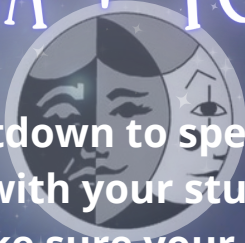


IHSSA + YOU: REACH FOR THE STARS!



The countdown to speech season is here! 10... 9... 8... 7...6... Are you ready to blast off with your students to an amazing experience? Before the countdown ends, make sure your team is prepared! You could be a seasoned coach who needs to ignite new ideas, or a beginning teacher who was just told to get on board. Either way, the 2024 Coaches Convention will help you: IHSSA + YOU: REACH FOR THE STARS!

The flight plan offers a wide variety of experts ready to share their wisdom in areas ranging from leadership and script writing to sessions exploring a galaxy of large group and individual events. Be inspired by our amazing keynote speaker who shines brighter than Haley's Comet as well as IHSSA Hall of Fame inductees at the dinner banquet. We invite you to bring scripts and books to swap! And don't forget to save room for the delicious dessert buffet provided by the Northwest District!

The possibilities for growth at this year's IHSSA Coaches Convention are infinite, just like the stars in the beautiful night sky! Come to the Gateway Convention Center on October 12 and 13. When you return to orbit, you will have sparkling fresh ideas and know which stars you want to reach for this season. Be sure to register right away! There are door prizes for early entries (October 1) and a constellation of prizes available for all who attend.

What do YOU want to reach for this season? Whether it is recruiting new students, working on a challenging piece, trying a different category or stretching your own abilities as a coach, you will find encouragement and applicable ideas at this year's convention. See you there in 5...4...3...2...1!

IHSSA CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs Cynthia Koster & Laurel Olsen (Denison)

Jacque Seidl (ADM)

Robin & Darrin Crow (Cedar Valley Christian),

Wendy Buseman & Emileigh Eilderts (Hampton-Dumont CAL)

IHSSA 52ND ANNUAL SPEECH COACHES CONVENTION

OCTOBER 11-12, 2024

GATEWAY HOTEL, 2100 GREEN HILLS DRIVE, AMES, IA

800.367.2637/515.292.8600

WWW.GATEWAYAMES.COM



CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

ALL CONVENTION
REGISTRATION IS
ONLINE AT

WWW.IHSSA.ORG.

LINK: WWW.IHSSA.ORG/DEFAULT.ASPX

HOTEL REGISTRATION:

DOUBLE/KING: \$149

EXECUTIVE KING: \$149

JR. SUITE: \$149

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DUE: SEPTEMBER 24! AFTER
SEPTEMBER 24, THESE ROOMS
WILL BE RELEASED! RESERVE
YOUR ROOM EARLY!

ONLINE [GATEWAY HOTEL
RESERVATIONS LINK HERE](http://GATEWAYHOTELRESERVATIONS.COM)

5 YEARS OF LESS?

IF YOU ARE COACH OF 5 YEARS
OR LESS, PLEASE CHECK THE
IHSSA WEB SITE FOR A
POSSIBLE FREE CONVENTION
REGISTRATION! INFO
ALSO IN THIS ISSUE
OF SWIFT!

WOW!

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, OCT. 11

PRE-CONVENTION: 9:30 AM

TICKETED LUNCH: 11:15 AM

KEYNOTE: 12:15 PM

SESSIONS: 1:15 PM

DISTRICT MEETINGS: 4:30 PM

FORMAL HALL OF FAME

DINNER: 6:30 PM

COST:

\$150

LUNCH ADD ON:

\$25

HALL OF FAME
DINNER IS A TIME
TO
DRESS UP A BIT.
WE SUGGEST
BUSINESS ATTIRE.

BE SURE TO TELL GATEWAY HOTEL YOU ARE
ATTENDING THE IHSSA CONVENTION.
GATEWAY WILL HOLD ROOMS UNTIL OCT. 1.
THEN, ALL ROOMS WILL BE OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC. RESERVE YOUR ROOMS EARLY.

SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

BREAKFAST: 7:30 AM

SWIFT SESSIONS: 9:00 AM

SESSIONS: 10:00

JUDGE

CERTIFICATION CLINIC:

12:30 PM

3 GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS!

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EARN 3
GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS AT
THE CONVENTION. LOOK FOR
MORE INFO IN THIS SWIFT AND
ONLINE AT WWW.IHSSA.ORG

IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION

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**ONLINE GATEWAY HOTEL
RESERVATION LINK:
[GATEWAY LINK](#)**

THE RADISSON: OVERFLOW

DOUBLE: \$119
515.268.8808

**DUE: OCTOBER 4! AFTER
OCTOBER 4, THESE ROOMS
WILL BE RELEASED! RESERVE
YOUR ROOM EARLY!**

**ONLINE HOTEL RESERVATION
LINK:**

[RADISSON HOTEL LINK](#)



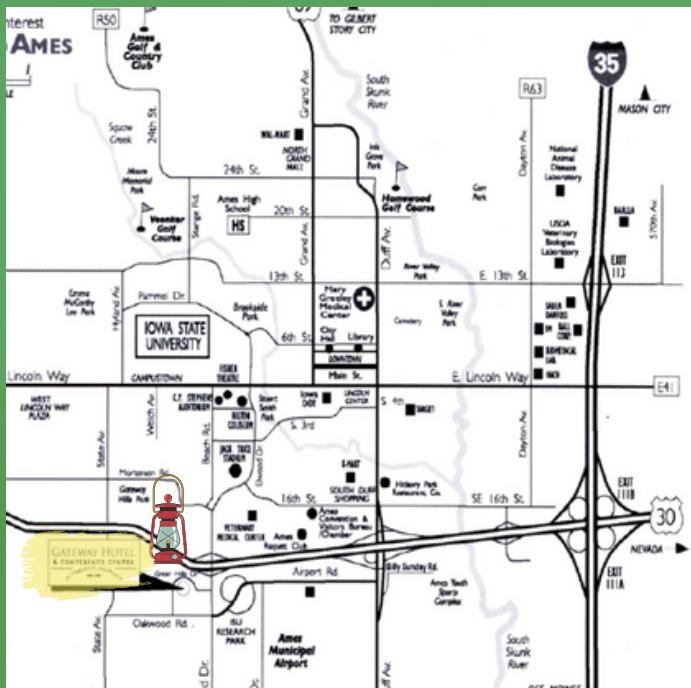
BEST WESTERN: OVERFLOW

DOUBLE: \$149
515-296-2500

**DUE: OCTOBER 1! AFTER
OCTOBER 1, THESE ROOMS
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**ONLINE HOTEL
RESERVATION LINK:
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DIRECTIONS to the GATEWAY HOTEL:



Take HWY 30 into Ames.
Exit at 146 or Elwood Drive.
Head south on Elwood Drive.
Turn right (or west) on Green Hills Drive.
You can see the GATEWAY from the HWY.

FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DRAWING for 5 YEARS or LESS IHSSA COACHES

4 free registrations will be given away to IHSSA coaches who have been coaching 5 years or less!

1 free registration will be given away to a young coach in EACH of the IHSSA districts. Winners will be announced at the breakfast on Saturday morning of the Convention. YOU must be present at breakfast to win! To submit your name (and this is so EASY!):

Write a 50 word or LESS paper on why you feel going to the IHSSA Coaches Convention would help you this coming year.

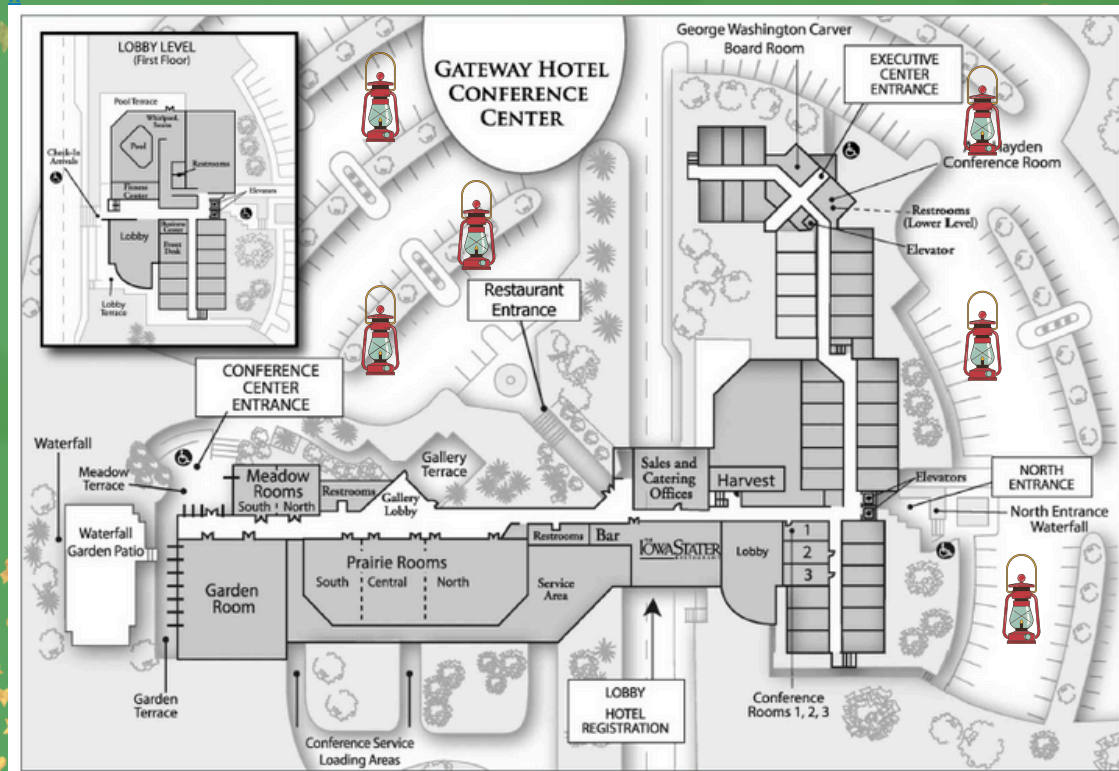
Please send that paper to the State Office. If your name is chosen, we will either refund your registration fee to the school (if they paid the registration) or refund the registration fee to you (if you paid) for the Convention fee.

