

# September 2024

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# IHSSA + YOU HELLO! HELLO!

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# About the IHSSA

The IHSSA philosophy is built upon the belief that no form of activity is any more important than that of learning to communicate effectively. The Iowa Interscholastic Speech Association was organized in November 1943. It was an outgrowth of a desire to expand the splendid work the Iowa High School Declamatory Association had done since 1887. Today, we are the Iowa High School Speech Association + YOU!



# Stacy Hansen Executive Director

Stacy began her IHSSA journey as a student at Exira High School. She received her BA in Speech/ Theatre/English Education from ISU and her MA in Directing from Chicago's College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University. She taught at Clinton High School and then at West Des Moines Valley for a total of 30 years. In 2022, she began her role as the IHSSA Executive Director. Derek, her husband, is an orchestra director. They are joined by two children: Lincoln and Scout.

## Pam Wymer Administrative Assistant

Pam is a farmer's daughter from Collins, Iowa. Proud mom of son, J.R. and daughter Lacia AND a very proud Grandma! Valley High School was Pam's home for 39 years where she served as the Counseling Secretary for 12 years, and then as the Assistant to the Principal for 16 years. Pam semi-retired in 2012, but stayed on as a ticket seller for all of the athletic events.

# A Lil' Acorn

#### When you look at an acorn, what do you see?

I see an oak tree.

I see a whole forest of oak trees.

I see branches outstretched and root systems made up of intricate connections.

Given the right conditions, just as a tiny acorn has the potential within it to grow into a great oak, a human being has inbuilt potential to find success in any area of their life.

Acorns (like our students) are hardwired to reach great heights and expand into spaces they can hardly imagine from their starting places on the ground and in your classrooms. However, if they are not watered or hide in the shade, they do not grow. If they are surrounded with barren soil, they do not grow. If they are left among weeds, they do not grow.

#### YOU are EXPERT GARDENERS! You know exactly what to do.

Fill a pot with compost. Place an acorn in each, and cover with half an inch of soil. Water well. They will germinate immediately after sowing. Use mesh to guard against creatures. Choose a spot with an abundance of sunlight and room to grow.

Next, nurture. Then, tend. Fertilize. Mulch. Water more.

#### Autumn, after all, is the ideal time to plant acorns.

Protect.
Nourish.
Encourage.
Care.
Love.

#### To properly plant an acorn is good. *To ensure it survives is golden*.

In its first year, an acorn will only grow about six inches. In its second year, it will be ready to be replanted in the ground. In three years, the newly planted tree will become fully established. By year six, the tree will become self-sustaining. And in 20 years? The oak tree will begin... producing... its own acorns.

I SEE YOU!



All my very best to you as you begin a FANTASTIC new school year! You got this!

Stacy S. Hansen, IHSSA Executive Director

# IHSSA + YOU REACH FOR THE STARS!

Coaches Convention 2024 October 11 & 12, Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Ames

# 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 1HSSA 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

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HALL OF FAME

DRESS UP A BIT.

**BUSINESS ATTIRE** 

WE SUGGEST

**DINNER IS A TIME** 

#### 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 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

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

ALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS ONLINE AT <u>WWW.IHSSA.ORG.</u>

LINK: WWW.IHSSA.ORG/DEFAULT.ASPX

#### HOTEL REGISTRATION:

DOUBLE/KING: \$149 EXECUTIVE KING: \$149 JR. SUITE: \$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 RESERVATIONS LINK HERE

#### **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!

## 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** 

# REACH FOR THE STARS!

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#### **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 GATEWAYfrom the HWY.

