# SWIFT November 2024

**SPEECH WORKERS OF IOWA FEATURE THEMSELVES** 

#### HALLON FAME ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR ADMINIST

"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."

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# A Lil' Acorn

My friend Allison teaches jr. high.

Allison and all jr. high teachers deserve double extra credit–for life. Automatic first-class upgrades on airplanes. 50% off at Dunkin' Donuts. Free "Fast Pass" golden tickets at Walt Disney World.

Allison is currently in rehearsal for a jr. high mime show with 40 students. Yes, you read that correctly. F.O.R.T.Y. jr. high dramatists (we all know this really equates to 120 students) stay after school three days a week as they devise a two-hour mime show. Yes, you also read that right. A full-length MIME show.

I checked in with Allison last night to make sure she was still afloat. Their theme this year is "Heroes and Villains" complete with "Opening" and "Closing" scenes in which all 120 young Thespians push/float/glide/wring across the stage–*silently*! The meat and potatoes of their show consists of smaller ensemble scenes with titles like "The Hat Thief" and "Haunted House Heroes" and "Slumber Party Madness." All of these sound like eventual IHSSA titles someday. Allison is planting very important seeds.

"How are you feeling about the show?" I ask Allison. I anticipate her response to mirror that of most directors who are three weeks shy of opening. But alas, Allison's perspective as a jr. high teacher is something not of this world.

Allison responds, "Great! JUST AWESOME! At conferences, so many of their parents let me know their kid goes home and talks about how much they love MIME!"

I remind Allison how truly amazing she is and also translate for her what a jr. high student really means when they say, "I LOVE MIME". They are also sharing:

They feel safe at school. They feel like they belong. They enjoy their peers. They are authentically enjoying the process of learning. They know they are important to this world. They are inspired. They are empowered. They love their teacher. And yes...they truly love MIME!

Allison agrees and then responds, "Best job ever!"

TRIPLE extra-credit for LIFE, Allison! TRIPLES!

#### --Stacy Hansen, IHSSA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### Liesl Roorda Montezuma

Dirk Waller Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln

IHSSA HALL OF FAME MEMBERS at Convention 2024

## SA CONGRATULATES! Principal JOSH VANDERFLUGHT MOUNT AYR Fine Arts Administrator of the Year

Each year, the IHSSA recognizes an outstanding Fine Arts Administrator of the Year. It is presented to a distinguished individual of statewide reputation and outstanding accomplishments. This is the highest honor the Iowa High School Speech Association may confer on an administrator. The contribution and service given by the inductee stem from dedication and commitment to the IHSSA and other arts activities in their school beyond normally expected and superlative identification. This year's recipient is Principal JOSH VANDERFLUGHT from Mount Ayr High School.

IHSSA Speech Coach Shaun Kniep in her nomination letter shares:

"When we hosted District IE's in 2023, Josh asked me what he could do for me, and I told him to take care of the concession stand. He didn't know what he was getting himself into, but he handled it like a champ. He still snuck out to watch our students perform. After my husband unexpectedly passed away, the first thing Josh told me was not to worry about anything. He ran speech meetings, scheduled rehearsals, scheduled transportation, took the whole team to district speech contest, even made sure they had their comment sheets, and...above all made sure all students had fun at contest! Josh cares about his kids. He cares about his teachers. He cares about speech and I know he has a newfound respect for speech coaches and for what speech offers our students in Iowa. We cannot speak highly enough of Josh's dedication to education, to Mount Ayr, to the Speech Team, and to the IHSSA."

### CONGRATULATIONS to PRINCIPAL JOSH VANDERFLUGHT and Mount Ayr High School!



## **Kimberly Cavalier** Janesville Richard Riggleman New Speech Coach Award

The Richard Riggleman Young Speech Coach Award was established by Richard Riggleman of Deloit, Iowa to reward a second or third year IHSSA speech coach and teacher. Mr. Riggleman was an active IHSSA coach for over 30 years with a special love for debate. Richard Riggleman was inducted into the IHSSA Hall of Fame in 1994. In 1995, Mr. Riggleman gifted an endowment fund of \$56,000 to honor a new speech coach and teacher.

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This award consists of \$1,000 per year, renewable for two consecutive years, for a total of \$3,000. The Riggleman Award was the first of its kind to be established with the IHSSA. The profile of the recipient reflects: a commitment and demonstration of excellence in coaching speech, large group events, individual events, and/or debate; and inclusion and past experience in high school or college speech activities.

