

Tennessee High School Speech & Drama League COMMUNICATOR

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April 4 Deadline for THSSDL Kathleen Thayer Beach Scholarship -- Application Available Online

District 5 Hosts

2022 State Tournament April 22-23
Northeast State Community College

District 5 is proud to host the 2022 State Tournament. Competition will take place at Northeast State Community College in Blountville, TN

District Director Peggy Russell, District Rep. Laura Humphrey, District 5 schools, and Rick Marshall (Past State Chair) are working to make the tournament a great success. Please make plans now to attend this important tournament. Make your hotel reservations by early April.

Please note: We have changes for Set/Costume Design and Pantomime: 1) read the revised rules and ballots in the Manual for the events (www.thssdl.com) and 2) Districts can advance the top 3 teams in Interp Theatre to the State Championship.

In the newsletter, you will find important tournament information. Please take notice of competition times, tournament fees, required documentation and due dates.

PLEASE NOTE:

For the 2022 State Championship tournament, we will use SpeechEase (www.speechease.com) to enter contestants. We will not be using the traditional "Intent to Compete" form. As soon as your students qualify for the state championship, you will need to login into SpeechEase and enter the contestants. Entries are due by **April 15, 2022**.

THSSDL Kathleen Thayer Beach Scholarship

Applications are due **April 4, 2022**. The application form is on the thssdl.com website. Please encourage your seniors to apply. THSSDL awards 3 scholarships for \$600.

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.

State Tournament Schedule for One Act and Interp Theatre

To reduce uncertainty related to traveling to the State tournament, the following schedule is provided for One Act play.

One Act play and Interp Theatre competition will take place in Wellmont Regional Center on the Northeast State campus on Friday, April 22.

Judges will not be aware of the rankings from Districts. Special instructions concerning Interp Theatre and One-Act are on page 2.

One Act Play Schedule

[Examine the stage](#)

8:20-8:40 District 3
8:40-9:00 District 1
9:00-9:20 District 5

Performances

9:30 District 3
10:20 District 1
11:10 District 5
12:00-1:00 Lunch

[Examine the stage](#)

12:00-12:20 District 4
12:20-12:40 District 2

Performances

1:00 District 4
1:50 District 2

Interpreters' Theatre: Section A

The Interp Theatre schedule is based on 3 teams from each District. It may change based on the final number of entries.

12:15 [Examine the space \(Each group in order of performance-- Allowed 5 minutes in the space\)](#)

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 Examine the space (Each group in order of performance-- 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 (2nd place)

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

Technical Theatre Design Set and Costume Plays

Competition will take place on Saturday as an Individual Event. Designs must be original works by the student. **Note rule changes in the THSSDL Manual.** The selected plays for Technical Theatre for 2022 are: *The Play that Goes Wrong*, *Frozen: The Musical*, and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

Debate at State

Debate at the State Tournament will be Public Forum Debate and LD.

In order for a debate division to take place, competition must include at least ten teams representing a minimum of three schools. If you are interested in LD, please contact Mike Gotcher (mgotcher@tntech.edu) to determine status of the event.

For **Public Forum Debate**, the topic will be the April topic and will be determined in early March, found on the NSDA website (<http://www.speechanddebate.org>). Five preliminary rounds will be held on Friday and elims on Saturday.

Judging Requirements

Schools must bring enough qualified judges for LD and Public Forum Debate in order to compete.

For Public Forum Debate, schools **must** bring judges willing and available to judge on Friday **and** Saturday for Public Forum Debate. Public Forum Debate judges are **desperately** needed.

Schools must bring one judge for every two teams. Debate judges should be separated from IE judges and Student Congress. Be sure to enter debaters *and* list judges in SpeechEase.com.

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.



T-Shirt Order: T-shirts will be available at the State Tournament. Your team may pre-order by emailing Laura Humphrey (lhumphrey@k12k.com) and she will set your requested shirts aside (first come, first served). Monday, 4/4/2022, is the cut-off date for pre-orders; after this date teams must purchase available shirts at the tournament. T-shirts are \$13 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.

Important Guidelines for 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).

Tournament Information

School Location

Northeast State Community College, 2425 TN-75, Blountville, TN 37617

Parking and Registration

Friday parking will be outside the Wellmont Regional Center for the Performing Arts.

Friday Registration will be in the lobby of Wellmont Regional Center for the Performing Arts.

Saturday Registration: lobby of Wellmont Regional Center for the Performing Arts.

Hotel Information

These hotels have blocks of rooms reserved with guaranteed rates; however, they are requesting reservations by **early April**.

Most hotels are 10-15 miles from Northeast State C.C.

Be sure to mention **Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League**. Make sure you bring your tax form.

Holiday Inn Express, 2 Orr Ct, Johnson City, TN 37615
(423) 328-0500 \$139.00
10 miles from Northeast State.

Holiday Inn, 101 W Springbrook Dr, Johnson City, TN 37604
(423) 282-4611 \$139.00
12 miles from Northeast State.