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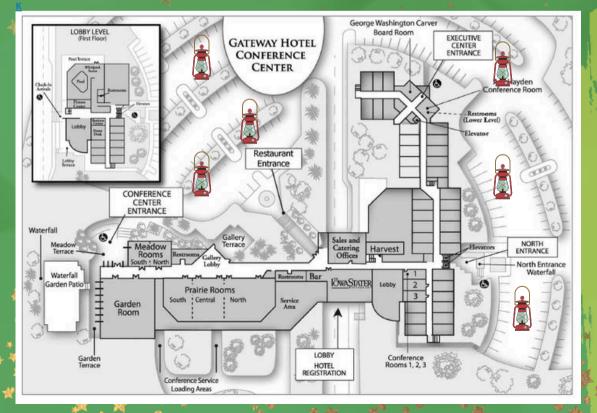
#### FREE CONVENTION REGISTRATION DRAWING for 5 YEARS or LESS IHSSA COACHES

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. <u>Due DATE: October 4!</u> Send to: Stacy@ihssa.org BREAK A LEG!



PARKING



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

## APPLY

Richard Riggleman TODAY! Young Speech Coach AWARD 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. **WATCH NOW** 



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!

## SUMMER JUDGES/COACHES WORKSHOP



THANK YOU to all who attended the Summer Judges/Coaches Workshop on August 17! All 150 + of YOU! Engaging and Educational!

LISA PHYFE Waverly-Shell Rock

#### An ABUNDANCE of THANKS to our presenters! YOU ROCKED! HONK! HONK!

NICHOLE HARKIN: Judging Spontaneous Speaking and Improv LINK ADAM KNIGHT: Judging Ensemble Acting LINK DR. FERIAL PEARSON: The Kindness Project LINK

To VIEW the ONLINE the WEBINAR: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

Materials are also available on the ihssa.org website at the JUDGES 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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# CONTEST NOTES

Rule changes occur every other year. This is not a rule change year for the IHSSA. Constitution and By-Laws Revisions are the same from the 2023-2024 cycle. Please make sure you have the most upto-date Constitution. The entire Constitution is ONLINE. Please download and print a CONSTITUTION. Please make sure you are up-to-date on your Constitution and rules. The RULE CHANGES from last year are also listed on the website.

Have you paid your 24-25 Membership Dues? Membership **Membership** forms were sent from IHSSA Office mid August. These are **Dues Paid?** due NOVEMBER 15, 2024: MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

АСТ Conflicts

POLICY

DEBATE

**SUBMIT** 

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.** 

Topics are posted at the following link: www.speechanddebate.org/topics

# **MENTORING** PROGRAM

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

#### NEW COACHES Contact PAM in State Office for IMPORTANT INFO! PAM@ihssa.org

She's 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.

## IHSSA Hall of Fame Scholarships

The 2024 IHSSA Hall of Fame Scholarships were awarded in June. All students were involved in many aspects of IHSSA participating inLarge Group, Individual Events, and Debate as well as demonstrating community service. All four individuals were selected from many entries across the state after lengthy deliberations by the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. The Hall of Fame members would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's scholarship process. All applicants are applauded for their fine work in the IHSSA Family.



HAYDON BAILEY

Mid-Prairie Coach Christine Meader Pictured with HoF Member Dennis Doyle

#### MADDISON LAMBERT

Okoboji Coaches Cole Berkenpas & Linnea Lambert Pictured with HoF Member Larry Untiet

#### **GEORGE LIVINGSTON**

Maquoketa Valley Coaches Debbie & Matt DeVore Pictured with HoF Member Marilyn Shaw

TESS MEGGISON Dallas Center-Grimes Coach Jane Altman Pictured with HoF Member Kirk Johnson



# **NFHS: FREE Courses!**

The National Federation of State High School Associations provided FREE learning opportunities. You are strongly encouraged to educate yourself regarding COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE and THEATRE SAFETY. These online courses are FREE and are provided as a courtesy by the <u>NFHS Learning</u>

> COPYRIGHT COMPLIANCE COURSE Link

# THEATRE SAFETY COURSE

# **Contest Sites 25**

\*LG District assignments are released in December. IE District site assignments are realeased in January.

#### NORTHWEST

Center.

