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Forms can be found on **the PHSSL website ([www.phssl.org](http://www.phssl.org))**, or obtained by calling or emailing the State Office at 570-372-4300 or [nevil@susqu.edu](mailto:nevil@susqu.edu) or [lancellotti@susqu.edu](mailto:lancellotti@susqu.edu).

# **STATE TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- 1. REGISTER by March 25, 2016, at [www.Tabroom.com](http://www.Tabroom.com). The Tab Room site will be available to accept registrations starting on February 15, 2015.**
- 2. NO PAPER REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- 3. For each student in Informative and Persuasive speech events: you must send a copy of the speech, bibliography and cover sheet signed by the student and the coach declaring this to be an original speech to the State Office. See B7.6 and B8.6.**
- 4. FINANCES: Please calculate your registration fees from the Tabroom fee page and either mail or hand carry said fees to the State Office prior to the State Tournament.**
- 5. A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed to any tournament registrants that register after 4 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2016.**
- 6. A nuisance fee of \$50.00 will be assessed per entry dropped after 4:00 PM the Tuesday prior to the State Tournament (April 5, 2016). No charge for name changes in Impromptu, Radio Announcing and Student Congress.**
- 7. BE CERTAIN THAT YOUR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE IS ON FILE AT THE STATE OFFICE.**
- 8. You must enter your Impromptu, Radio Announcing, and Student Congress: House student when you register on the **Tabroom** web site.  
(You cannot enter a Student Congress: House student if you have not sent a bill/resolution to Ms. Vanessa Lancellotti at [lancellotti@susqu.edu](mailto:lancellotti@susqu.edu) by January 31.)**

## DIRECTOR'S PAGE

Here is the second PHSSL newsletter for 2015-2016. Most of the information in it deals with the District and State tournaments. **Do** pay attention to the established deadlines (all reported earlier in the first newsletter of this year-- and again repeated in this edition of the newsletter). **See CALENDAR.**

All District Chairpersons should let me know how many pins and certificates are needed for their District Tournaments, and I'll see you get them. **Remember: Membership dues to the State Office are due no later than February 1. If dues are not in by the February 1 date you may NOT participate in Districts.** PHSSL will be supplying each District with a Sweepstakes award to be presented to the Most Outstanding School. Since District points are not considered in the tabulation of state awards, the creation of this District Sweepstakes Award was established. We are asking each District Chair to review the Checklist at the end of the District Bylaws section of the Binder. Also, the District Chairs are to announce the State Tournament qualifying students at their tournament so the students and schools know they are eligible to attend the State Tournament and can submit their registration form in a timely manner. **Remember: March 25 is the deadline for schools to register for the State Tournament.** No paper registrations will be accepted, **you must register through [www.Tabroom.com](http://www.Tabroom.com).** See CALENDAR.

At this year's State Tournament on Friday evening, several events will be held at the Selinsgrove High School and Selinsgrove Elementary School (busing provided). There are a number of changes regarding the location of each event on Friday evening, and some changes on Saturday. We ask that you be sure to consult the schedule in your program to be sure you are reporting to the correct locations. The tentative schedule is included in this issue and subject to change.

Let me remind everyone that the Executive Board will be holding its semi-annual spring meeting at Susquehanna University on Thursday, April 7. If you have any matter to be brought to the Board's attention, please communicate with your Board representative or let me know about the matter so it can be placed on the meeting's agenda. This particular Board meeting mainly discusses State Tournament concerns, and other matters are postponed until the July meeting.

**Remember:** (1) All Cross-X debate teams must be registered not later than 12:00 noon--those who aren't will forfeit Round I; (2) school codes will be dropped for the tournament; and (3) food items will be for sale at the Selinsgrove Area High School and Selinsgrove Area Elementary School for those participating in the events scheduled there on Friday evening.

I hope that all the tournaments, local and District, held in the next number of weeks turn out to be excellent ones! Again, thank you for all the extra and time-consuming work you put into forensics. The students and schools do really appreciate it! Hope to see you at the State Tournament in the spring.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Policy Debate may ONLY enter two two-person teams from Districts to the State Tournament.**
- **Informative and Persuasive Speaking: "Prior to each PHSSL tournament the student must send a copy of the speech, a bibliography, and a cover sheet signed by the student and coach declaring the speech to be original." See B7.6 & B8.6.**
- **Register for State Tournament through [www.Tabroom.com](http://www.Tabroom.com) ONLY. No paper copy will be accepted by the State Office.**
- **The PHSSL Handbook has been updated. Please be sure to visit the PHSSL website ([www.phssl.org](http://www.phssl.org)) to locate forms.**
- **A page has been added to the website so schools can check the status of their membership and insurance requirement to participate in PHSSL events. If you are advancing to the State Tournament, please be sure that your insurance liability certificate has been provided to the state office prior to the tournament date.**
- **Congress bills will be made available on the PHSSL website by March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are participating in either the Senate or House events, please see the PHSSL website for Student Congress assignments and legislation pieces.**

Larry D. Augustine  
Executive Director

# Pennsylvania High School Speech League

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2016

- January 1**    **FIRST DAY TO EMAIL CONGRESS BILLS/RESOLUTIONS (House)**  
(Email as MS Word Document attachment to the State Office, Vanessa Lancellotti at lancellotti@susqu.edu)  
(Senate Bills are to be sent to and coordinated by the District Chairs according to their deadlines.)  
Be sure to check the Student Congress: Senate Handbook for bill submission guidelines. A sample is provided on the last page.
- January 9**    **Blue, Maroon, and White Tournament**  
Shikellamy High School, Sunbury  
All novice and varsity PHSSL events Novice is open to 7th & 8th graders, as well as all first year competitors), as well as Declamation  
Contact: Ellen Boyer (570-809-0939, boyere@shikbraves.org or theater@shikbraves.org for more information)
- January 13**    **District #4 PHSSL Qualifier (Lincoln Douglas)**  
TBD  
This qualifier is scheduled for speech events only. Snow date is February 20.  
Contact: Lisa Bompiani-Smith (lisa.bompiani@glsd.us)
- January 16**    **Dr. Martin Luther King Open Speech & Debate Tournament**  
E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre  
Snow Date: January 17  
Contact: Kim Borland (kborland@borlandandborland.com or 570-822-3311) or Ruth Borland (rborland@borlandandborland.com or 570-822-3311)
- January 20**    **District #4 PHSSL Qualifier (Policy)**  
TBD  
This qualifier is scheduled for speech events only. Snow date is February 20.  
Contact: Lisa Bompiani-Smith (lisa.bompiani@glsd.us)
- January 27**    **District #4 PHSSL Qualifier (Parliamentary)**  
TBD  
This qualifier is scheduled for speech events only. Snow date is February 20.  
Contact: Lisa Bompiani-Smith (lisa.bompiani@glsd.us)
- January 30**    **42nd Annual Mercer Rotary Tournament**  
Mercer High School, Mercer  
All PHSSL speaking events will be offered. This event is open to PHSSL, CFL and NSDA member schools.  
Contact: Hugh Ringer (hpr@zoominternet.net)
- January 31**    **LAST DAY TO EMAIL CONGRESS BILLS/RESOLUTIONS (House)**  
(Email as MS Word Document attachment to the State Office, Vanessa Lancellotti at lancellotti@susqu.edu)  
(Senate Bills are to be sent to and coordinated by the District Chairs according to their deadlines.)  
Be sure to check the Student Congress: Senate Handbook for bill submission guidelines. A sample is provided on the last page.

