

IHSSA CONGRATULATES!

Kimberly Cavalier Janesville Richard Riggelman New Speech Coach Award



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

This award consists of \$1,000 per year, renewable for two consecutive years, for a total of \$3,000. The Riggelman 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!

