

# Tennessee High School Speech & Drama League COMMUNICATOR

February 2011

*Deadline for THSSDL Scholarship Applications:  
March 14th Application Form Available Online*

## District V Hosts 2011 State Tournament April 29-30

Morristown West is this year's host of the THSSDL state tournament at the Walters State Community College the weekend of April 29 - 30. Suzanne Terry, District V Director, Lisa Biery, District V Rep, and Malcolm McAvoy, Head of Communication Dept. at Walter's State Community College have been working hard to get everything prepared for a wonderful experience for all. Make your plans now to attend the tournament in Morristown, TN.

Impromptu Speaking will be included again this year; encourage your students to participate. Remember, alternates will be allowed in One-Act play and Interp. Theatre, but they must be included on the Intent to Compete form.

This newsletter contains all the important information you should need regarding the tournament. Please take notice of changes related to rules, tournament fees, required documentation and due dates. All THSSDL forms can be found online at [www.tnhssdl.org](http://www.tnhssdl.org). I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the state tournament.

## Student Video Showcase



We're excited to announce that this year brings with it a new opportunity for your students to showcase their skills, talents and creativity at the State Championship Tournament through video.

Highlighting the topic "Friends, Fun and Forensics", or "Friends, Fun and Theatre", students are encouraged to create a video in the genre of their choice – documentary, music video, news package, action, adventure, comedy, fantasy, science fiction, etc. This should be an original piece by the student (s). Encourage your students to be creative and have fun with this project, while building their portfolio for college and beyond. More than one video may be submitted from each school.

The videos will play in the lobby for everyone to enjoy throughout the tournament. A title screen (include name of school) and credits are recommended in order for the hard work put into the projects may be credited to the students involved.

The projects are limited to 2-3 minutes in length and must be submitted on a finalized DVD. The teacher/coach must approve all projects before submission. The Executive Director will have final approval of what content is showcased at the tournament.

All videos must be received by April 11. Send to:  
Dr. Mike Gotcher  
THSSDL Video  
P.O. Box 4446  
Clarksville, TN 37044

## State Tournament Schedule for One Act and Interp. Theatre

To reduce uncertainty related to travel the following pre-arranged schedule is provided for One Act play and Interp. Theatre. Please use this schedule to assist you in determining your travel plans to the State Tournament.

Remember One Act and Interp. Theatre competition is held on Friday, April 29. Please note that the judges will not be aware of the placing at Districts.

### One Act Play Schedule

#### Examine the stage

8:20-8:40 District 3

8:40-9:00 District 1

9:00-9:20 District 4

#### Performances

9:30 District 3

10:20 District 1

11:10 District 4

12:00-1:00 Lunch

#### Examine the stage

12:00-12:20 District 5

12:20-12:40 District 2

#### Performances

1:00 District 5

1:50 District 2

Please do not unload for IT until your performance area is determined.

#### Interpreters' Theatre: Section A

1:30 District 4 (2nd place)

2:00 District 1 (2nd place)

2:30 District 5 (1st place)

3:00 District 3 (1st place)

3:30 District 2 (1st place)

#### Interpreters' Theatre: Section B

1:30 District 1 (2nd place)

2:00 District 3 (2nd place)

2:30 District 4 (2nd place)

3:00 District 2 (1st place)

3:30 District 5 (1st place)

Finals at 6:00 p.m.

# Tournament Information

## Hotel Information

There is a variety of restaurants and shopping nearby all hotels. Bring a copy of your school's tax exemption form in order to receive your exemption (local taxes may still apply).

Please make your reservation by **March 20**; be sure to mention Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League to guarantee the quoted rate. Some of these hotels have suites or couches that make beds, so you might be able to put more than 4 in a room.

## Holiday Inn & Suites 423.307.1111

2903 Millers Point Dr  
Morristown 37813  
Price: \$85 a night  
1 mile, 2 minutes from Walters State

## Days Inn 888.346.8696

2512 E Andrew Jackson Hwy  
Morristown 37813  
Price: \$50 a night  
2 miles, 3 minutes from Walters State

## Super 8 423.586.8880

2430 E Andrew Jackson Hwy  
Morristown 37813  
Price: \$50 a night  
2 miles, 3 minutes from Walters State  
Ask for Patel if you have problems

## Travelodge 423.581.8700

3304 W Andrew Jackson Hwy  
Morristown 37813  
Price: \$60 a night  
6 miles, 13 minutes from Walters State

## Hampton Inn 423.587.0952

3750 W Andrew Jackson Hwy  
Morristown 37813  
Price: \$91-96 a night  
7 miles, 14 minutes from Walters State

## Directions to the Hotels:

Most will arrive on Hwy 25E, hotels can be reached via Exit 2B.