- February 1 PHSSL MEMBERSHIP DUES/FEES DEADLINE**  
(Money must be received by the state office by this date for you to participate in the district and/or state tournaments)
- February 3 District #4 PHSSL Qualifier (Senate)**  
TBD  
This qualifier is scheduled for speech events only. Snow date is February 20.  
Contact: Lisa Bompiani-Smith (lisa.bompiani@glisd.us)
- February 5-6 Pennsbury Falcon Invitational**  
Pennsbury High School, Fairless Hills  
Varsity CFL speech and debate event, plus Impromptu  
Contact: Jeff Kahn (pennsburyfalcon@gmail.com)
- February 6 District #4 PHSSL Qualifier (Speech)**  
TBD  
This qualifier is scheduled for speech events only. Snow date is February 20.  
Contact: Lisa Bompiani-Smith (lisa.bompiani@glisd.us)
- February 6 District #6 PHSSL Qualifier (Cross-X)**  
Messiah College, Grantham  
This qualifier is scheduled for policy debate only.  
Contact: Christine Metcalfe (cmetcalfe@wssd.k12.pa.us) or Nathan Lawver (phssldistrict7@gmail.com)
- February 6 District #7 PHSSL Qualifier (Cross-X)**  
Messiah College, Grantham  
This qualifier is scheduled for policy debate only.  
Contact: Christine Metcalfe (cmetcalfe@wssd.k12.pa.us) or Nathan Lawver (phssldistrict7@gmail.com)
- February 18 District #10 PHSSL Qualifier (Debate)**  
Harriton High School, Rosemont  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL debate events.  
Contact: Bonnie Perry (blperry2002@yahoo.com)
- February 18 District #15 PHSSL Qualifier (Debate)**  
Harriton High School, Rosemont  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL debate events.  
Contact: Marie Langevin (mlangevin@shanahan.org) or Ashley Murphy (amurphy@ucfsd.net)
- February 20 District #6 PHSSL Qualifier (Speech & Debate)**  
Messiah College, Grantham  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL speech and debate events, except Policy.  
Contact: Christine Metcalfe (cmetcalfe@wssd.k12.pa.us) or Nathan Lawver (phssldistrict7@gmail.com)
- February 20 District #7 PHSSL Qualifier (Speech & Debate)**  
Messiah College, Grantham  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL speech and debate events, except Policy.

Contact: Christine Metcalfe (cmetcalfe@wssd.k12.pa.us) or Nathan Lawver (phssldistrict7@gmail.com)

**February 20 District #8 PHSSL Qualifier**

Abington High School, Abington  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL speech events.  
Contact: David Long (longdr@hotmail.com) or Keith Brosious (keith.brosious@elklakeschool.org)

**February 20 District #9 PHSSL Qualifier**

Danville High School, Danville  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL speech events.  
Contact: Ellen Boyer (boyere@shikbraves.org)

**February 25 District #10 PHSSL Qualifier (Speech)**

Harriton High School, Rosemont  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL speech events.  
Contact: Bonnie Perry (blperry2002@yahoo.com)

**February 26 District #5 PHSSL Qualifier**

Greater Johnstown High School, Johnstown  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL events.  
Contact: Cassie Thomas (Enos) (cathomas@windberschools.org)

**February 26 District #14 PHSSL Qualifier**

Greater Johnstown High School, Johnstown  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL events.  
Contact: Holly Smith (smithhl@pcam.org)

**February 27 District #1 PHSSL Qualifier**

Pine-Richland High School, Gibsonia  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL events. District 1 Tournament invitation sent on or before January 25, 2016.  
Contact: Hugh Ringer (hpr@zoominternet.net) or Bob Hall (fhsmonsieur@roadrunner.com)

**February 27 District #2 PHSSL Qualifier**

Pine-Richland High School, Gibsonia  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL events.  
Contact: Jeff Byko (jbyko@pinerichland.org)

**February 27 District #3 PHSSL Qualifier**

Peters Township High School, Peters Township  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL events. Registration available on Tabroom.com  
Contact: Michael Shaffer (mshaffer@westasd.org) or Ben Edwards (bedwards@usc.k12.pa.us)

**March 19 \*\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*\*District #11 PHSSL Qualifier (Prev. March 5)**

St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Philadelphia  
This qualifier is for all PHSSL events.  
Contact: Raymond Shay (ShayR@lschs.org) or Dr. Barbara Giuliano (BGiuliano419@aol.com)

- March 19**     **\*\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*\*District #12 PHSSL Qualifier (Prev. March 5)**  
 St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Philadelphia  
 This qualifier is for all PHSSL events.  
 Contact: Chris Berdnik (cberdnik3@gmail.com )
- March 20**     **District Tournament Deadline**  
 All District Tournaments must be completed by March 20 in order for competitors to qualify for the State Tournament.
- March 23**     **All District reports are due no later than this date**  
 All District Chairs are to submit their District's report to the State Office no later than today's date. The forms can be found on the 'Forms/Documents' section on the PHSSL website. (Forms can be faxed or emailed to the number/address listed on the top of the form.)
- March 25**     **Registration must be completed for the State Tournament**  
 Coaches are to register all qualifiers/participants on the Tabroom website by March 25 (www.tabroom.com)  
 Contact: April Ritter (rittera@susqu.edu or 570-372-4283)
- April 2**        **Gettysburg Pre-States Invitational Tournament**  
 Gettysburg Area High School, Gettysburg  
 Speech and debate tournament. Registration via www.tabroom.com  
 Contact: Lourdes Dandignac (ldandignac@gettysburg.k12.pa.us)
- April 7**        **Executive Board Meeting**  
 Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove  
 Contact: Codie Nevil Sauers (nevil@susqu.edu or 570-372-4300)
- April 8 & 9**    **2016 State Tournament**  
 Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove  
 Contact: Codie Nevil Sauers (nevil@susqu.edu or 570-372-4300)
- April 30**      **The Spartan Invitational Tournament**  
 Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley  
 Contact: David Long (longdr@hotmail.com or 610-419-9677)

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The Executive Board of the Pennsylvania High School Speech League will meet on March 19, 2015. These individuals are YOUR elected representatives and want to present and address your ideas and needs in handling the business of PHSSL's programs, activities, and policies. Therefore, if you have any concern or business matter that the Executive Board needs to review, please let your board representative or the PHSSL State Office know.



# TOPICS

## Public Forum

### **2016 January Public Forum Topic Area: Russia**

Resolved: On balance, economic sanctions are reducing the threat Russia poses to Western interests.

### **2016 February Public Forum Topic Area: Energy Security**

Resolved: The United States federal government should adopt a carbon tax.

## Policy Debate

### **2015-2016 Topic**

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially curtail its domestic surveillance.

## Lincoln-Douglas Debate

### **2016 January/February LD Topic**

Resolved: In the United States, private ownership of handguns ought to be banned.

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## 2016-2017 National High School Debate Topic

## Policy Debate

### **2016-2017 Topic**

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with the People's Republic of China.

# DISTRICT LIST 2015-2016

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<b>District 1</b> Fairview High School Harbor Creek High School Iroquois Jr. Sr. High School Jamestown Area High School McDowell High School Mercer Area Middle-High School Slippery Rock High School	<b>Hugh P. Ringer</b> Mercer Area High School c/o 368 Sanbern Dr. Mercer, PA 16137  <b>Bob Hall</b> Fairview High School 7460 McCay Rd. Fairview, PA 16415-2401
<b>District 2</b> Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School Deer Lakes High School Fox Chapel Area High School Hampton High School Knoch High School Mars Area High School North Allegheny High School Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School Pine-Richland High School Quigley Catholic High School Sewickley Academy Shady Side Academy St. Joseph High School Vincentian Academy	<b>Jeff Byko</b> Pine-Richland High 700 Warrendale Rd. Gibsonia, PA 15044
<b>District 3</b> Bethel Park High School Bishop Canevin High School Central Catholic High School Keystone Oaks High School Lakeview Christian Academy Moon Area High School Mt. Lebanon High School Oakland Catholic High School Peters Township High School Seton La Salle High School Upper St. Clair High School West Allegheny High School	<b>Ben Edwards</b> Upper St. Clair High School 1825 McLaughlin Run Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15241  <b>Michael Shaffer</b> West Allegheny High School 205 W. Allegheny Rd. Imperial, PA 15126
<b>District 4</b> Belle Vernon Area High School Derry Area High School Greater Latrobe Senior High Greensburg Salem High School Hempfield Area High School Norwin High School The Kiski School Trinity Area High School Uniontown Area High School	<b>Lisa Bompiani-Smith</b> Greater Latrobe High School 131 High School Rd. Latrobe, PA 15650

