

SWIFT

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SPEECH WORKERS OF IOWA FEATURE THEMSELVES

HSSA + YOU HELLO!

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"The philosophy of the IHSSA is built upon the belief that no form of activity is any more important than that of learning to communicate effectively."

A Lil' Acorn

It's homecoming time.

And we are celebrating. Steinway, our tuxedo cat, is still "home" with us. Still an outdoor cat. Still very curious, intellectual, and fiercely protective. Our Security Cat.

A year ago, he debuted at our doorsteps-busking for some scraps and some ear rubs. We happily obliged with the consent of our two indoor kitties.

Steinway weathered the snow and the ice last winter, a skunk in the spring, and even our extended vacation in June.

Our daily routine involves morning chats and chows and catch-ups about the evening's activities. Steinway shares incidents of numerous owl sightings, bat shenanigans, and other nocturnal pursuits. Sabrina and Thomas listen in behind the safety of the screen door—amazed at his bravery and fascinated by his patrolling adventures. A similar custom occurs after work. He greets us on the driveway and follows our cars up to the garage. More reports follow: the daily squirrel surveillance, mishaps by the neighbor's tree service, and the continued enforcement of unwanted woodchucks under the porch. Steinway wears his badge with honor—a social and dominant presence to any other creature that he is responsible for the outside safety and security of our home.

He has found purpose and value and connection.

Last year, based on my upbringing on the farm and numerous casts of cats, I would have guessed Steinway might have been the occasional, seasonal visitor type of cat. Too, outdoor kitties (deservingly) need all nine lives– plus a few extra.

Instead, we have formed a mutual agreement based on trust and acceptance with the help of a little Purina.



In this season of mustard yellows and pumpkin oranges and homecoming hues, a reminder that you are making homes. You will find a place for each student—whether that is onstage or offstage. They will stick around knowing they are safe, well cared for, and truly appreciated and valued for who they are.

In the spirit of speech education,

Stacy S. Hansen, IHSSA Executive Director

2024 HALL OF FAME IHSSAINDUCTEES

LIESL ROORDA Montezuma





Council Bluffs in Abraham Lincoln

Dirk graduated from Van Meter in 1988. He was taught by many exceptional teachers, his parents, and a loving extended family. Dirk obtained his B.S. in Secondary Education Social Studies from Northwest Missouri State University. Dirk first taught social studies at South Tama. In 2000, Dirk transitioned to Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln High School as a history teacher and full time speech coach. Dirk earned his masters degree in 2014 in Educational Leadership from Doane College Crete, NE. In 2022 Dirk became a New Teacher Mentor. Dirk and his wife Kristi pride themselves on both being educators who are tied to the success of their students. In 2013 they began sponsoring Isaac Ndagijimana from Rwanda and he has become their Rwandan son. His IHSSA state-wide influence has been felt as a contest manager and district officer. He has also served on the Coaches Convention Committee and currently demonstrates leadership on the Judge Certification Committee. He appreciates the amazing coaches he has encountered in the Southwest district and across the state The IHSSA has remained his constant throughout his educational career.

Liesl was raised in the Boone area and graduated from United Community. She was first inspired as a first grader at Jesus Christ Superstar performance. In high school, Liesl found a home on the stage and in the IHSSA. In college, she became a judge and found a gateway to several great IHSSA mentors and friends. Her first teaching job was at Grinnell Elementary School. Liesl married a nearby hometown Montezuma boy, Brian; which brought a change in schools and a new family. At Montezuma, she teaches second grade and supports Montezuma's current coaches and students as a volunteer. Lies continues to serve as a contest manager for both large group and individual contests. Lies has served as a SE District Officer as well as a committee member for both Large Group All-State and Judge Certification. She also produces and costumes Montezuma's musicals. Lies loves her role as wife. mother and grandmother. Her faith and the love and support she receives from her family continues to play the central role in her journey on and off the stage.



Lies and Dirk will be honored at a reception and banquet Friday evening of the Coaches Convention.