Kimberly Cavalier was actively involved in her high school's speech team at Ankeny Centennial in several large group and IE events. Kimberly also re-ignited the speech and drama program at Janesville and in her first year of teaching, directed the first fall play since the 70's. Kimberly is also a Contest Manager for District IE's: a first for their school!

Krista Pugh, Janesville Curriculum Coordinator, shares that "during her first year, Kimberly took our speech programs from a handful of participants to a group of 30+ students. Last year, she directed our first fall play in decades, successfully engaging a large number of students in the process. She creates an environment where students feel supported and challenged, ensuring that those who engage in the process achieve personal growth. Ms. Cavalier is bright, passionate, and focused on continuous improvement, while consistently producing high-quality works and results in every endeavor."

**CONGRATULATIONS to KIMBERLY CAVALIER, JANESVILLE!** 



### <u>LOOKING for</u> <u>Convention Materials</u> <u>CLICK LINK HERE</u>

## click here!

REACH FOR THE STARS!

## Convention Committee

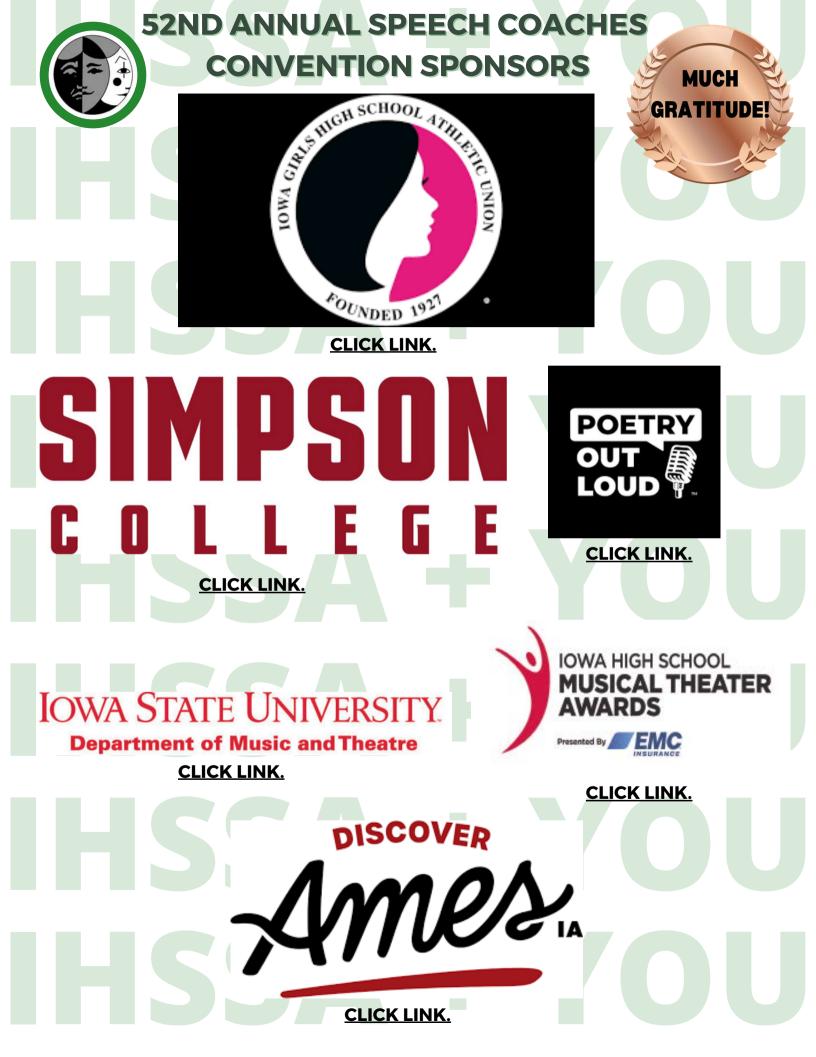
## LG Contest Managers

ILSSA + YOU

## IE Contest Managers

J'Kalein Madison

## **District Presidents**



## IHSSA JUDGE CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE



The IHSSA Judge Certification Committee develops instruction and certification procedures regarding the implementation of over 800 judges in our IHSSA Family. The Judge Certification Committee is responsible for the direction of 15 judge certification sites and 2 online options. This team also oversees all judge evaluations submitted by IHSSA coaches and provides a summer training clinic to judges and coaches. They meet throughout the year ensuring judges are held to the highest assessment. Their term is an 8-year term. Thank you, JUDGE CERTIFICATION, for offering your best to the IHSSA!