<p><b>District 5</b>  Berlin Brothersvalley High School  Bishop McCort Catholic High School  Central Cambria High School  Conemaugh Township Area High School  Ferndale Area High School  Forest Hills High School  North Star High School  Richland High School  Rockwood High School  Somerset Senior High School  Windber Area High School</p>	<p><b>Cassie Enos</b>  Windber High School  2301 Graham Ave.  Windber PA, 15963</p>
<p><b>District 6</b>  Bishop McDevitt High School  Boiling Springs High School  Cedar Cliff High School  Cumberland Valley High School  Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School  Trinity High School  West Perry High School  West Shore Christian Academy</p>	<p><b>Christine Metcalfe</b>  Mechanicsburg Area High School  500 South Broad Street  Mechanicsburg PA, 17055</p>
<p><b>District 7</b>  Central York High School  Dallastown Area High School  Delone Catholic High School  Gettysburg Area High School  South Western High School</p>	<p><b>Nathan Ryan Lawver</b>  Delone Catholic High School  140 S Oxford Ave.  McSherrystown, PA 17344</p>
<p><b>District 8</b>  Abington Heights High School  Bethlehem Catholic High School  Crestwood High School  Dallas High School  E.L. Meyers High School  Elk Lake Junior-Senior High School  GAR Jr. Sr. High School  Lake - Lehman Sr. High School  Notre Dame High School  Pocono Mountain West High School  Scranton Preparatory School  Southern Lehigh High School  Wallenpaupack Area High School  William Allen High School</p>	<p><b>Keith Brosious</b>  Elk Lake High School  P.O. Box 100  Dimock, PA 18816</p> <p><b>David Long</b>  Southern Lehigh High School  5800 Main St.  Center Valley, PA 18034</p>

<p><b>District 9</b>  Athens Area High School  Bloomsburg Area High School  Danville High School  Midd West High School  Montgomery Jr/Sr High School  North Schuylkill  Sayre Area High School  Selinsgrove Area High School  Shikellamy High School  South Williamsport Jr/Sr High School  Southern Columbia Area High School  State College Area High School  Towanda Area Jr. Sr. High School</p>	<p><b>Ellen Boyer</b>  Shikellamy High School  600 Walnut St.  Sunbury, PA 17801</p>
<p><b>District 10</b>  Conestoga High School  Friends Central School  Harriton High School  Haverford High School  Marple Newtown High School  Penn Wood High School  Sun Valley High School  The Haverford School  The Shipley School</p>	<p><b>Bonnie Perry</b>  Harriton High School  600 North Ithan Avenue  Rosemont, PA 19010</p>
<p><b>District 11</b>  Bishop McDevitt High School  Gwynedd Mercy Academy  JR Masterman Laboratory &amp; Demonstration School  La Salle College High School  Science Leadership Academy  St. Joseph's Preparatory School</p>	<p><b>Ray Shay</b>  LaSalle College High School  8605 Cheltenham Ave.  Wyndmoor PA 19038</p>
<p><b>District 12</b>  Academy At Palumbo  Bensalem High School  Bodine High School  Franklin Towne Charter High School  Harry S. Truman High School  Holy Ghost Preparatory  Nazareth Academy High School  Pennsbury High School  William Tennent High School</p>	<p><b>Chris Berdnik</b>  Bensalem High School  3000 Donallen Dr.  Bensalem, PA 18974</p>
<p><b>District 14</b>  Altoona Area High School  Bellwood-Antis High School  Blacklick Valley Jr. Sr. High School  Cambria Heights High School  Chestnut Ridge High School  Conemaugh Valley High School  Greater Johnstown High School  Northern Cambria High School  Penn Cambria High School</p>	<p><b>Holly Smith</b>  Penn Cambria High School  401 Linden Ave.  Cresson, PA 16630</p>

<p><b>District 15</b>  Bayard Rustin High School  Garnet Valley High School  Henderson High School  Malvern Preparatory School  The Hill School  Unionville High School  West Chester East High</p>	<p><b>Ashley Murphy</b>  Unionville High School  750 Unionville Rd  Kennett Square, PA 19348</p> <p><b>Marie Langevan</b>  Bishop Shanahan High School  220 Woodbine Rd.  Downingtown, PA 19335</p>
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**2015-2016 INSURANCE FORMS RECEIVED:**

To determine if your school has provided their insurance certificate, please go to [www.phssl.org](http://www.phssl.org) and click the icon on the homepage indicating to check your membership and insurance status "here". Schools that have provided insurance certificates will be listed with a date indicating the date of expiration in the Insurance column, located in the column to the right of the page.

# STATE DRAMA FESTIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to the schools who won at the District and Regional Drama Festivals held during the first semester of this school year. Also, thanks to all those schools who offered keen competition making the winners possible.

The citations offered at the State Drama Festival held at Susquehanna University on December 11 & 12, 2015, were as follows:

<b>First Place:</b>	<b>Shikellamy High School</b>
<b>Second Place:</b>	<b>Danville High School</b>
<b>Third Place:</b>	<b>Sayre High School</b>
<b>State Finalist (tie):</b>	<b>Shady Side Academy</b>
<b>State Finalist (tie):</b>	<b>Towanda High School</b>
<b>State Finalist:</b>	<b>West Allegheny High School</b>

## ALL STATE CAST

<u>Name</u>	<u>Play</u>	<u>High School</u>
Phillip Bennett	<i>All I Really Need to Know</i> <i>I Learned in Kindergarten</i>	Sayre High School
Caldwell Holden	<i>Flicker</i>	Shady Side Academy
Rylee Hickey	<i>Flicker</i>	Shady Side Academy
Morghann Simon	<i>Women &amp; War</i>	West Allegheny High School
Tyler Sheets	<i>Antigone, Now</i>	Towanda High School
Noah Spencer	<i>Waiting for Lefty</i>	Shikellamy High School
Natalie Shoch	<i>Waiting for Lefty</i>	Shikellamy High School
Noah Fenstermacher	<i>Waiting for Lefty</i>	Shikellamy High School

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2015-2016 REGIONAL DRAMA FESTIVAL

*(In alphabetical order)*

**Athens Area High School**  
**Danville High School**  
**Midd-West High School**  
**North Allegheny High School**  
**Sayre High School**

**Shady Side Academy**  
**Shikellamy High School**  
**Towanda High School**  
**Trinity #4 High School**  
**West Allegheny High School**

# PHSSL Offers Appreciation

The Pennsylvania High School Speech League wants to thank Susquehanna University and the Degenstein Center Theater for the use of its facilities for the Annual State Drama Festival. A special thank you to PAUL A. SMITH, ETHAN MITCHELL, and COLEMAN DIEFFENBACH for their technical help and assistance in the backstage operations. PHSSL also wants to thank the S.U. students who contributed to the success of the Festival. Without their help, the Festival would not have operated as smoothly as it did.

Also, the League is indebted to the five judges who gave their time and talent to evaluate the plays and select the All State Cast:

GEORGE CRAVITZ

Former Theatre Arts Teacher and Theater Director at  
Selinsgrove Area High School

JOYCE HENDRICKS

President, The Valley Player's Community Theater Organization

KEN KOPF

Retired Professor of Communications/Information Systems

MARY REINHARD

Retired Principal and educator

GERARD STROPNICKY

Co-founder of the Network of Ensemble Theatres

## ALL-STATE CASTS

(Last six years)

### 2014

DANIEL REYNOLDS, Athens High School  
NOAH FENSTERMACHER, Shikellamy High School  
ANNIE HERBSTER, Shikellamy High School  
NATALIE SHOCH, Shikellamy High School  
NOAH SPENCER, Shikellamy High School  
CAROLINE VANA, Towanda High School  
BLAKELY WATKINS, Towanda High School  
CATHERINE WHEATLEY, West Allegheny High School

### 2013

SYDNEY HILL, Athens High School  
ERICA BUCKLEY, Carlisle High School  
WILLIAM HUNTER, Carlisle High School  
DAVIS CAMERON, North Allegheny High School  
CHRISTA BEVERIDGE, Shikellamy High School  
SHELBY SNYDER, Shikellamy High School  
CAROLINE VANA, Towanda High School  
BLAKELY WATKINS, Towanda High School

### 2012

NICK KREMP, Abington Heights High school  
ABBY MAPPS, Abington Heights High school  
ZOE McNICHOLS, Abington Heights High school  
ZACK PEERCY, Abington Heights High school  
RACHEL DUNDORF, Carlisle High School  
CHRISTA BEVERIDGE, Shikellamy High School  
SHELBY SNYDER, Shikellamy High School

### 2011

CORY SCHOONOVER, Towanda High School  
NICHOLAS SPENCER, Towanda High School  
DIANA CROWLEY, Abington Heights High School  
ZOE McNICHOLS, Abington Heights High School  
BEN SHERMORY, Shikellamy High School  
DANIEL SNYDER, Shikellamy High School  
STARLETTA NOLL-LONG, Shikellamy High School