2024 IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION IHSSA + YOU: REACH for the STARS

Friday, October 11 & Saturday, October 12

		NORTH	CENTRAL	SOUTH	OTHER	NOTES
FRIDAY 9:30 AM		CONTEST MANAGERS MEETING	41	NOVICE COACHES FORUM 9:30 - 11:00 Jake Gute, Pam	REGISTRATION LOBBY	EXPERIENCED COACHES FORUM HARVEST ROOM 9:30 - 11:00
	10:00 - 11:30	BREAKOUT IE CONTEST MANAGERS	BREAKOUT LG CONTEST MANAGERS	Hoffman, Ellen Johanns, Heidi Rottink	9:00 - 12:15 GALLERY LOBBY	Jacki Pleggenkuhle COACHES CONVENTION FOR UNI CREDIT LOBBY 11:00
63	12:15 - 1:20	KEYNOTE ADDRI J'Kalein Madiso			MINI SESSIONS	Marilyn Shaw FRIDAY'S LUNCH:
	1:30 -2:30	MUSICAL THTRE Kesley Dinkla, Lindey Krug	LEADERSHIP J'Kalein Madison	FACING TECH FEARS Trisha Koenig, Kaitlyn Vasey	1.AUDITIONS Laura Granger 2.REHEARSAL OPTIONS Ashley Maiers	MUST BE PRE- REGISTERED*** Lunch in the
	2:30 - 3:20	MARKETING Emily Hintze, Stacie Kintigh	ALL IE EVENTS Scott Davidson, Laura Travagiakis, Becky Rother	SPEECH FOR SOCIAL CHANGE Teresa Lawler, Kyle Weber	1.DEBATE Jeremy Fitzpatrick 2.FFA & SPEECH Josh Sparrgrove	Garden Room 11:15 - 12:00 TICKETED LUNCH
}-	3:30 - 4:20	ALL LG EVENTS Aaron Dean, Nate Jorgensen	SPICING UP IE EVENTS Molly Holkesvik	ROYALITES/ COPYRIGHT Dr. James Weaver	1.HUMOROUS INTERP Dennis Doyle 2.CLASSIC INTERP Mary Fasse-Shaw	REGISTER ONLINE
	4:30 - 5:15	SE C	NE DISTRICT MEETING	NW S	SW Harvest Rm	HALL OF FAME Meeting
	6:30 - 7:00	HALL	OF FAME RECEPTI Gallery Lobby	ON	FRIDAY NIGHT IS A TIME TO DRESS UP and CELEBRATE.	
	7:00 - 9:00		OF FAME BANQU arden Ballroom	ET	We suggest BUSINESS DRESS.	
	9:00 - ???		DESSERT/COFFEE Meadows Room			
SAT	URDAY 7:30 AM		UFFET, DOOR PRIZES, Garden Ballroom	& MESSAGE		SWIFT PRESENTERS Jackye Bowlin
	9:10 - 9:55	SWIFT: Speech	SWIFT: Speech Workers of Iowa Featur Garden Ballroom			Kim Carlson J/J DeVos Dixie Forcht Jodi Grant Molly Holkesvik
	10:20 - 11:10	LG GROUP IMPROV Layne Sheetz	INTERPRETING JUDGE FEEDBACK Vince Hrasky, Shawn Starr	RECRUITMENT & RETENTION Emily Eisenman, Suzi Jones, Ashlee Whittington	2 BLOCK WRITING WORKSHOP: Writing Your	Marcine Tracy Karoline Myers/ IHSMTA Kris VerSteegt Pam Wymer Iowa Arts Allliance Poetry Outloud
	11:15 - 12:05	CHORAL READING Kevin Hosbond, Christina Moyer	BLOCKING FOR IE Bill Myatt, Amanda Knox	STAYING MOTIVATED Becky Koenig, Cody Parmley	Own Script Ginger Johnson Emily Hageman	
	12:10 PM	МС	ORE DOORPRIZES! Gallery Lobby		ALL CONVENTION CHECK OUT 9:55 - 10:15	
	12:30 - 2:30	JUDGE CERTIFCATION				



The IHSSA Convention Committee meets throughout the year to plan an engaging, educational, and entertaining event! APPLAUSE CONVENLION APPLAUSE and GRATITUDE for extending their inspiration and creativity to us all!