### SHAWN STARR

### Woodbury Central: NW

I'm very excited to be a part of the judge certification team! I enjoy traveling around my district, meeting new and experienced judges and sharing a genuine love of speech education with others! I also enjoy getting to work with coaches and judges from across the state.

### DIRK WALLER Council Bluffs Abraham LIncoln: SW

I truly feel because of my time on this committee I keep the big picture of the IHSSA at the front of my thinking. TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION! I get to serve with some of the best people and deepen my connections across the state. I love driving the beautiful SW each fall to see great programs and schools.

### LISA PHYFE

### Waverly-Shell Rock: NE

I LOVE serving on the JC committee because it allows me to work with outstanding IHSSA representatives. I also LOVE to train judges. They are key factors in providing lifelong learning for our speech students.

### VINCE HRASKY

### Tri County: SE

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This is my third year on the Judge Certification Committee. Judge Cert is great because it allows me to spend time working with people who are dedicated and passionate about speech and the kids of Iowa.

### CARRIE TINKHAM CR Washington: Coach at Large

Folks on this committee are so lovely to work with! I love digging into the constitution and exploring how we can use it to communicate to judges how to do best by kids and keep them enjoying and coming back each year to participate in the IHSSA!

Permission to do Material or Music in all IHSSA Events Please remember you must have permission to do ANY MATERIAL that you use for contest events. We have agreements with many companies to use their materials for IHSSA contest. For example, if you use recorded music for background in Mime or One Act (unless it is BMI music or you have purchased the BMI license) you must have permission to use it. If you are using music for Short Film or TV you must get rights from the copyright holder and get synchronization rights for that song or songs. If you are reading an interp selection from a book you must receive permission to read that selection or cutting at the contest. In Musical Theatre you cannot do cuttings unless you have permission to do so. You can NEVER cut or rearrange material without receiving permission or using material from the companies we have agreements with. Receiving permission to perform at contest is just that. It does not cover performing for other events. Also, NEVER allow contest selections to be placed on YouTube or the internet. YOU DO NOT HAVE PERMISSION TO DO THAT! It is the responsibility of the local school to secure all performance rights for contest selections. Be sure you have permission to do material before you start a selection for contest. The IHSSA will NOT support any school that does not secure performance rights for selections at contest. Do not put your school district in financial danger by not finding the rights to perform material. Please remember all of your titles are posted on the web and those groups will see what you are doing. Get the proper rights to do material for contest. You as a coach/school must do this! Secure permission.



# G. GROUP MUSIC RESOURES

- **MTI Information Letter**
- MTI Rules for IHSSA Musical Theatre
- MTI Musical Theatre Application Form

The Iowa rep for MTI is Roseanne George: RoseanneG@MTIShows.com. Scan your requests to her. BE SURE you are doing the RIGHT thing with copyright and permissions. Do RIGHT! DO WRITE!

<u>TRW Rules for IHSSA Musical Theatre</u>
TRW Form

Good for MUSICAL THEATRE

## • BMI Music License on behalf of the NFHS

Good for background music in short film or mime. This does not allow you to stream or place on Youtube or change or edit.

### **BEST ADVICE:**

- Always get permissions.
- Secure permissions early.
- Make sure you have the correct license.

 Use royalty-free resources for background music.

## **DEBATE TOPICS & MORE**

**DEBATE TOPICS can be found at:** <u>www.speechanddebate.org</u> (Click link.) **IPlease remember we use the January PF and LD topics for the State Tournament.** 

STATE DEBATE ENTRY MATERIALS: State Debate entry materials and info will have a link on the web site. All entries for State Debate will be done via <u>Tabroom</u> on the IHSSA web site. If you have questions or concerns please let us know. That link will be live by December 1. Please watch the IHSSA web site for the link.

Remember -- Student Congress intent and at least two bills or resolutions must be in by November 15. Here is the <u>STUDENT CONGRESS INTENT Google FORM LINK.</u> You may request a copy be sent from the State Office via email, too.

Debate rules updates are available on the IHSSA website. The complete rules for all <u>debate categories</u> are available on the IHSSA website. Please make sure you consult the <u>IHSSA Constitution</u> for complete rules.