### 2010

ALICIA DONOHUE, Abington Heights High School  
ANNABETH FAUCHER, Westmont Hilltop High School  
RYAN GLOVER, Westmont Hilltop High School  
ANDREW KIRKPATRICK, Westmont Hilltop High School  
MARISHA LOZADA, West Scranton High School

### 2009

OLIVIA BERRIGAN, Trinity High School #6  
DANIEL DELGADO, Shikellamy High School  
KARL DICKEY, Trinity High School #6  
MARISSA HENRIE, Shikellamy High School  
JOHN MCGOVERN, Peters Twp. High School  
ALEXANDRA SWARTZ, Shikellamy High School

## Past Drama Winners

2015	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1988	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
2014	Towanda High School, Towanda	1987	Harry S. Truman High School, Levittown
2013	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1986	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
2012	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1985	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster
2011	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1984	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
2010	Westmont Hilltop High School, Johnstown	1983	Harry S. Truman High School, Levittown
2009	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1982	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
2008	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1981(F)	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2007	Towanda High School, Towanda	1981(S)	Boyertown High School, Boyertown
2006	Towanda High School, Towanda	1980	Fox Chapel High School, Pittsburgh
2005	Scranton High School, Scranton	1979	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2004	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1978	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury
2003	Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1977	Council Rock High School, Newtown
2002	Wallenpaupack Area High School, Hawley	1976	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
2001	Wallenpaupack Area High School, Hawley	1975	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster
2000	Scranton High School, Scranton	1974	William Tennent High School, Lancaster
1999	Boiling Springs High School, Boiling Springs	1973	Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newtown Square
1998	Westmont-Hilltop High School, Johnstown	1972	Council Rock High School, Newtown
1997	Scranton High School, Scranton	1971	Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newtown Square
1996	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster	1970	Marple Newtown Senior High School, Newtown Square
1995	Westmont Hilltop High School, Johnstown	1969	North Catholic High School, Pittsburgh
1994	Scranton High School, Scranton	1968	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1993	Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster	1967	Scranton Central High School, Scranton
1992	Milton S. Hershey School, Hershey		
1991	Scranton Central High School, Scranton		
1990	Westmont Hilltop High School, Johnstown		
1989	Scranton Central High School, Scranton		



# **NFHS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS**

**November 2015**

## **Domestic**

### **Open-Ended**

1. What is the best way to reduce the size of America's prison population?
2. What does Marco Rubio need to do to become the Republican front-runner for President?
3. What steps can government leaders take to counter the anti-vaccination movement among America's parents?
4. What steps should President Obama take to stand-up to an increasingly aggressive Russia?
5. How should cities and states better combat the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine?
6. Why does inflation in the United States remain so low?
7. What steps does Ben Carson need to take if he is to pass Donald Trump in the Republican presidential polls?
8. Who benefitted most from the Pope's visit to the United States?
9. How will Republican candidates' attacks on "Washington insider" politicians impact the party's own leadership?
10. What could Vice President Biden have done to mount a successful campaign for President?
11. What can Hillary Clinton do to please voters who support Bernie Sanders?
12. What can America's police departments do to reverse the perception that African-Americans are the target of police violence?
13. What does Jeb Bush need to do to recapture the limelight in the contest for the Republican presidential nomination?

### **Closed-Ended**

1. Will Vice-President Biden's decision not to run for President strengthen Hillary Clinton's chances of securing the Democratic nomination?
2. Will Jim Webb pursue an independent bid for the Presidency?
3. Is the Trans-Pacific Partnership good for American trade?
4. Can Bernie Sanders convince American voters that "Democratic Socialism" is not a dangerous concept?
5. Will California's decision to permit doctor-assisted suicide lead to more states approving similar measures?
6. Is the Republican Party's struggle to find a new Speaker of the House an indication that the Tea Party faction is now in control?
7. Should the United States government regulate the price of essential pharmaceuticals?
8. Should statues and memorials to Confederate leaders be taken down?
9. Should the United States ban execution by lethal injection?
10. Should the Department of Defense close more military bases in the United States?
11. Is heroin becoming the most significant drug threat in America?
12. Can the United States mount sufficient protection of computer networks against Chinese hackers?

## **International**

### **Open-Ended**

1. How will the success of the Liberal Party in Canadian elections change relations between Canada and the United States?
2. What will it take to bring a final end to the disease Malaria?
3. What can India do to copy China's economic growth without copying its pollution?
4. How has Russian intervention changed the prospects for the Syrian government's survival?
5. What can aid agencies do to better address the Middle East refugee crisis?
6. What steps can neighboring African states take to help stabilize South Sudan?
7. What steps should be taken to calm ethnic tensions in Malaysia?
8. How will China's new infrastructure bank impact the country's influence abroad?
9. What steps must the government of Iraq take to seize territory from ISIS?
10. What would be the consequences of an independent Spanish Catalonia province?
11. What must Venezuela's opposition parties do to defeat the socialist government of Nicolas Maduro?
12. What would it take for the National League for Democracy to win control of Myanmar's government in the next election?
13. Why is growth in the economies of Asia slowing down?

## **Closed-Ended**

1. Will Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi return Egypt to democracy?
2. Will Angela Merkel's support for asylum-seekers hurt her popularity with German voters?
3. Should NATO maintain a robust military presence in Afghanistan?
4. Is El Salvador's crackdown on gang activity backfiring?
5. Is Brazil prepared to handle an influx of Syrian refugees?
6. Is China's anti-corruption campaign actually helping to combat corruption?
7. Will Russian intervention in Syria help or hurt Russian relations with the United States?
8. Will Prime Minister Abe's move to expand the role of the Self Defense Forces abroad undermine his popularity with the Japanese public?
9. Can Somalia organize a truly free and democratic election?
10. Is Zimbabwe's Robert Mugabe on the verge of being deposed?
11. Will Evo Morales' desire to seek another term as Bolivia's president diminish his popularity?
12. Is the Taliban re-emerging as a serious threat to the Afghan government's grip on power?

## **December 2015**

### **Domestic**

## **Open-Ended**

1. Which presidential candidate is best positioned to deal with a divided Congress?
2. What should be Paul Ryan's first steps to unite Republicans in the House of Representatives?
3. How has the increased use of video impacted the actions of America's police officers?
4. How does the decision of Joe Biden not to enter the Democratic presidential race impact the prospects for Democratic success in 2016?
5. Who is hurt most by criticism of presidential debate moderators?
6. What steps can be taken to limit the incarceration of juveniles?
7. How can the United States best combat ISIS?
8. What can American college and university presidents do to lessen racism on campus?
9. What steps should Jeb Bush take to revise his weakened presidential candidacy?
10. Which presidential candidate offers the most workable tax plan?
11. What is to blame for the dramatic rise in sexually transmitted diseases in the United States?
12. How will Hillary Clinton's record at the State Department impact her presidential candidacy?

## **Closed-Ended**

1. Can a new generation of reformers change the direction of the Republican Party?
2. Is legalization the best way to curb the scourge of heroin addiction?
3. Should college students be permitted to carry guns on campus?
4. Are mergers between giant drug companies good for American consumers?
5. Should the United States freeze admission of additional refugees from Syria?
6. Is rural America becoming more politically diverse?
7. Is it time to shut down the Transportation Security Administration?
8. Is the United States adequately prepared to confront ISIS activity on American soil?
9. Should Americans sacrifice civil liberties if it protects the people from terrorism?
10. Does Bernie Sanders' socialism reflect American values, as the candidate asserts?
11. Should the United States allow a freed Jonathan Pollard to emigrate to Israel?
12. Which is the bigger threat to the United States: Mexican immigrants entering the United States or leaving the United States?
13. As it prepares to enter its third year, are flaws in Obamacare beginning to outshine its strengths?

## **International**

### **Open-Ended**

1. How will China's decision to allow families to have more than one child impact the Chinese economy?
2. What steps should be taken to keep Mexico's economy growing?
3. What will be the consequence of the US Navy's recent decision to challenge China's territorial claims in the South China Sea?
4. Who bears the greatest responsibility for the downing of a Russian commercial jet in the Sinai?
5. Who benefits most from Russia's military presence in Syria?
6. What steps can Turkey's government take to improve its contentious relationship with the Kurds?
7. What will be the environmental consequences of Indonesia's forest fires?
8. What steps should Aung San Suu Kyi take to prevent Myanmar's generals from blocking her party's newly won power?
9. How will Justin Trudeau change Canadian politics?
10. What actions should Columbia's government take to ensure its peace agreement with the FARC holds?
11. How will the electoral success of Poland's conservatives impact the nation's relations with its Western allies?
12. What can the leadership of France do to reassure its anxious citizens?