## Contact information for more detailed directions to the location:

Suzanne Terry-Morristown West HS  
423.581.1600  
suzanne@theterrys.net

Lisa Biery-Morristown East HS  
423.581.3802  
lbiery@hcboe.net

Walters State Community College  
Malcolm McAvoy 423.585.6964  
Malcolm.McAvoy@ws.edu  
500 South Davy Crockett Parkway  
Morristown, Tn 37813-6899

**Drop fees** are entry fees plus twice the entry fee for the event. Drop Fees occur after April 14, 2011. Drop fees on the first day of the tournament (April 29) are \$50 per drop in debate and \$30 per drop in Congress and IE.

Judging fees are \$50 per hired judge for IE (one judge covers six IE slots) and \$75 per uncovered debate team.

**Entry fees** will be \$8 per individual entry for IE, LD Debate and Congress; \$16 for Duo, Duet Acting, and Public Forum; \$25 for One-Act Play and Interp. Theatre. Fees are due at the official registration, please do not send with the "Intent to Compete" forms. Checks should be made out to the **Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League (THSSDL)**.

## Intent to Compete

Coaches! It is important to remember that it is the responsibility of each coach to officially enter qualified students in the State Championship Tournament. Also, the "Intent to Compete" forms must include your judges. "Intent to Compete" forms can be found at [www.tnhssdl.org](http://www.tnhssdl.org).

*The "Intent to Compete" form found on the website must be **received***

*by the Executive Director no later than Thursday, April 14, 2011. The form can be filled out using Microsoft Word. Email preferred.*

Dr. Mike Gotcher  
APSU P.O. Box 4446  
Clarksville, TN 37044  
Phone # (931) 221-7364  
gotchem@apsu.edu.

Remember, it is your responsibility to guarantee delivery of your entries. An updated list of received entries will be sent via e-mail.

## Tentative Tournament Schedule Registration

On **Friday**, registration tables will be in the Inman Humanities Building Lobby  
Debate Registration: noon -2 p.m.  
General Registration: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Schools are encouraged to register on Friday.

On **Saturday**, Registration will be in the Jack Campbell College Center Lobby  
General Registration: 7- 7:30 a.m.  
Opening Ceremony: 8:00 a.m.  
Competition Begins: 8:15 a.m.

## Competition Times Friday

*One-Act Play* competition will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 29 with stage inspection for morning performances between 8:20 a.m. and 9:20 a.m., and afternoon performances between 12:00 a.m.- 12:40 p.m.

*Interpreters' Theatre* begins at 1:30 p.m. with finals at 6:00 p.m. The order of competition has been set and is included in the article on the front page of the newsletter.

*Debate* competition will begin at 2:00 p.m. Five rounds of debate will take place on Friday, if possible.

## Saturday

All competitions will begin at 8:30 a.m. All competitors, coaches and judges are to meet in the theatre for the opening ceremony at 8:00 a.m.

## Technical Theatre Design:

### Set and Costume

Competition will take place on Saturday as an Individual Event. The selected plays for Technical Theatre for 2011: *Into the Woods*; *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*; *The Nerd*.

### Performance Spaces for One-Act and Interpreter's Theatre

*Interpreters' Theatre* prelims will be held in theatre spaces, which meet THSSDL specifications on size. Prelims will begin at 1:30 p.m. on April 29. Finals will be held in the theater at 6:00 p.m.

*One-Act Play* competition will be held in the Inman Humanities Building. Further details will be provided to participants at the tournament. The stage meets THSSDL specifications with adequate wing space.

### Debate at the State Tournament

Debate at the State Tournament will be LD Debate and Public Forum Debate. For **LD Debate**, the NFL March-April topic will be used. **Resolved: The United States is justified in using private military firms abroad to pursue its military objectives.** The time format is 6:3:7:3:4:6:3. Prep time is three

minutes.

LD Debate will be divided (if possible based on the number of teams) into Novice and Varsity Divisions. "Novice" refers to students who are in their first year of debate.

For **Public Forum Debate**, the topic will be the April topic and will be determined in early March, found on the NFL website (<http://www.nflonline.org/StudentResources/Topics>). Five preliminary rounds will be held with appropriate elimination rounds.