State Debate will be on the campus of DMACC in Ankeny this year on January 10-11, 2025. Be sure to mark your calendars.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF THE STATE TOURNAMENT THERE IS SUPPORT. JUST CONTACT THE STATE OFFICE AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN SUPPORT.

## A Call for Student Congress

### Dear IHSSA Speech Coach,

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I would like to share with you a thought about the exciting IHSSA Student Congress event. And, if you believe your time is already limited, you could pass the thought to your English staff, Talented and Gifted, Honors, or Advanced Placement instructors.

Student Congress offers an exciting critical think activity that could easily fit into a classroom project. It develops the key skills of research, writing, speaking and defending one's ideas. By passing along the IHSSA rules for Student Congress to the other instructors, they could prepare students for a fun learning experience that will not break the department budget. The students could research, write and submit two bills by November 15 to **Sam Magner** at **sjmagner12@gmail.com** for the January tournament. Then, by December 1, receive the full slate of bills for the tournament, and prepare to join in the congress discussion on January 10-11, 2025 at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny. Note you can still attend without submitting any bills.

Should you, or any of your fellow instructors, have any questions as you prepare for the tournament, you can always e-mail **Sam Magner** at **sjmagner12@gmail.com.** 

I hope you will consider attending the IHSSA State Debate Tournament Friday and Saturday, January 10-11, 2025 at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny.

### Sam Magner, Hampton-Dumont CAL

## STUDENT CONGRESS INTENT FORM

**STUDENT CONGRESS INTENT FORM** 

Please complete the **GOOGLE INTENT FORM** by November 15 for the State Debate Tournament this year. Please contact the State Office if you have any questions about entering State Debate or would like to try that activity. Let us know! **STUDENT CONGRESS INTENT FORM LINK** 

IHSSA Student Congress Intent Form 2025

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Article XXXI-Section 3: Each school planning on entering Student Congress must fill out an intent form from the State Office.

In addition, please submit bills/resolutions on this form by November 15. Copies of the bills/resolutions will be sent to schools by December 1.

Be sure to read <u>Section 11 on Bills and Resolutions</u> for directions on writing bills/resolutions. The bills/resolutions must be typewritten in correct form. Lines must be numbered and doubled-spaced. The name of the school must be on the bill. If submitting two or more bills, clearly number your first and second choice for placement on the final agenda.

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This year there will be four total Student Congress sessions: Friday PM (two sessions) Saturday AM

# **CONTEST NOTES**

#### JUDGING DIRECTIVE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of every district will be part of a program that provides the name of a judge for the State IE contest. Every school in the IHSSA that qualifies 5 or more entries for the IHSSA State IE contest on March 15, 2025 must provide the name of a certified judge on behalf of their school for that state contest site. This program will only be put into effect if the state contest managers in any district have trouble locating judges for that state contest. Then said judge from each school will be called upon to judge at the state contest. This is a constitutional item. Therefore, to participate in the IHSSA contest series all schools must follow this directive. This requirement is also in effect for the SW district in LG State contest. More information on this can be obtained by calling the State Office at 515-401-1834.

### **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

This is a rule change year. All updated rule changes from last year are posted on the web site. The full Constitution is available online. Be make sure your constitution and by-laws are the most upto-date editions. <u>NEW RULES CHANGES LINK</u>

> 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 \$25 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.

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/SAT Conflicts

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**DUES PAID?** 

There ARE conflicts with ACT testing. ACT tests are Feb. 8. This is the same day 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!

### COACHES Make sure your

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membership dues are paid. If you need a form Please contact office.

## REMINDER

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

## **IHSSA CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINES**

STATE DEBATE December 15, 2024 All forms due

DISTRICT IE February 12, 2025

STATE IE Immediately after District

ALG ALL STATE Immediately after notification DISTRICT LARGE GROUP January 8, 2025

STATE LARGE GROUP Immediately after District

LG ALL STATE Immediately after notification

> EARLY iS ON TIME. ON TIME iS LATE. LATE is....OH NO!

Send in payment early. The PO is NOT payment.Communicate EARLY with your bookkeeper.

Please remember these deadline dates. Late entry penalties will be enforced per the IHSSA Constitution. All late entries will be placed at the end of the performance day, as per the Executive Committee. EARLY is ON TIME.