### **Closed-Ended**

1. Is Angela Merkel the most influential leader in Europe?
2. Will the recent meeting between the leaders of China and Taiwan result in concrete steps toward reunification?
3. Will her handling of the refugee crisis help or hurt Angela Merkel's prospects for reelection?
4. Is Marco Rubio poised to bypass the Republican Party's leading presidential contenders as some odds-makers predict?
5. Is China's presence in Africa strengthening African countries' economies?
6. Should Israel exploit possible oil discoveries in the Golan Heights?
7. Should the West support an independent Kurdish state?
8. Should European states rethink the Schengen Agreement?
9. Will recent terrorist attacks in France unite the world in common cause against ISIS?
10. Can Chinese aircraft manufacturer COMAC compete with Boeing and Airbus?
11. Can Myanmar's new government unite its competing ethnic groups?
12. Who is playing a more important role in fighting ISIS in Iraq: the US or Iran?
13. Is Nigeria succeeding in its efforts to push back Boko Haram?

## **NFHS EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING TOPICS**

**January 2016**

### **Domestic**

### **Open-Ended**

1. How will the end of "No Child Left Behind" change education for America's students?
2. How should the federal government change its policies for regulating the entry of foreign nationals into the United States?
3. What is responsible for the decline in marriages in the United States?
4. Which Republican candidate is most likely to leave the race for President next?
5. Which Democratic candidate is most likely to leave the race for President next?
6. Who is most likely to prevail among Republican presidential contenders in the Iowa caucuses?
7. Why does the U.S. Postal Service continue to lose money?
8. What steps does Jeb Bush need to take if he is to keep his campaign alive past Iowa and New Hampshire?
9. What does Martin O'Malley need to do to become competitive in the Democratic presidential primary field?
10. What does Hillary Clinton need to do to make her personal email scandal go away?
11. How should Hillary Clinton use her husband, the former President, in her campaign?
12. Given the threats America faces, where should the Pentagon invest its resources?

### **Closed-Ended**

1. Will the Federal Reserve's decision to raise interest rates help or hurt the recovery of the U.S. economy?
2. Is the United States in greater danger from jihadists raised within its borders, or those who come from abroad?
3. Can Republican presidential candidates moderate their positions to appeal to a broader range of voters after a nominee is chosen?
4. Did Chicago's police chief deserve to be fired over the Laquan McDonald shooting?
5. Is Donald Trump still a long-shot for the Republican nomination, as pundits suggest?
6. Should universities and schools rename buildings named after former slave owners?
7. Can Bernie Sanders make a strong showing in the Iowa caucuses?
8. Is the news media providing lopsided coverage of the presidential race?
9. Will the threat posed by home-grown terrorists increase support for gun control in the United States?
10. Should President Obama continue to avoid putting boots on the ground in the fight against ISIS?
11. Has the Navy covered-up the mistreatment of Afghan citizens under interrogation by SEALs?
12. Is Ted Cruz's lack of popularity in the Senate an asset or a liability in his presidential campaign?
13. Are this season's presidential primary debates more entertainment or information?

### **International**

#### **Open-Ended**

1. What steps can European nations take to better integrate Syrian refugees into their societies?
2. What should be America's priorities as it works to rebuild its relationship with Cuba?
3. What actions can the world community take to undermine ISIS's sources of income?
4. What steps can centrist parties do to prevent further electoral gains by France's National Front?
5. How can the government of Ukraine lessen widespread corruption?
6. How can supporters of EU membership persuade British voters to stay in a united Europe?
7. How will tightening censorship in China impact the relationship between the government and the Chinese people?
8. What nations are the best candidates for leading the war on ISIS?
9. Who is in the best position to unite the Iraqi people?
10. What changes are needed to bring stability to Lebanon's government?
11. What steps can South Africa take to bring greater racial diversity to its educational system?
12. What can be done to prevent a larger conflict between Russia and Turkey?

#### **Closed-Ended**

1. Are right-wing populist politicians a danger to world peace?
2. Can the Venezuelan opposition dislodge Nicholas Maduro from power?
3. Is Africa's population growth good or bad for the economies of the continent?
4. Will the influence of Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner haunt her successor as Argentina's president?
5. Is the close relationship between India and Japan a threat to China?
6. Will Myanmar's military leadership resist Aung San Suu Kyi's attempts to consolidate power over the country?
7. Is ISIS's own propaganda actually hurting its image in the Middle East?
8. Who will prevail in Yemen's civil war?
9. Can President Joseph Kabila be expected to peacefully step aside when term limits bring his rule of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to an end?
10. Will Brazil's opposition succeed in impeaching Dilma Rousseff?
11. Will Poland's new government be a thorn in the side of the NATO alliance?
12. Is Najib Razak secure in his job as Malaysia's Prime Minister?
13. Are the Chinese people forcing the hand of their government when it comes to global climate policy?

# DISTRICT AND STATE TOURNAMENT TOPICS

## TOPIC AREAS

Topic areas in **Commentary** for use at District and State competitions are:

Topic areas in **Extemporaneous Speaking** for use at District and State competitions are:

### Commentary Topics

1. Global Economy
2. The Obama Legacy
3. Social Media
4. World Health Issues
5. International Leaders
6. Pennsylvania Politics

### Extemporaneous Speaking Topics

1. US Candidates & Elections
2. Privacy Issues
3. European Economy
4. Africa
5. World Human Rights
6. New Frontiers in Science

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE – Prepared Rounds for 2015-2016 District and State Competition

This house believes that governments should provide a guaranteed Universal Basic income.

*(Please do not use this topic at other tournaments)*

### **Impromptu round topic areas for Parliamentary Debate:**

- must be used at Districts if there are more than two rounds of Parliamentary Debate
  - will be used at States
  - Please ENCOURAGE other tournaments to use these as their **Impromptu** topics.
1. Latin America
  2. Bill of Rights Issues
  3. PA Common Core
  4. Animal Rights
  5. College Admissions
  6. Entitlements (SS, Medicare, Medicaid, TANF)

# PLAIN TALK ABOUT STUDENT CONGRESS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

(Prepared by Peggy Madden and Alice Ursin)

In order to participate in the Student Congress held during the State Tournament, a school (not a student) must submit a bill or resolution by the date listed on the PHSSL Calendar.

Bills and resolutions submitted to PHSSL should be original to your school and not something you found at another student congress.

It is important that bills and resolutions follow the proper format. Hybrids (half bill/half resolution) are not acceptable.

## RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions answer two simple questions:

1. Why do we want to do something?
2. What is it we want to do?

The WHY is expressed through whereas clauses which begin the resolution. If you were to substitute the word "because" in place of "whereas" at the beginning of each clause it would read smoothly, but the language of Parliamentary Procedure requires you use the word "Whereas."

The resolution ends with a statement that begins with "Therefore, be it resolved by this PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that . . ." and simply explains what it is you wish to do. A resolution may consist of just this statement and not explain why.

Resolutions may suggest change (but you need not indicate how) or may be written to support the status quo, to praise a person or event, to chastise, or to offer a proclamation.

## BILLS

Bills answer many questions:

1. What is it we want to do?
2. How will we do it?
3. Who will administer it?
4. When will we start to do it?
5. How will it be financed?
6. How will it be enforced?
  - A. By whom?
  - B. Do we need penalties if people don't comply?
  - C. What will these penalties be?

Bills do not explain why, and so they begin immediately with the clause "Be it enacted by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that . . ." Sections that follow answer the necessary questions listed above. It is not always necessary to answer all of the questions listed nor in the order listed.

Bills do not suggest; they mandate change, and if enacted (passed), have the power of law.

The CONGRESS WORKSHEET on the following three pages should help you in preparing a good bill or resolution for the PHSSL State Student Congress.

**WORKSHEET FOR PREPARING  
CONGRESS BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

So.....you want to write a bill. **DECIDE**, is it something that you want to be definite and have the force of law **OR** are you merely stating a conviction and saying "Wouldn't it be nice if....?"

