

TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA LEAGUE COMMUNICATOR

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Kathleen Thayer Beach THSSDL Scholarship Deadline: Monday, April 3
Application Available Online

*District 1 Hosts
2023 THSSDL
State Tournament
Bartlett High School
April 21-22*



District 1 is proud to host the 2023 State Tournament. Competition will take place at Bartlett High School in Bartlett.

District Director Kevin Rogers, District Rep. Lisa Johnson and District 1 schools are working to make the tournament a great success. Make plans now to attend this important tournament. Make your hotel reservations by early April.

This newsletter provides important tournament information. Please note competition times, tournament fees, required documentation and due dates.

SpeechEase, www.speechease.com, will be used to enter contestants. The "Intent to Compete" form will not be used. As soon as your students qualify for State, login into SpeechEase and enter the contestants. **Entries** are due **Fri., April 14th**, but coaches are encouraged to enter as soon as possible.

Encourage your seniors to apply for one of the three THSSDL scholarships for \$600 a piece. Applications are due **Monday, April 3rd**.

THSSDL guidelines for COVID-19: All tournament participants are expected to respect the personal choice of the competitor or judge when following CDC current guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Food Trucks will be available on Saturday.

One Act and Interp Theatre Schedule

To reduce uncertainty related to traveling to State, the following schedule is provided. One-Act Play and Interp Theatre will take place at Bartlett High School on Fri., April 21st. Judges will not be aware of the District rankings. Special instructions for Interp Theatre and One-Act are on page 2.

There is a 10'x15' loading door onto the stage.

One Act Play Schedule

Examine the stage

8:20-8:40 District 2

8:40-9:00 District 4

9:00-9:20 District 3

Performances

9:30 District 2

10:20 District 4

11:10 District 3

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Examine the stage

12:00-12:20 District 5

12:20-12:40 District 1

Performances

1:00 District 5

1:50 District 1

Interpreters' Theatre

Based on 3 teams from each District, this schedule may change based on the final number of entries.

Upon arrival at State, **do NOT unload for IT until you confirm your performance area.**

Section A

12:15 In the order of performance, each group is allowed 5 minutes in the space.

1:00 District 1 (3rd place)

1:30 District 2 (1st place)

2:00 District 5 (2nd place)

2:30 District 2 (2nd place)

3:00 District 4 (1st place)

3:30 District 3 (3rd place)

4:00 District 4 (2nd place)

4:30 District 1 (1st place)

Interpreters' Theatre: Section B

12:15 In the order of performance, each group is allowed 5 minutes in the space.

1:00 District 3 (1st place)

1:30 District 5 (1st place)

2:00 District 1 (2nd place)

2:30 District 3 (2nd place)

3:00 District 5 (3rd place)

3:30 District 4 (3rd place)

4:00 District 2 (3rd place)

Public Forum Debate (PFD) at State

Debate at State will be Public Forum Debate. Five preliminary rounds will be held on Friday and elims on Saturday.

Topic

The topic can be found on the NSDA website www.speechanddebate.org. The topic will be the **April topic** and will be released in early March.

PFD Judging Requirements

Schools must bring one qualified PFD judge for every two teams **in order to compete**. Debate judges are separate from IE judges and Student Congress. Be sure to enter debaters and list judges in SpeechEase.com. Schools must bring judges willing and available to judge on Friday and Saturday for Public Forum Debate.

Public Forum Debate judges are desperately needed.



State 2023 T-Shirt Orders

Your team may pre-order State 2023 T-shirts by emailing Laura Humphrey-lhumphrey@k12k.com. **Monday, April 3rd** is the cut-off date for pre-orders. A limited number of shirts will be available at the tournament. T-shirts are \$15 each with a \$2 surcharge for XXL. Checks (separate from the registration fees) should be made out to THSSDL and brought to the State Tournament.



T-Shirt Contest

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.

Important Guidelines: Interp Theatre and One-Act (Reiteration of Rules from the THSSDL Manual)

All technical and performance components of the productions must be conducted and operated by students. Schools must bring their own audio equipment because the lack of uniformity of equipment makes it impractical for the host site to provide the equipment competing schools may need. Please read ALL the rules for Interp Theatre and One-Act play.