## **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

By direction of the Executive Committee, all special requests must be CALLED INTO THE STATE OFFICE by the dates listed below:

District LG: January 9, 2025 State LG: January 29, 2025 District IE: February 13, 2025 State IE: March 5, 2025



Special requests after these deadlines will only be accepted on an emergency basis. Email requests or phone messages will NOT be honored. COACHES must speak directly to Stacy Hansen, IHSSA Executive Director. Contest Managers will not accept special requests. ACT testing is NOT a special request. Thanks for your compliance.

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CURTAINS UP IHSSA

LOOK for CURTAINS UP! A weekly video message about all things IHSSA on our YOUTUBE channel.

### WHERE do I go for contest?

LG DISTRICT SITE ASSIGNMENTS: will be released after DECEMBER 15. IE DISTRICT SITE ASSIGNMENTS: will be released in JANUARY.

### WHEN do I register for contest?

Register AFTER Contest Sites are posted. District sites are released December 15 (LG) and in January (IE).

### WHERE will I register for contest?

You will register online at ihssa.org using your secure login/password. Contact the IHSSA Office if you need login info.

## **Contest Sites 24**

#### 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 Ankeny CAM Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson Mt. Ayr INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST Ames

#### STATE DEBATE: Jan. 10/11 ANKENY DMACC CAMPUS

#### 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

LG.GROUP ALL STATE FESTIVAL: IOWA STATE, February 22 IE All STATE FESTIVAL: UNI, March 31





### Here are the <u>CURRENT IHSSA Head LG, IE, Debate</u> <u>SPEECH DIRECTORS</u> link. as of November 1, 2025.

To update any head contacts, please contact pam@ihssa.org (This document lists only the HEAD DIRECTORS.)

### SHORT FILM, TV NEWSCASTING, RADIO BROADCASTING

As per the IHSSA Constitution, you must provide your own media formatted presentation. The contest site will have a backup just in case something happens to your projector or computer; however, it is your responsibility to bring your own equipment. Each individual school is responsible for bringing their own AV equipment in SHORT FILM, TV NEWSCASTING, and RADIO BROADCASTING. Do not rely on the contest manager supplying this for you. Do not rely on the contest school's WIFI.

BRING TO CONTEST: Your own projector



Your own multiple copies of your Short Film/TV/Radio Your own extension chords Your own extra speakers Your own extra cart (if you wish to bring)

If you bring your own equipment, you will have no problems showing these events. We have had some issues with this in the past. Please bring their own equipment to show your presentations. What each site will have is a cart to set up your equipment in the hallway before each presentation. When your event is then ready to go, you wheel the cart in and your presentation will be set. There will be no setting up equipment in the room. This should help those events run more smoothly. If you are using music for short film, tv news, or radio broadcasting you must get rights from the copyright holder and get synchronization rights for that music. DO NOT USE MUSIC WITHOUT THOSE RIGHTS! Best advice: use royalty-free music!

\*\*NOTE on timing of the Short Film: Credits ARE a part of the time. If you show credits, yes, they do count as part of the time.

# GOT IHSSA ???'S

Do you have a quick question about contest? Or perhaps, need some insight regarding coaching? A member of our Think Tank Team will respond.

Please use <u>THIS FORM</u> for NON-RULE related questions. Any RULE-related question, should be directed to IHSSA Executive Director Stacy Hansen, stacy@ihssa.org.

## **NFHS: FREE Courses!**

**DIRECTING PLAYS Link** 

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THEATRE SAFETY COURSE Link

COACHING SPEECH AND DEBATE COURSE Link NEH

THE COLLAPSED STUDENT COURSE Link

POSITIVE PARENTING WITHIN SCHOOL PROGRAMS Link

**CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS COURSE Link** 

### **NFHS: Teacher Satisfaction RESULTS**

YOUR voice is IMPORTANT and NEEDED NATIONALLY! Please take the NFHS Teacher Satisfaction Survey. Thank you for completing the NFHS Teacher Satisfaction Survey. Results are below. This information are used to create recruitment efforts for younger generations to become teachers and advocacy efforts to help support current coaches in the future.

THEATRE DASHBOARD Survey RESULTS

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SPEECH/DEBATE DASHBOARD Survey RESULT



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: Ballard, Radium Girls 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: Madrid: The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast 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?

Want YOUR EVENTS published? SUBMIT YOUR SPEECH/THEATRE/ DEBATE DATES for our IHSSA Callboard at this LINK: IHSSA CALLBOARD DATES (CLICK LINK)



## 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/

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