**HOW TO BEGIN:**

**LOOK AROUND YOU, READ AND WATCH THE NEWS.** Is something troubling you about our society, our foreign policy, our morals, etc. **THEN:**

I. **STATE THE PROBLEM:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

II. **WHY IS THERE A PROBLEM? ARE THERE ANY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS? WHAT'S HAPPENING?**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

III. **WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT? ARE THERE PENALTIES IF THE LAW IS VIOLATED? IF FINANCING IS NEEDED, HOW WILL IT BE DONE? WHEN WILL THE LAW TAKE EFFECT?**  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**NOW YOU'RE READY TO BEGIN**

First write a resolution. Begin with WHEREAS clauses. Whereas clauses are where you build your rationale. Use Parts I and II to help you. Conclude with BE IT RESOLVED...using Part III.  
What can be done?

1. WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_

13. WHEREAS: \_\_\_\_\_

14. \_\_\_\_\_

15. \_\_\_\_\_

16. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. \_\_\_\_\_

19. \_\_\_\_\_

20. \_\_\_\_\_



Perhaps you feel more strongly about the issue. You feel that "THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW!" – O.K. Write one! Use Part III to write your ENACTMENT sections. Penalties, financing, and when the bill goes into effect will be in the last section. What you want the law to be are in the first sections.

BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

1. Section 1: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Section 2: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Section 3: \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Section 4: \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Section 5: \_\_\_\_\_

14. \_\_\_\_\_

15. \_\_\_\_\_

16. Section 6: \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_

18. \_\_\_\_\_

# STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Susquehanna University, April 8 & 9, 2016  
Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

### TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS PHONE

FRIDAY (8:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

On Campus Dial: 2811 \_ Off Campus Dial: 372-2811

SATURDAY (7:45 AM to 5:00 PM)

On Campus Dial: 2812 \_ Off Campus Dial: 372-2812

### STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### THURSDAY, April 7, 2016

1:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting, Meeting Room #2, followed by a work session.  
DEGENSTEIN CAMPUS CENTER

#### FRIDAY, April 8, 2016

9:00-12 NOON

Registration. All **Cross-X Debate** teams must be registered by 12:00 Noon.  
Otherwise Round I will be forfeited.  
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, FOYER

9:00-2:00 p.m.

Registration. All non-cross-X Debate competitors.  
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, FOYER

1:00 p.m.

Meeting for all Cross-X debaters, coaches and judges.  
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

Cross-X Debate Tabroom opened.  
Apfelbaum Hall 306

1:45 p.m.

Cross-X Debate

Round I

2:00 p.m.

**ALL SCHOOLS MUST COMPLETE REGISTRATION**  
EVEN THOUGH FEES HAVE BEEN PAID

2:15 p.m.

Tabroom Tournament Committee Meeting  
Weber Chapel- Right hallway

2:45 p.m.

General meeting for all Student Congress, L-D Debate, Parliamentary Debate,  
individual events, contestants, coaches, judges and **HIRED JUDGES.**

Hall of Fame Presentation. WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM.

- 3:15 p.m. Cross -X Debate Round II
- 3:30-ON p.m. Early dinner/snack break. Benny's Bistro will be open during these hours. There will be food available for purchase at Selinsgrove High School (SHS) and the Selinsgrove Elementary School (SES).
- 3:30 p.m. Contestants and judges for Impromptu Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry and Prose board buses in front of WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM TO GO TO SHS.
- Contestants for Public Forum, L-D board buses in front of WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM TO TRAVEL TO SES. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE PRIVATE CARS OR BUSES TO THE ELEMENTARY OR HIGH SCHOOL. EVERYONE IS ASKED TO USE THE SHUTTLE SERVICE.
- 3:45 p.m. Impromptu Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry and Prose contestants report to the SHS CAFETERIA.
- 4:00 p.m. Meeting for all Impromptu Speaking, Duo Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Poetry and Prose judges at SHS CAFETERIA  
L-D and Public Forum contestants and judges report to the SES CAFETERIA.
- Meeting for Radio Announcing contestants and judges.  
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM.

***PAIRING AND JUDGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES BEFORE EACH ROUND.***

- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Student Congress: HOUSE Opening Session and Committee Meetings.  
Commonwealth House — SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM.  
State House — SEIBERT HALL, ROOM 108  
Keystone House — Garrett Sports Complex, Apple Rm
- 4:15 p.m. Extemp. Speaking. FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Prep.  
Commentary. FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Prep.  
Impromptu Speaking. SHS AUDITORIUM Prep.
- Parliamentary Debate Round I
- 4:30 p.m. Public Forum Debate Round I  
Student Congress: Senate (Apfelbaum 319) Session I  
L-D Debate Round I

4:45 p.m.	Announcing – All Sections	Round I
	Radio Announcing	Round I
	Extemporaneous Speaking	Round I
	Commentary	Round I
	Impromptu Speaking	Round I
	Informative Speaking	Round I
	Persuasive Speaking	Round I
	Dramatic Interpretation	Round I
	Humorous Interpretation	Round I
	Oral Interpretation of Prose	Round I
	Oral Interpretation of Poetry	Round I
	Duo Interpretation	Round I
5:15 p.m.	Parliamentary Debate	Round II
5:30 p.m.	Cross-X Debate	Round III
	Public Forum Debate	Round II
	L-D Debate	Round II
5:30- 9:00p.m.	Student Congress: HOUSE. Session I Commonwealth House- SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM State House- SEIBERT HALL, ROOM 108 Keystone House- Garret Sports Complex, Apple Rm	
6:00 p.m.	Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL	<u>Prep.</u>
	Commentary FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLER LECTURE HALL	<u>Prep.</u>
	Impromptu Speaking SHS Auditorium	<u>Prep.</u>
6:30 p.m.	Persuasive Speaking	Round II
	Informative Speaking	Round II
	Oral Interpretation of Prose	Round II
	Oral interpretation of Poetry	Round II
	Dramatic Interpretation	Round II
	Humorous Interpretation	
	Duo Interpretation	
	Extemporaneous Speaking	Round II
	Commentary	Round II
	Impromptu Speaking	Round II
	Radio Announcing	Round II
7:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Debate	Round III
7:15 p.m.	Public Form	Round III
	L-D Debate	Round III

8:00 p.m.	Cross-X Debate Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Commentary FISHER SCIENCE, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Impromptu Speaking SHS AUDITORIUM	Round IV <u>Prep.</u> <u>Prep.</u> <u>Prep.</u>
8:30 p.m.	Persuasive Speaking Duo Interpretation Dramatic Interpretation Humorous Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Poetry Oral Interpretation of Prose Extemporaneous Speaking Commentary Impromptu Speaking Informative speaking Informative Speaking Student Congress: Senate (Apfelbaum 319)	Round III Round III Round III Round III Round III Round III Round III Round III Round III Round III Round III Session II
8:45 p.m.	Parliamentary Debate L-D Debate Public Forum	Round IV Round IV Round IV
9:30- 11:45 p.m.	Buffet. EVERT DINING HALL, CAMPUS CENTER. When available, pairings for Saturday morning will be posted on <b>MULTI MEDIA</b> . There will be posting in the lobby of Weber Chapel Auditorium and on the Internet.	

**SATURDAY, April 9, 2016**

8:00 a.m.	Cross-X Debate Student Congress: Senate (Apfelbaum 319) Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCEINCE,FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Commentary FISHER SCEINCE,FAYLOR LECTURE HALL Impromptu Speaking BOGAR HALL, ROOM 102	Quarter Finals Session II cont. <u>Prep.</u> <u>Prep.</u> <u>Prep.</u>
8:30 a.m.	Radio Announcing- All Sections L-D Debate Parliamentary Debate Public Forum Debate Impromptu Speaking Dramatic Interpretation Duo Interpretation Oral Interpretation of Poetry Oral Interpretation of Prose Humorous Interpretation Informative Speaking Persuasive Speaking	Quarter-finals Quarter-finals Quarter-finals Quarter-finals Quarter-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals Semi-finals
8:45 a.m.	Extemporaneous Speaking	Semi-finals

	Commentary	Semi-finals
8:00- 11:00 a.m.	Student Congress HOUSE, Session II. Commonwealth House- SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM State House- SEIBERT HALL, ROOM 108 Keystone House- Garrett Sports Complex, Apple Room	
10:15 a.m.	L-D Debate	Semi-finals
	Public Forum Debate	Semi-finals
10:30 a.m.	Parliamentary Debate	Semi-finals
	Cross-X Debate	Semi-finals
	Extemp. Speaking FISHER SCEINCE,FAYLOR LECTURE HALL	<u>Prep.</u>
	Commentary FISHER SCEINCE,FAYLOR LECTURE HALL	<u>Prep.</u>
	Impromptu Speaking BOGAR HALL, ROOM 102	<u>Prep.</u>
11:00 a.m.	Radio Announcing	Semi-finals
	Impromptu Speaking	Semi-finals
	Informative Speaking	Final round
	Humorous Interpretation	Final round
	Dramatic Interpretation	Final round
	Oral Interpretation of Prose	Final round
	Oral Interpretation of Poetry	Final round
	Duo Interpretation	Final round
	Persuasive Speaking	Final round
	Extemporaneous Speaking	Final round
	Commentary	Final round
12:00 NOON	L-D Debate	Final round
	Public Forum Debate	Final round
	Student Congress: HOUSE	Super Session
12:15 p.m.	Cross-X Debate	Final round
12:30 p.m.	Student Congress: SENATE	Super session
	SEIBERT HALL, ISAACS AUDITORIUM	
	Parliamentary Debate	Final round
1:00 p.m.	Radio Announcing	Final round
	Impromptu	Final round

**3:00 PM**

**AWARDS ASSEMBLY  
WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM**

All contestants and coaches are expected to attend and remain for the entire program.  
Appropriate dress is requested.