IHSSA Committee

CYNTHIA KOSTER: CO-CHAIR

Denison: NW

In my book, the school year hasn't officially started until Convention! I love that I get to make the rough draft, edit, and publish convention so all Iowa coaches can feel ready to tell their story! Plus, I get to work with some amazing Coach STARS!





LAUREL OLSEN: CO-CHAIR

Denison: NW

Being on the IHSSA Convention Committee is like planning a big party for all the speech coaches in Iowa! We get to tie in an amazing theme to presentations on interesting, practical topics. Smiling people, new ideas. good food, and door prizes!

JACQUE SEIDLI

Adel DeSoto Minburn: SW

I love attending the IHSSA Coaches Convention because I am inspired by the amazing ideas from coaches around the state. The Coaches Convention is the way I get re-energized for the upcoming season!





DARRIN CROW

Cedar Valley Christian: SE

I love speech! I love Coaches Convention! So if I have the chance to help make both better by helping to plan convention? You bet! By being on the committee I get to meet great people, learn from these great people, and help make our speech world a better place.

ROBIN CROW

Cedar Valley Christian: SE

Robin is super excited to be on the Convention Committee because she loves to plan a great party! And because she has learned so much from coming to Convention every year. The expertise in the sessions is the best PD we could ask for!





WENDY BUSEMAN

Hampton-Dumont-CAL: NE

I enjoy serving on the IHSSA CCC because the convention is a great kick-start to the new speech season. I love getting to know coaches from other districts across lowa. It's a great way to get involved in IHSSA and to meet people!

EMILEIGH EILDERTS

Hampton-Dumont-CAL: NE

I am so excited to serve on the Convention Committee. I love being able to showcase other coaches and their strengths as presenters. It is also a way for me to meet more coaches from across the state beyond my own district.

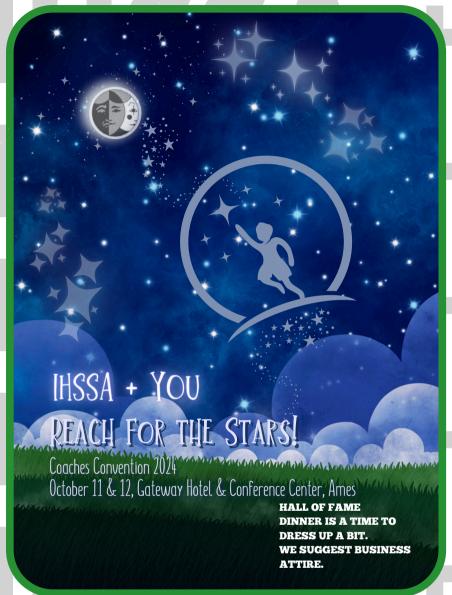


IHSSA 52ND ANNUAL SPEECH COACHES CONVENTION

OCTOBER 11-12, 2024

GATEWAY HOTEL, 2100 GREEN HILLS DRIVE, AMES, IA 800.367.2637/515.292.8600

WWW.GATEWAYAMES.COM







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CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

ALL CONVENTION
REGISTRATION IS ONLINE
AT WWW.IHSSA.ORG.

LINK: WWW.IHSSA.ORG/DEFAULT.ASPX

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3 GRADUATE CREDIT HOURS!

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO
EARN 3 GRADUATE CREDIT
HOURS AT THE
CONVENTION.
INFORMATION AVAILABLE
AT THIS UNI LINK.

NEED LUNCH ON
FRIDAY? BE SURE TO
PURCHASE A LUNCH
TICKET FOR FRIDAY.
LUNCH IS A TICKETED
EVENT. YOU WILL NEED
TO PURCHASE A TICKET
ON YOUR REGISTRATION.



IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION

GATEWAY HOTEL REGISTRATION

DOUBLE/KING: \$149 EXECUTIVE KING: \$149 800.367.2637/515.292.8600

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

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

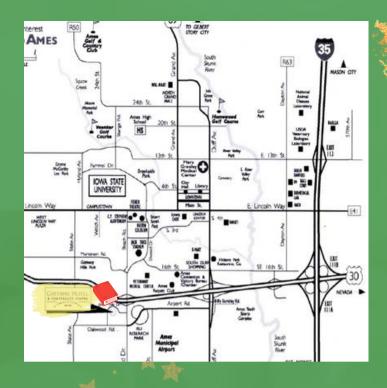
DOUBLE: \$149 515-296-2500

DUE: OCTOBER 1! AFTER
OCTOBER 1, THESE ROOMS
WILL BE RELEASED!
RESERVE YOUR ROOM
EARLY!

ONLINE HOTEL RESERVATION LINK:

BEST WESTERN LINK

BE SURE TO TELL
GATEWAY HOTEL
YOU ARE
ATTENDING THE
IHSSA
CONVENTION.
GATEWAY WILL
HOLD ROOMS UNTIL
SEPT. 24. THEN, ALL
ROOMS WILL BE
OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC. RESERVE
YOUR ROOMS
EARLY.



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.

NOTE: The GATEWAY HOTEL has fantastic "Express Checkout." This will allow you to check out without going to the front desk on Saturday AM. Inquire at the front desk upon check in.

REGISTRATION on Friday morning is right inside the GALLERY LOBBY.



PARKING

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

NEED Continuing Ed Credit?

UNI is partnering with the IHSSA to offer a 3 credit online course. \$300.

TITLE: Principles of Civil Discourse and Strategies for Constructive Conversations in Public Forums.

Click HERE for UNI COURSE DETAILS.

ELECTION RESULTS

Blake Wendt, Principal, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn, has been elected to serve on the Executive Committee as the NW representative.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT Jeremy Fitzpatrick. Johnston. has been appointed to the Debate Committee.

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET

Friday night HALL OF FAME banquet is a time to dress up a bit. We suggest business dress.

BREAKFAST @ CONVENTION

Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM.

It is a buffet and will go until
8:15. DOOR PRIZES, the
RIGGLEMAN AWARD, an
ADDRESS, and SWIFT sessions
will follow.

REGISTRATION RECEIVED?

All Convention Registrations are made online. You should receive a reply email indicating you have registered. If in question, please inquire with STACY@IHSSA.ORG

CALLBOAND CONTRACTOR

October 3-6: Waukee, The Great All American Musical Disaster

October 5: Des Moines Christian, IFL Season Opener

October 26: West Bend-Mallard, Back to the 80's

October 30-November 2: Bishop Heelan, Clue

October 31-November 3: North Scott, Radium Girls

November 1-3: Camanche & Clinton: Combined Production, Zombie Prom

November 7-9: Boone, Shrek the Musical

November 7-9: Des Moines Lincoln, Who's Crazy Now?

November 7-9: South Tama, The Sting

November 8-9: Clarke Community, The Addams Family

November 8-9: Iowa Valley, The Last Day of School

November 8-9: Denison, You Can't Take It With You

November 8-9: East Sac County, Alice in Wonderland

November 8-9: Highland, CLUE

November 8-9: Johnston, Alice in Wonderland

November 8-10: Pleasantville, Last Day of School

November 8-10: Benton, Willy Wonka: the Musical

November 8-10: PCM, The Addams Family

November 8-10: Vinton-Shellsburg, PUFFS

November 8-10: West Des Moines Valley, The Heart of Robinhood

November 9: East Union, Par for the Corpse

November 9-10 and 16-17: Montezuma, Beauty and The Beast

November 14-15: Janesville, The Granite Park Rangers

November 14-16: Fort Dodge, Quirk of Fate

November 14-16: Gilbert, The Secret Garden:

November 14-16: Kuemper Catholic, A Play About a Dragon

November 15-16: Fremont-Mills, A Christmas Carol:

November 15-16: Woodward-Granger, Clue: The Musical

November 15-17: Anamosa, The Hunchback of Notre Dame

November 15-17: Aplington Parkersburg, Godspell

November 15-17: Columbus Catholic, A Voice in the Dark: A Salem Story

November 15-17: Osage, Bye Bye Birdie

November 15-17: Wapello High School, Aladdin Jr.