Due DATE: October 4!

Send to: Stacy@ihssa.org

BREAK A LEG!

FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION!



PARKING



is FREE all around the hotel. Park in the NORTH lot for hotel or the WEST lot for Convention.

Richard Riggleman Young Speech Coach AWARD

APPLY TODAY!

IHSSA Fine Arts Administrator AWARD

The Richard Riggleman Speech Coach Award was established to recognize young IHSSA Speech Coaches. The award consists of 1,000 per year, renewable for two consecutive years, for a total of \$3,000.

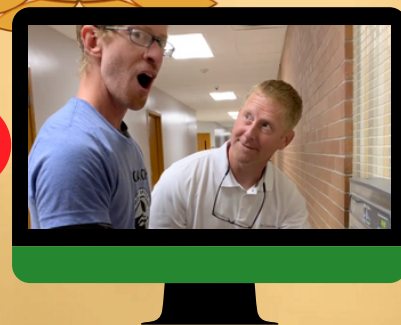
The recipient must be a second/third year teacher as of the start of the 2024-2025 school year and active in IHSSA activities. The award will be presented at the annual IHSSA Speech Coaches Convention. *Those interested may contact the IHSSA State Office for an application.*

[Here is the RICHARD RIGGLEMAN APPLICATION LINK.](#)

The profile of the recipient should reflect the following disciplines: (1) must be in a second year residence of teaching at an Iowa School participating in the IHSSA; (2) show a commitment to coaching speech, large group events, individual events, and/or debate; (3) demonstrate excellence in the coaching of speech; (4) have past experience competing in high school or college speech; and (5) present a scholastic record with an emphasis in speech courses.

The Riggleman Award is the first of its kind that has been established with the IHSSA. Mr. Riggleman was an active IHSSA coach for over 30 years and still remains very active with IHSSA activities as a judge, State Debate Tournament manager, and manager for numerous State and District contests. Richard Riggleman was inducted into the IHSSA Hall of Fame in 1994.

The IHSSA is extremely grateful to Mr. Riggleman for his generous and continued support of the Iowa High School Speech Association.



This award will be given to one Administrator at the Fall Convention. The award was developed by the IHSSA Executive Committee to recognize those administrators in Iowa who go above and beyond the call of duty for IHSSA.

To receive this award an administrator must be nominated by their IHSSA coach. This nomination should be in letter form no longer than 2 pages and not less than 1. In the letter, each coach should state the reasons why this administrator should be recognized as the IHSSA Fine Arts Administrator of the year.

This person can be any administrator in your district. For example, Supt., Principal, AD, Assistant Principal, etc. They also must be an active administrator at this time. Be sure to include details such as their position in your school district and examples of their work to make the IHSSA better in your school district.

Deadline for application is Tuesday, September 24. Letters of recommendation can be sent at this time to the IHSSA State Office.

Please indicate on the outside of the envelope that it is a nomination for IHSSA Fine Arts Administrator of the year. Be sure to honor those who have made your life better through their support!