# MAJOR EVENT ASSIGNMENTS

## MAJOR EVENT ASSIGNMENTS - FRIDAY, April 8, 2016

### SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Opening Meeting.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
Impromptu Prep.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, AUDITORIUM  
Tabulation Room.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 148  
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 226  
Student Snack Room.....SELINGROVE HIGH SCHOOL, CAFETERIA

### SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Opening Meeting.....SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CAFETERIA  
Tabulation Room.....SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, C104  
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room..SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FACULTY LOUNGE  
Student Snack Room..... SELINGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CAFETERIA

### SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY

Opening Assembly.....WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM  
Extemp. Speaking Prep.....FISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL  
Commentary Prep .....FISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL  
Tabulation Rooms.....APFELBAUM HALL, ROOM 318 & ROOM 322  
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room.....WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, NORTH LOBBY  
Student Lounge.....CAMPUS CENTER, MELLON LOUNGE  
L-D/Cross X Debate Postings.....APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY  
IE Posting Area.....APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY  
Ballot Connection .....WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, SOUTH LOBBY

## MAJOR EVENT ASSIGNMENTS - SATURDAY, April 9, 2016

### SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY

Extemporaneous Speaking Prep .....FISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL  
Commentary Prep ..... FISHER SCIENCE BLDG, FAYLOR LECTURE HALL  
Impromptu Speaking Prep .....BOGAR HALL, ROOM 102  
Tabulation Rooms.....APFELBAUM HALL, ROOM 318 & ROOM 322  
Coaches/Judges Hospitality Room .....WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, LOBBY  
Student Lounge .....CAMPUS CENTER, MELLON LOUNGE  
Debate Postings .....APFELBAUM HALL LOBBY  
IE Posting Area..... WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, NORTH LOBBY  
Awards Ceremonies..... WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM  
Ballot Collection .....WEBER CHAPEL AUDITORIUM, SOUTH LOBBY

\*assignments may be subject to change\*

## RADIO ANNOUNCING

The schedule and format changes for Radio are as follows:

1. In preliminary rounds, rounds will continue to be double-flighted. The same judges will judge each flight.
2. Judges will pick up and return ballots at the same place as all other judges and report to their rooms.
3. Students in each flight will sit together in the room as in other speech rounds and will hear each other's presentation.
4. Judges will fill in students' information or have students fill in their own information.
5. Tabulation will be done in the same location as other speech events.
6. Time schedule:

### Friday:

- 3:30 pm Radio Announcing assembly immediately following opening General Assembly  
Followed by early dinner/snack break.
- 4:45 pm Round I, flight 1 (same judges for both flights)
- 5:30 pm Round I, flight 2
- 6:30 pm Round II, flight 1 (same judges for both flights)
- 7:15 pm Round II, flight 2

### Saturday:

- 8:30 am Quarter-final Round (4 rooms needed)
- 10:30 am Semi-finalists announced and report for Prep
- 11:00 am Semi-final Round (2 rooms needed for competition, 1 room for Prep)
- 12:30 pm Finalists announced and report for Prep
- 1:00 pm Final Round (1 room needed for competition, 1 room for Prep)

**D. Radio Announcing and Impromptu Re-ranking:** After discussion, it was determined a semi-final re-rank will be used for tie-breaking as provided for in our rules. A quarter-final re-rank will not be used.

## **The PHSSL Board has amended the Technology Policy. Below is the amended statement on technology:**

Being able to collect and organize current data is an important skill in today's digital environment. We believe that having the opportunity to use digital resources and synthesize information taken from them to make the best speeches and arguments possible will provide practice in a valuable skill that cannot be matched in any other academic situation.

The use of electronic retrieval devices is permitted in all PHSSL events. This ruling is not meant to imply that any student must use electronic devices, merely that it is now permitted.

- This includes the retrieval -- in preparation rooms and during rounds -- of stored data and, if possible, the online retrieval of current information.
- This includes using digital resources to flow debates and to prepare speeches.
- This includes using digital resources to time debates and speeches.

No guarantee of power or of Internet connectivity should be presumed. There should be no expectation placed on host schools to provide either of these resources. Students wishing to use digital devices must be responsible for providing these resources and for having an alternative plan if the digital devices fail.

Digital communication between speakers and persons outside of the competition event or room is not permitted. PHSSL's intent is similar to its rules under Cross-Exam Debate and under the Preparation Room Procedures for Extemporaneous Speaking and Commentary: consulting with a coach or anyone outside the competition room once the competition has begun will result in disqualification from the competition.



## LODGING

Selinsgrove Area of Central Pennsylvania (distance from SU in parenthesis)

### SELINGSGROVE

#### **Selinsgrove Inn**

214 N. Market St.  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870  
570.374.4100  
866.375.1700 (0.9 miles)

#### **Hampton Inn**

3 Stettler Ave.  
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876  
570.743.2223 (4.3 miles)

#### **Comfort Inn**

613 N. Susquehanna Trail  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870  
570.374.8880 (2.8 miles)

#### **Golden Arrow Motel**

2681 N. Susquehanna Trail  
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876  
570.743.1611 (4.4 miles)

#### **Econo Lodge**

3249 N. Susquehanna Trail  
Shamokin Dam, PA 17876  
570.743.1111 (4.9 miles)

### LEWISBURG

#### **Days Inn University**

409 N. Derr Drive  
Rte. 15  
Lewisburg, PA 17837  
570.523.1171  
(14.7 miles)

#### **Hampton Inn**

140 International Dr. Rte.15  
Lewisburg, PA, 17837  
570.522.8500

#### **Rodeway Inn**

4687 Westbranch Hwy  
Lewisburg, PA 17837  
570.523.1106  
(13.1 miles)

#### **Best Western Country**

**Cupboard Inn** Rte. 15 North  
Lewisburg, PA 17837  
570.524.5500  
800.528.1234  
(16.2 miles)

#### **Comfort Suites**

4775 West Branch Highway  
Lewisburg, PA 17837  
570.524.8000 (13.2 miles)

### NEW COLUMBIA

#### **Quality Inn**

I-80 & Rte. 15  
330 Commerce Park  
New Columbia, PA 17856  
570.568.8000 (21 miles)

#### **Holiday Inn Express**

I-80 & Rte. 15  
160 Commerce Park  
New Columbia, PA 17856  
570.568.1100  
1-800-HOLIDAY (20.9 miles)

### DANVILLE

#### **Pine Barn Inn & Motel**

1 Pine Barn Place  
Danville, PA 17821  
570.275-2071 (20.1 miles)

#### **Red Roof Inn**

I-80 & Rte. 54  
300 Red Roof Rd  
Danville, PA 17821  
570.275-5100 (21.3 miles)