November 16-17: Forest City, Once Upon a Mattress

November 16-17: Gladbrook-Reinbeck, Sister Act

November 16-17: North Butler, Grease!

November 22-23: Mount Ayr, Lavender and Lunatics

November 22-24: Woodbury Central, Annie

November 23-24: Belle Plaine, Did Someone Say Murder?



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BATE DATES
for our IHSSA
Callboard at this LINK:
IHSSA CALLBOARD

DATES (CLICK LINK)





STOUX CENTRAL

CONTEST NOTES

JUDGE CERTIFICATION SITES are listed in this issue of SWIFT. We encourage all coaches to attend. When you as a coach get certified, you are truly supporting your students by gaining a better understanding of the IHSSA Constitution and the rules. Judge Certification is available at Convention on October 12. Too, we encourage you to look for individuals in our communities who would be fantastic judges for the IHSSA. It is the mission of the IHSSA to continually strive to represent all students' communities.

MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID?

Have you paid your 24-25 Membership Dues? Membership forms were sent from IHSSA Office mid August. These are due NOVEMBER 15, 2024. After this date, a \$15 penalty is assessed. Membership closes December 1. Let us work to have EVERY school in the state represented as a member of the IHSSA! If we can help encourage a school near you, please contact the State Office. MEMBERSHIP FORM

USERNAMES

The usernames/passwords for on-line forms are the same as last year. If you need a refresh, call the State Office. Keep it handy; you'll be using it several times.

ACT TEST Conflict

There IS a conflicts with ACT testing. ACT tests are Feb. 8. This is the same date as STATE LARGE GROUP. NO SPECIAL REQUESTS will be accepted for ACT TESTING.

MENTORING PROGRAM

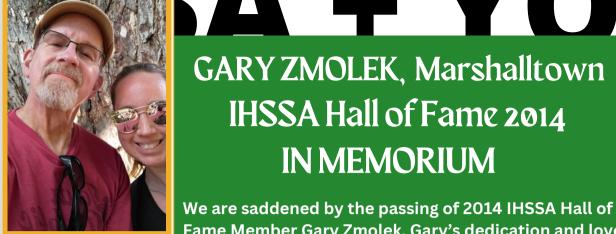
1st year Coach?
NEED extra Support?
Please call IHSSA
OFFICE!
WE GOT YOU!

NEW COACHES

Contact STACY in
State Office for IMPORTANT
INFO! Stacy@ihssa.org
WE got YOU!

REMINDER

When making payments please put on the check what event that check is for. This will assist Pam AND it will help YOUR bookkeeper and their work.



GARY ZMOLEK, Marshalltown IHSSA Hall of Fame 2014 **IN MEMORIUM**

Fame Member Gary Zmolek. Gary's dedication and love of family was always a primary focus in his life. Gary's exuberance for life was remarkable. His passions included music of all kinds, especially classical and folk, poetry, spoken word, theater and storytelling, and he engaged in these activities, both as a performer as well as a spectator. He wrote poetry and could recite hundreds of poems by heart. His thirst for knowledge was unquenchable. Above all, Gary loved people. He would unfailingly show great pleasure in other's joys and great compassion when they shared their sorrows. "Z" was an extraordinary teacher and lifechanging mentor, challenging his students to find potential abilities they never imagined possible. Gary taught English and Gifted and Talented in the Extended Learning Program at South Tama High School, coaching the Speech team for 35 years before retiring. He maintained lifelong relationships with many of his students long after they graduated. In 2014 he was inducted into the Iowa High School Speech Association's Hall of Fame and came out of retirement to once again serve as speech coach.

Taken from Gary's Celebration of Life on 9/29

DEBATE TOPICS & MORE

PUBLIC FORUM TOPICS and all other debate topics can be found at: www.speechand debate.org (Click link.)

From the NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS (NFHS): "The Policy Debate Quarterly, an annual publication in four issues, remains one of the most credible and valuable resources for policy debaters and coaches across the country. Used by beginners and experienced debaters, it provides a basis for individual research and a springboard for critical analysis of the area selected each year for high school policy debate."