Quality Inn, 119 Pinnacle Dr, Johnson City, TN 37615
(423) 218-1939
\$79.99 (Student rate only. Adults will be offered regular rate)
10 miles from Northeast State

Comfort Suites, 3118 Browns Mill Rd, Johnson City, TN 37604
(423) 610-0010 \$139.00
11 miles from Northeast State.

Hampton Inn, 508 N State of Franklin Rd, Johnson City, TN 37604 (423) 929-8000
\$149 15 miles from Northeast State

Local Restaurants

Cracker Barrel: 10132 Airport Pkwy, Kingsport, TN 37663, (423) 323-9212

Wendy's: 1001 Flagship Dr, Kingsport, TN 37663, (423) 323-1708

Perkins: 4618 Fort Henry Dr, Kingsport, TN 37663, (423) 239-4225

Olive Garden: 1903 N Roan St, Johnson City, TN 37601, (423) 929-0137

Texas Roadhouse: 1808 N Roan St, Johnson City, TN 37601, (423) 283-4117

Southern Craft Barbeque: 601 Spring St #101, Johnson City, TN 37604, (423) 232-8845

Wild Wing Cafe: 71 Wilson Ave, Johnson City, TN 37604, (423) 461-0071

Kickback Jack's: 3026 Hamilton Pl, Johnson City, TN 37604, (423) 328-3203

Aubrey's: 3029 Hamilton Pl, Johnson City, TN 37604, (423) 328-0692

Cootie Browns: 2715 N Roan St, Johnson City, TN 37601, (423) 283-4723

Mellow Mushroom: 2929 N Roan St, Johnson City, TN 37601, (423) 928-6356

Mad Greek: 2010 Franklin Terrace Ct, Johnson City, TN 37604, (423) 328-9070

Preliminary State Tourney Committee Assignments

Committee assignments are still available, if you are interested contact:
Mike Gotcher
mgotcher@ntech.edu

One Act: Suzanne Terry

IT Prelims:
A: Lucy Boydston **B:** Kevin Rogers

IT Finals: Sarah Kieffner

Extemp Topics: Pollyanna Parker

Impromptu Topics: Suzanne Terry

Extemp/TV Draw: Hunter Graybeal

Debate: Danielle Smallwood, Laura Humphrey, and Hannah Krtausch

Congress: Pollyana Parker and Lee Ellen Beach

TV Packets: Sarah Kieffner

Friday Registration: Matt Grimes and Linda Starnes

Saturday Registration: Matt Grimes and Katie Purchase

Debate Registration: Danielle Smallwood

Judging: Linda Starnes, Matt Grimes, Shane Cunningham, Kevin Rogers and Lisa Johnson

Timekeepers:
District 5 (Extemp and TV)

Group Events Judges:
Rick Marshall and District 5

T-Shirt Orders: Laura Humphrey

T-Shirt Table: Laura Humphrey

Ballots Pick-up:
Merry Flatt

Ballot Distribution: Linda Starnes and Matt Grimes

Hospitality: District 5

Tab Room: Linda Miller
Board of Directors

Posters and Removal: Linda Starnes

Fees

Entry fees

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

Fees are due at the official registration, please bring your payment—do not mail it. Checks should be made out to:
[Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League \(THSSDL\)](#).

Drop fees from 4/16/22 to 4/21/22:

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

Drop fees on 4/22 thru 4/23

Debate \$100 per drop
IE and Congress \$50 per drop

Judging fees

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

Extemp Topics

Each school that enters Extemp in the State Tournament must send in at least 5 domestic, 5 foreign and 5 economic topics from periodicals of the current academic year for the State Tournament no later than **April 15, 2022**. If topics are not received by the due date, Extemp competitors from that school are subject to disqualification.

Send topics to:

Pollyanna Parker

Pollyanna.parker@cmcss.net

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, fax numbers, and cell numbers.

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

Registration and Competition Times

Friday, April 22—Northeast State CC

One-Act Play competition will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Interpreters' Theatre begins at 1:00 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 1:30 p.m.
Five rounds of debate will take place on Friday.

Registration Noon in lobby Wellmont Regional Center for the Performing Arts

Saturday, April 23 — Northeast State CC

Elimination rounds of debate
All rounds of IE

Registration: 7 am.- 8 am. Lobby of Wellmont Regional Center for the Performing Arts

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

Opening Ceremony: 8:00 a.m.

Competition begins: 8:30 a.m.

Awards: 4:00 pm

Student Congress Information for 2022 State Tournament

Anyone planning to enter Congress must be registered for Congress. A maximum of 8 Congress entries will be charged to the school's entry, payable at registration. Schools may enter more than 8.

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 pdf file and emailed to mgotcher@tntech.edu by **April 13, 2022**.

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. Congress drop fee the day of tournament is \$50. Email legislation (pdf file): mgotcher@tntech.edu.

THSSDL Scholarship Information

To promote and reward involvement in high school speech and theater activities, THSSDL awards three (3) \$600 Kathleen Thayer Beach Memorial 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). All paperwork must be postmarked before **April 4, 2022** and mailed or emailed to the Executive Director (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 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).

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 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)

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)

*deceased