In preparation for Interp Theatre competition, please read the rules found in the Manual on pages 42-45. Competing schools will be required to bring the original source material used for the presentations, highlighting the material used in the presentation. Additionally, competing schools must identify original transitional material used in the presentation. This is required for both District and State competition. In the case of a question concerning the material/presentation, the material must be presented within 15 minutes to the Tournament Director (District Director or Executive Director).

In preparation for One-Act Play, please read the rules found in the Manual on pages 42-45. Competing schools must provide original material and permission to perform the play. During the production, a student may be in the tech booth to run any sound cues, but s/he is the only individual (no coach/parent) allowed in the tech booth during the performance. Due to the uncertainty of the equipment at the hosting school, competing schools must bring any special equipment needed for the production. Lights will be up and down (no special area lighting for scenes or scene changes). A copy of performance rights (rights must be paid) must be sent to the District Director before the District Tournament. A copy must be sent to the Executive Director before the State Tournament. (Tournament Manual B:1:a).

School Location

Bartlett High School
5688 Woodlawn Street
Bartlett, TN 38134

Parking & Registration

Parking and building entrance will be on the back of the building off Blackwell Street. Everyone should enter through the large glass entrance from that parking lot. Busses can drop off in front of that entrance and then park in the lot on the other side of the football field. Registration will be outside the auditorium both days.

Hotel Information

These hotels have blocks of rooms reserved with guaranteed rates; however, there are deadlines to reserve rooms. Each deadline is listed for each hotel. Be sure to mention **Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League** and bring your tax exempt form.

Best Western

8635 Ricky Bell Cove, Memphis, 38133

901-372-0000.

\$109 2 Queen;

\$119 2 Queen w/ Twin or King w/ Twin.

6 miles from BHS.

Deadline: 4.7.23

Country Inn and Suites

2270 N Germantown Pkwy, Cordova 38016

901-375-9799.

\$110 Standard King;

\$120 2 Queen.

6 miles from BHS.

Deadline: 4.7.23

Hyatt Place

7905 Giacosa Place, Memphis 38133

901-371-0010.

\$128 Standard King;

\$138 2 Queen.

6 miles from BHS.

Deadline: 4.7.23.

Hampton Inn

5320 Poplar Ave. Memphis 38199

901-683-8500.

\$130 2 Queen or King Suite.

10 miles from BHS.

Deadline: 3.31.23

Preliminary State Tourney Committee Assignments

Committee assignments are still available. If you are interested contact:

Mike Gotcher
mgotcher@tntech.edu

One Act: Suzanne Terry & Richard Marshall

Interp Theatre Prelims:

A: Lucy Boydston **B:** Peggy Russell
Interp Theatre Finals: Sarah Kieffner

Impromptu Topics: Shane Cunningham

Extemp Topics: Mickey Hutson

TV Packets: Sarah Kieffner

Extemp Draw: Mickey Hutson

TV Draw: Hunter Graybeal

Debate Tab: Danielle Smallwood, Laura Humphrey and Matt Wilson

Congress: Matt Grimes

T-Shirt Orders: Laura Humphrey

T-Shirt Table: Laura Humphrey & Hannah Krtausch

Friday Registration: Linda Starnes & Sarah Kieffner

Saturday Registration: District 3

Debate Registration: Danielle Smallwood

Timekeepers: District 1

Judging Assignments: Linda Starnes & Sarah Kieffner

Group Events Judges: District 1

Ballot Table: Gabby Wexler & Kaleb Woods

Ballot Distribution: Linda Starnes, Shane Cunningham, & Sarah Kieffner

Hospitality: District 1

Tab Room: Board of Directors

Poster Creation & Removal: Linda Starnes

Extemp Topics for State

Each school entering competitors in Extemp in the State Tournament must submit at least 12 topics from periodicals of the current academic year in the following areas:

- 3 international
- 3 U.S. social issues
- 3 U.S. economic
- 3 U.S. political

Please label the area for the topics.

The deadline to submit topics is
Friday, April 14th.

If topics are not received by the due date, Extemp competitors from that school are subject to disqualification.

Send topics to:
Mickey Hutson
mhutson@davidsonacademy.com

Fees

Fees are due at the official registration. Bring your payment—**do not mail it**. Checks should be made out to: Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League (THSSDL).