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE THE POLICY DEBATE QUARTERLY.

OCTOBER JUDGE CERTIFICATION SITES

NORTHWEST

Saturday, October 5 Woodbury Central High School, 9:00 AM

VIRTUAL

Wednesday, October 30, 7:00 PM Intermediate and Experienced Judges Only Email <u>Stacy@ihssa.org</u> for link by Oct. 25

SOUTHWEST

Saturday, October 5
Waukee High School, 10:00 AM

CONVENTION

Saturday, October 12 Gateway Hotel, Ames, 12:30 PM

NORTHEAST

Wednesday, October 2 UNI, Lang Hall, 3:00 PM

Wednesday, October 16
Turkey Valley High School, 7:00 PM

You do not need to pre-register for inperson clinics. Just show up!

IHSSA JUDGES + YOU!

Judge Certification sessions last for 1 1/2 hour. Please arrive 10 minutes EARLY! If you are unable to attend a session please contact stacy@ihssa.org. If you are a certified judge a letter will be sent to you with more info about certification. Please bring \$10 certification fee for the year and a writing utensil. ONLINE PAYMENT Is now available at THIS BOUND LINK. Or use the QR code.



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VINCE HRASKY @ MOUNT VERNON

NEED A MENTOR? BE A MENTOR?

MENTEE/MENTOR SIGN UP Link! The IHSSA together with the IOWA ARTS ALLIANCE wants to connect new IHSSA teachers/coaches with experienced teachers/coaches. If you are are in NEED of a MENTOR, please complete. If you can be a MENTOR, please complete.

For those individuals enlisting in the program that are also full-time speech/drama/debate/language arts teachers, opportunities exist for a small stipend \$\$--both for the MENTEE as well as the MENTOR.





US Department of Education OPPORTUNITIES

Contest Sites 25

*LG District assignments are released in December.

IE District site assignments are realeased in January.

NORTHWEST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

LeMars

Manson Northwest Webster Sheldon

LARGE GROUP STATE

Spencer

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Fort Dodge

Lawton-Bronson

Okoboji

Whiting

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

Woodbury Central

NORTHEAST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

Cascade

Hampton-Dumont CAL

Turkey Valley

LARGE GROUP STATE

Decorah

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Independence

Janesville

West Hancock

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

Starmont

SOUTHWEST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

ACGC

Clarke Osceola

Des Moines East

Glenwood

LARGE GROUP STATE

Waukee

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Anker

CAM

Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson

Mt. Avr

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

Ames

SOUTHEAST

LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

Camanche

Clear Creek Amana

Monticello

South Tama

LARGE GROUP STATE

Cedar Rapids Washington

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

Central DeWitt

Pekin

Pleasantville

West Burlington

INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST

North Scott

STATE DEBATE:
ANKENY DMACC CAMPUS

LG.GROUP ALL STATE FESTIVAL: IOWA STATE

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IHSSA DATES FOR 2024-2025

AUGUST 17, 2024 - JUDGES / COACHES WORKSHOP, VIRTUAL

OCTOBER 11/12, 2024 - IHSSA COACHES CONVENTION GATEWAY HOTEL, AMES

JANUARY 10/11, 2025 - STATE DEBATE TOURNAMENT, DMACC, ANKENY

JANUARY 25, 2025 - DISTRICT LARGE GROUP CONTEST

FEBRUARY 8, 2025 - STATE LARGE GROUP CONTEST

FEBRUARY 22, 2025 - ALL-STATE FESTIVAL LARGE GROUP IOWA STATE CENTER, AMES

MARCH 1, 2025 - DISTRICT INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

MARCH 15, 2025 - STATE INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

MARCH 31, 2025 - ALL-STATE FESTIVAL INDIVIDUAL EVENTS, UNI, CEDAR FALLS

Get these dates to your students, parents, and administration so you can plan for these dates next year!

Web link for all Unified Dates for 2022-2027 http://ighsau.org/calendar/