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

SOUTHWEST LARGE GROUP DISTRICT

Clarke Osceola

Glenwood

Waukee

Ankeny

Mt. Avr

Ames

CAM

**Des Moines East** 

LARGE GROUP STATE

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS DISTRICT

**Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson** 

**INDIVIDUAL STATE CONTEST** 

ACGC

#### 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

#### 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 IE AII STATE FESTIVAL: UNI

## **JUDGING CERTIFICATION SITES**

NORTHWEST

Wednesday, September 11 Northwestern College DeWitt Theatre, 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 14 Fort Dodge High School, 3:00 PM

Wednesday, September 18 Alta-Aurelia High School, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 25 Sioux Central High School, 7:00 PM

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

#### SOUTHWEST

Saturday, September 14 Glenwood High School, 10:00 AM

Saturday, September 28 CAM High School, 10:00 AM

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

#### VIRTUAL

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

Wednesday, September 25 Waverly-Shell Rock High School, 6:00 PM

Saturday, September 28 Forest City High School, 9:30 AM

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

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

#### SOUTHEAST

Wednesday, September 11 Mt. Vernon High School, 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 14 Cedar Valley Christian High School, 9:00 AM

Wednesday, September 25 Chariton High School, 6:30 PM

#### CONVENTION

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

# **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.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL: IHSSA + YOU!



# 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.



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# JUNE ANNUAL MEETING



Thank you to the Executive Committee, District Officers, Judge Certification Committee as well as designated reps from each of the committees that make up the IHSSA Advisory Committee. This year's June meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Cedar Falls. District Officers and Committee Reps shared reports. In addition, the season contest summary was discussed. Participants also engaged in best practices for "Day Of" contest scenarios.

#### **NW DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION**

Elections will be held this coming fall for the position on the Executive Committee for the NW District. Nominating ballots will be sent after Labor Day to each administrator of member schools. If you have an administrator who is interested in serving on this Committee please have them contact the IHSSA State Office. We will be glad to give them details and the responsibilities needed for this position. This position is due to the retirement of Russ Adams, MOC-Floyd Valley, who fulfilled his 4year term.

VOTE

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

S. A. Carter & Co

The Executive Committee has appointed NW: IE ALL STATE Jacob Gute, Kuemper Catholic. This position is due to the replacement of Nate Irwin, Sioux City East, who has accepted a Vice Principal position.

# HSSA + YOU POLICY UPDATES A charter document for a newly formed lowa

A charter document for a newly formed lowa Interscholastic Sports Medicine Advisory Committee was approved by the Executive Committee. More information will follow in the collaboration between the SMAC committee and the four organizations of the Unified Iowa High School Activities Federation associations and best practice recommendations for the students and activities of our member schools. These documents can be found at this <u>RESOURCES</u>

LINK under SMAC.

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The Unified Federation (IGHSAU, IHSAA, IHSMA, IHSSA) has updated its Academic Eligibility policy moving the period of ineligibility from 30 days to 20 days.

# CONGRATULATIONS to the inaugural 2024.25 RISE members!

Carson Beer, SW, Creston Elliana Brodbeck, NE, Decorah Alexis Brown, SE, Wapello Preston Crawley, NW, Sheldon Jennifer Gutierrez, NW, Storm Lake Josiah Kwadiba, SW, West Des Moines Valley EJ Miller, SE, Cedar Rapids Washington Celia Olerich, SW, Winterset Riley Peterson, NW, LeMars Jaxson Rew, NE, Hampton Dumont CAL Sarai Sanchez, SE, Mt. Pleasant

RISE (Rise IHSSA Student Ensemble) is a student group acting as a voice of Iowa's student participants.





## ALEXIS





# JENNIFER



## JOSIAH





## RILEY







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# NOTHING OUTPERFORMS

While we all want our students to succeed today, what's also valuable is ensuring that inclusion is always center stage. When a diverse group of students share one common pursuit, they develop compassion and empathy for their teammates and competitors.

That's the best possible outcome in performing arts-because every team and every student wins!







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