### Important

Schools **must** bring qualified debate judges for LD and appropriate judges for Public Forum Debate in order to compete. For Public Forum Debate, schools must bring IE judges willing to judge on **Friday and Saturday morning** for Public Forum Debate. Public Forum Debate judges will be needed on Friday. Schools must bring one judge for every two teams. (LD or Public Forum). Debate judges should be separated from IE judges or Student Congress judges. Be sure to enter debaters and list judges on the "Intent to Compete" form.

## Krider Award Winners

Billy Pullen (1987)  
Jane Eldridge (1988)  
Laura McCammon (1989)  
Gloria Robinson (1990)  
Blanche Tosh (1991)  
Harriet Medlin (1992)  
Carlene Ford (1993)  
Lee Ellen Beach (1994)  
Glenda Sullivan (1995)  
Linda Wilson (1996)  
Kathy Ligon (1997)  
David Bernheim (1998)  
Mickey Hutson (1999)  
Suzanne Terry (2000)  
Sandra Davis (2001)  
Lynne Colvin (2002)  
Bonnie Barker (2003)  
Cathie C. Stamps (2004)  
Leslie Capozzoli (2005)  
Randy Sullivan (2006)  
Saralyn Archibald (2007)  
PollyAnna Parker (2008)  
Rick Marshall (2009)  
Amy Jackson (2010)

## Hall of Fame Members

\*Ruby Krider (1991)  
\*Nancy Pridemore (1991)  
\*Freda Kenner (1991)  
Anne White (1991)  
\*Betsy Mashburn (1992)  
\*Robert Woodland (1992)  
Gene Crain (1992)  
Roberta Daws (1992)  
Hazel Gann (1993)  
Blanche Tosh (1993)  
\*Dockie Shipp Weems (1994)  
\*Jane Eldridge (1994)  
Howard Henderson (1995)  
Florence Roach (1995)  
Frank Bluestein (1996)  
Sally Welch (1996)  
Barbara Corley (1998)  
Debbie Nelson (1998)  
\*Doug Tidwell (1999)  
Doris Buchanan (1999)  
\*Tully Daniel (1999)  
Billy Tate (2000)  
Guy Stanley (2000)  
Harriet Medlin (2000)  
Linda Wilson (2001)  
Kathryne Pugh (2001)  
Aldameda Landiss (2001)  
Lee Ellen Beach (2002)  
Lola Barkow (2002)  
Glenda Sullivan (2004)  
Paulette Regan (2004)  
Sandra Davis (2005)  
Katherine Ligon (2006)  
Bonnie Barker (2007)  
Mickey Hutson (2007)  
\*Mark Collins (2008)  
Mike Gotcher (2008)  
Suzanne Terry (2008)  
Lynne Colvin (2009)  
Cathie C. Stamps (2009)  
Pollyanna Parker (2010)

\*deceased

## Help make Fall Conference Better

If you plan an awesome fall conference they will come. These are the words the THSSDL board heard in their sleep the night before the conference. However, we were misled: only a few showed up.

How can we get more people to join us at the fall conference? I think maybe some of you do not know just how helpful it can be to collaborate with other speech and theater educators. Whether you learn a new game, learn a new way to fundraise, learn about legal matters, or just enjoy being with your friends, you will walk away uplifted and enlightened.

We, the board, would love for you to submit ideas of what you would like to see at the fall conference. Maybe you know a great speaker, or perhaps there is a topic you would like to know more about. Please contact Linda Stames ([linda.stames@sumnerschools.org](mailto:linda.stames@sumnerschools.org)) with your thoughts and concerns so that when we build the conference you deserve, you will come.

## T-Shirt Contest and Orders

Showcase your high school! Bring a T-shirt or sweatshirt that represents your forensics team or drama program. Shirts will be displayed during the tournament. The best shirts will receive cash prizes.



**T-Shirt Order:** T-shirts will be available at the State Tournament, but ALL orders must be placed by April 14, 2011 with Mickey Hutson. To reach Mickey, call 901-853-3310 or fax 901-853-3313. Order forms can be found at [www.tnhssdl.org](http://www.tnhssdl.org) under the *forms* link.

## Important Manual Changes

--Process for rules violation has been formalized. The form is included in the manual on the website.