Entry fees

\$8 per entry for IE, LD, and Congress
\$16 for Duo, Duet Acting, PFD
\$25 for One-Act and Interp Theatre

Drop fees from Sat. 4/15 to Thurs. 4/20:

\$24 for Individual IE and Congress
\$48 for Duo, Duet, and Debate

Drop fees from Fri. 4/21 to Sat. 4/22

\$100 per drop for Debate, Duo and Duet
\$50 per drop IE and Congress

Judging Fees

\$50 per hired IE judge (one judge per six IE slots or portion thereof)
\$75 per uncovered debate team

Registration and Competition Times

Friday, April 21—Bartlett High School
9:30 a.m. One-Act Play competition begins

1:00 p.m. Interpreters' Theatre prelims begin

6:00 p.m. Interp Theatre finals

The order of competition is included on the front page of the newsletter.

3:00 p.m. Debate competition begins

*Those coming for debate **do not** need to arrive on campus before 2:30 to give time for the parking lot and building to clear out after school.*

Five rounds of debate will take place on Friday at 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, and 7:30.

Noon - 4:00 Registration

Saturday, April 23 Bartlett High School

Elimination rounds of debate

All rounds of IE

7 am.- 8 am. Registration

Schools must be registered by 7:45 a.m. or risk disqualification.

8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony BHS Auditorium

8:30 a.m. Competition begins

4:00 p.m. Awards

District Reports Due

In order to update and maintain the THSSDL files and website and to run an efficient state tournament, District Directors should 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, fax numbers, and cell numbers.

Send your reports to:
Mike Gotcher
mgotcher@tntech.edu

Student Congress Information for 2023 State Tournament

Anyone planning to enter Congress must be registered for Congress. A maximum of 8 Congress entries will be allowed per school. Five schools must enter by the deadline for Congress to take place.

Each school is required to submit two (2) pieces of legislation with numbered lines which follow NSDA guidelines (refer to NSDA template). The legislation must be submitted as a .pdf file and emailed to Matt Grimes by **Wednesday, April 12th**.

The legislation will be posted on the website to assist in the preparation for State competition.

A \$24 drop fee for Congress will be assessed on April 20. The drop fee the day of tournament is \$50.

Email legislation (pdf file):
Matt Grimes
james.grimes@wcs.edu

Technical Theatre Design

Competition in the Set and Costume Design categories will take place on Saturday as Individual Events. Designs must be original works by the student. The selected plays for Technical Theatre for 2023 are:

Proof by David Auburn

All My Sons by Arthur Miller

Mary Poppins music and lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman (additional music and lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe) and book by Julian Fellowes

THSSDL Scholarship Information

To promote and reward involvement in high school speech and theater activities, THSSDL awards **three (3)** \$600 Kathleen Thayer Beach THSSDL Scholarships each year to deserving seniors.

The recipients are not required to major or minor in speech or theatre to qualify for the scholarship. The school of the applicant must be a member of the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League (THSSDL).

**The application form is on the
thssdl.com website.**

All application paperwork must be emailed with the subject line *THSSDL Scholarship* by **Monday, April 3rd**, to mgotcher@tntech.edu.

All recipients must attend the THSSDL State Tournament. Please encourage your students to apply as soon as possible. A list of eligibility requirements and the application are available on the THSSDL website (thssdl.com).

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 within 15 minutes 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).

KRIDER AWARD & HALL OF FAME

District Directors

may 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 online at www.thssdl.org.

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 the individual student and his/ her future.

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.

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 Miller (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)
Brad Hutson (2011)
Lucy Boydston (2012)
Cheryl Ward (2013)
Bette Lordeman (2014)
Linda Starnes (2015)
Sarah Kieffner (2016)
Peggy Russell (2017)
Kevin Rogers (2018)
Rob Silvers (2019)
Doug James (2021)
Jeff Robbins (2022)

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)

Hall of Fame Members

*Dockie 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 Miller (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)
Randy Sullivan (2011)
Liz Davis (2011)
Leslie Capozzoli (2012)
SaraLyn Archibald (2013)
Linda Starnes (2013)
Lucy Boydston (2013)
Amy Jackson (2014)
Cheryl Ward (2014)
Pat McGraw (2015)
Danielle Smallwood (2017)
Rick Marshall (2017)
Roy Buchanan (2018)
Sarah Kieffner (2018)
Kevin Rogers (2022)

*deceased