#### **Days Inn**

50 Sheraton Rd.  
Danville, PA 17821  
570.275.5510  
800.329.7466 (22.4 miles)

#### **Hampton Inn**

97 Old Valley School Rd.  
Danville, PA 17821  
570.271.2500 (21.8 miles)

#### **Quality Inn & Suites**

15 Valley West Rd.  
Danville, PA 17821  
570.275.5100  
866.899.9054 (22.4 miles)

## PHSSL HALL OF FAME

2015	KATHY HEWSTON Hempfield Area Senior High School, Greensburg	1996	JOHN BUETTLER Holy Ghost Preparatory, Bensalem
2014	KATHRYN GINGERICH Red Land High School, Lewisberry	1996	JANET DICENZO Kennedy-Kenrick High School, Norristown
2014	STEVE MEDOFF Pennsbury High School, Fairless Fields	1996	ANTHONY FIGLIOLA Holy Ghost Preparatory, Bensalem
2013	CHRISTINE METCALFE Mechanicsburg High School, Mechanicsburg	1995	MARY ANN YOSKEY BERTY Trinity High School, Washington
2013	JOHN V. ROCHE Nazareth Academy High School, Philadelphia	1995	W. MICHAEL NAILOR Danville High School, Danville
2012	TIM WAXENFELTER Quigley Catholic High School, Baden	1995	BETH YOUNG North Catholic High School, Pittsburgh
2011	KEITH BROSIOS Elk Lake High School, Dimock	1994	RALPH KARN Keystone Oaks High School, Pittsburgh
2010	DAVID LONG Southern Lehigh High School, Center Valley	1994	JANET ROBB McKeesport Area High School, McKeesport
2010	LARRY AUGUSTINE Susquehanna University, Executive Director	1993	MARGARET EMELSON Uniontown High School, Uniontown
2010	SANDY SAXMAN Susquehanna University, Secretary	1992	GLORIA WASILEWSKI Riverside High School, Ellwood City
2009	SHARON VOLPE North Allegheny High School, Wexford	1992	CARL GRECCO Truman High School, Levittown
2008	ROBERTA RINGER Mercer Area High School, Mercer	1992	GLENN CAVENAUGH Derry Area High School, Derry
2007	VICKY TRIMMER Mechanicsburg Area High School, Mechanicsburg	1991	THOMAS FARR Shikellamy & Danville High School(s)
2007	MARSHA K. WILLIAMS Greensburg-Salem High School, Greensburg	1990	MARILYN ENGLEHART Central Cambria High School
2006	ELLEN BOYER Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1990	FATHER TOM MEULEMANS Archmere Academy
2005	MARY FURLONG Delone Catholic High School, McSherrystown	1989	EDWIN KELLY Pennsbury High School
2004	ROBERT CASEY Trinity High School, Camp Hill	1989	CALLISTUS W. MILAN Saint Vincent College
2003	CARL W. ASKEW Shikellamy High School, Sunbury	1988	PEGGY ANN MADDEN North Hills High School
2002	KATHLEEN O'HALLORAN Norwin High School, North Huntingdon	1988	HOWARD FEDRICK Bishop Oreilly High School
2002	REV. RAYMOND HAHN Cathedral Preparatory, Erie	1987	ELEANOR LANGAN Scranton Central High School
2001	ALICE URSIN Bethel Park High School, Bethel Park	1987	THELMA CARUSO Charleroi Area High School
2001	MARIA CARUSI Gwynedd Mercy Academy (Posthumously)	1986	JEANNE M. LUTZ Director, PA High School Speech League
2000	SALLY FINLEY Belle Vernon High School, Belle Vernon	1986	ROBERT E. DUNHAM The PA State University
1999	No Award Given	1986	BROTHER RENE STERNER Calvert Hall College
1998	WILLIAM MURRAY Mechanicsburg Area High School, Mechanicsburg	1986	BERYL MacLEAN Moon Area High School
1998	ANTHONY STOKES The Kiski School, Saltsburg	1986	SISTER ST. IRMINUS Lancaster Catholic & Cardinal Brennan High School(s)
1997	ROYCE RICE North Hills High School, Pittsburgh		
1997	HUGH P. RINGER Mercer Area High School, Mercer		

# PHSSL ANNUAL T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



## Rules and Regulations for contest:

1. The PHSSL logo must appear somewhere in the design.
2. Only 2 colors may be used in addition to the color of the T-shirt.
3. The design should be created for the front of the shirt.
4. Use of copyrighted cartoon characters, emblems, expressions, etc., is prohibited; however, creativity is encouraged.
5. Good taste and the fine reputation of PHSSL are of primary concern.
6. Double entendres are prohibited.
7. Designs may be submitted by students, coaches, and judges of PHSSL contests.
8. All designs submitted become the property of PHSSL and may be adjusted to meet the needs of the league and the T-shirt company.
9. The committee reserves the right to reject any and all designs.
10. Designs must be submitted in camera-ready copy form and should not exceed 11" wide by 13" long.
11. The winning designer will receive a free T-shirt and recognition in the State Tournament Program.
12. **Please email all designs to Mr. Michael Shaffer by February 15, 2016** at [mshaffer@westasd.org](mailto:mshaffer@westasd.org) or [mshaffer7777@gmail.com](mailto:mshaffer7777@gmail.com)

## Public Forum Judge Guidelines

### During the Tournament

- Check the schedule
  - Public Forum rounds run on a slightly different schedule than the rest of the tournament.
- Check the judge list
  - All of the judges we will be using for rounds 3 and 4 are listed on the schematic.
  - We cannot tell you which rooms you will be judging in until after we pair the debates for that round.
    - However, if your name is listed, you will be judging that round and will need to pick up ballots at the appropriate times.
- Elimination Rounds (States Only)
  - Judges will be posted with the general speech pools for early and later elimination rounds.
    - Check the schedule and make sure you check the postings to see if you are judging an elimination round.
    - Do NOT leave the judge lounge.
  - Early judging pool assignment may mean either Quarter-Finals or Semi-Finals.
  - Later judging pool assignment may mean Finals.

### Before the Debate Begins

- Verify that the two teams that are supposed to debate are actually in your room.
- Make sure the correct number of judges are present {States only)
  - Two judges should be present for preliminary rounds.
  - Three judges should be present for Quarters and Semis.
  - Five judges should be present for Finals.
- Have the teams do the coin flip and choose sides and order of speaking only after both judges are present (States only).
- Write the names of the debaters for each team on the correct side, Pro and Con, of the ballot.
  - If it helps to have the Pro team on the left side of the room and the Con team on the right side, in order to match the ballot positions, you may ask the teams to arrange themselves that way.
  - **Make sure** you know which team is going **first** and which team is going second.
- Decide which judge is keeping time in the round.
  - Debaters may have their own timers; however, at least one judge in the round **MUST** keep official time for each of the speeches or crossfires in the round.
  - Determine how time signals are going to be given – This is an absolute must.
- Determine how prep time is going to be signaled and who is going to keep track of it.
  - Verbally telling when each 30 seconds has passed is the normal way to do this.
  - Keep track of how much each TEAM uses throughout the debate.
    - They get a maximum of 2 minutes throughout the entire debate.
    - They do not have to use it.

### During the Debate

- Be a tabula rosa, blank slate, during the debate.
  - Do not bring any personal arguments or personal opinions in to the debate.
  - Only decide on issues based on what is presented in the debate and how it is presented.
- Give time signals when necessary.

First Pro Speaker	4 minutes
First Con Speaker	4 minutes
Crossfire	3 minutes
Second Pro Speaker	4 minutes
Second Con Speaker	4 minutes

Crossfire	3 minutes
Summary – First Pro Speaker	2 minutes
Summary – First Con Speaker	2 minutes
Grand Crossfire	3 minutes
Final Focus – Second Pro Speaker	2 minutes
Final Focus – Second Con Speaker	2 minutes

Each team will have a total of 2 minutes of preparation time throughout the debate.

- Students must stand during all speeches and crossfires.
- Write the ballot as the round progresses.
  - The debates move quickly and you will most likely forget comments you wanted to put down if you wait until the end of the round to write it down.
  - This saves down time at the end of the round.
  - You should only have to write your reason for decision at the end of the round.
  - Write in ballpoint pen because it needs to transfer through two sheets of paper.
- Write down major arguments as the round progresses.
  - This may help you make your decision at the end of the round.
  - This may help you follow the organization of each debate team.

#### At the End of the Debate

- Thank the participants for debating.
- Write a clear reason for your decision.
  - You are allowed to vote on any aspect(s) of the debate round that you want.
- Do not converse with the other judge(s) in the room. (States and Tie Breaking rounds at Districts)
- Fill in all of the boxes with the letters.
- Sign the ballot.
- Flight A judges need to vacate the room ASAP so that Flight B can start on time. (States only)
- Return the ballot to the tab room immediately after the round.
  - It should take no more than five minutes after the round for you to finish writing the ballot.