## Student Congress Information for 2011 State Tournament

Anyone planning to enter Congress must be listed on the "Intent to Compete" form. Each school is required to submit two (2) pieces of legislation with numbered lines and which follows NFL guidelines. The legislation must be submitted as either a word document or pdf file and emailed to [gotchem@apsu.edu](mailto:gotchem@apsu.edu) by April 14, 2011. The legislation will be posted on the website to assist in the preparation for State competition. Participants must also bring 30 copies of the legislation to the tournament. There is a \$25 drop fee for Congress on April 29 & 30. Email legislation to [gotchem@apsu.edu](mailto:gotchem@apsu.edu)

## Extemp Topics for State Tournament

Each District Rep. will submit 5 questions for each topic area from periodicals of the current academic year for the State Tournament no later than April 14, 2011. Topic areas this year include: U.S. Economy and/or Health Care; The Middle East; U.S. Politics and/or The American Judiciary; Education, Energy and/or the Environment. If topics are not received by the due date, Extempers from that school are subject to disqualification.

Send them to:

Lee Ellen Beach  
(931) 553-2070  
[LeeEllenBeach@cmcss.net](mailto:LeeEllenBeach@cmcss.net)

## Documentation Issues

Due to the increased number of challenges concerning authenticity of materials, contestants in ALL Interpretative and Acting events must bring the original source(s) of their presentation to the tournament (this includes Interp. Theatre and One-Act play).

Students and coaches should be prepared to present the documentation at District or State tournaments if requested by tournament officials. Failure to present the requested materials could result in immediate disqualification. All material presented in acting and interpretive events must be published and of recognized literary merit and not the original work of the student.

Also, remember that students are not allowed to use the same cutting in different events at competitions. This decision by the Board of Directors means that a student cannot use a cutting in Dramatic one year and use the same cutting in Duo the next year (or subsequent years).

## District Reports Due

In order to update and maintain the THSSDL files and website, please submit district reports as soon as possible. Once reports are received, changes can be made to the Directory and the website.

Please have district members check the names, addresses, and phone numbers to be included in the Directory. Also, be sure to include email addresses and fax numbers.

Your time and attention to this important matter is appreciated.

Send your reports to  
(email preferred):  
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## Call for Krider and Hall of Fame Nominations

District Directors, make plans to place names in nomination for the Krider Award and for the **Hall of Fame** at the Board of Directors meeting during the State Tournament. Nominations can be made by any THSSDL member; however, nominations must be made at the District tournaments. Nomination forms can be found on [www.tnhssdl.org](http://www.tnhssdl.org). Forms must be completed and 15 copies submitted to the Executive Director by **April 14, 2011**.

The Hall of Fame was created in an effort to reward outstanding teachers of the dramatic and forensic arts. Selection of Hall of Fame members are based on these elements: ten or more years of service in the state of Tennessee, integrity, outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty, willingness to help colleagues, commitment to speech and dramatic arts education and dedication to caring for the individual student and his/her future. Pollyanna Parker was inducted into the Hall of Fame in August 2010.

The **Krider Award** honors educators who promote excellence in the study, preparation and/or performance of speech and dramatic arts not exclusive to competitive activities. Some of the qualifications for the award include strong commitment to speech and dramatic arts education, ability to inspire creativity and willingness to help colleagues and THSSDL members. The 2010 Krider Award winner was Amy Jackson from Kenwood High School.



## Preliminary State Tourney Committee Assignments

One Act Chairpersons -  
Lisa Biery  
Interp. Theatre Prelims -  
Lucy Boydston &  
Leslie Cappaxolli  
Interp. Theatre Finals - Cathie Stamps  
Extemp Topics - Lee Ellen Beach  
Extemp/TV Draw - Kori Furcolowe  
Debate Tab - Charles Oakes &  
Danielle Trainer  
Public Forum Debate -  
Congress - Randy Sullivan &  
Harriet Medlin  
TV Packets - Amy Jackson  
Friday Registration - (1-4)  
Suzanne Terry &  
Brad Hutson  
Saturday Registration - (6:45-8:00)  
Paulette Regan & Leslie Cappozzoli  
Judges - Lucy Boydston,  
Suzanne Terry &  
Linda Starnes  
Timekeepers - Suzanne Terry  
Group Events Judges - Suzanne Terry  
& Lisa Biery  
T-Shirts - Mickey Hutson  
Ballot Table - Lisa Gillespie &  
Kari Smith  
Hospitality- District V  
Tab Room - THSSDL Board,  
Linda Wilson &  
Amy Jackson  
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Picture on the left:  
Everyone gathers for the  
awards ceremony April 2010