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**Join us in the Province of the
Great West for PKD's 50th Biennial
National Tournament and Convention
at Boise State University
March 21-25, 2017**



Restaurants Near Boise State University:

Baja Fresh	980 S. Broadway Avenue	208-331-1100
Barbacoa	276 W. Bobwhite Court	208-338-5000
Bittercreek Alehouse	246 N. 8th Street	208-345-1813
Buffalo Wild Wings	777 W. Main Street	208-429-6355
Café Zupas	133 S. Broadway Avenue	208-401-1414
Chandlers	981 W. Grove Street	208-383-4300
Chick-fil-a	1910 University Boulevard	208-426-1437
Chili's	916 S. Broadway Avenue	208-389-2200
Cottonwood Grill	913 W. River Street	208-333-9800
Domino's Pizza	2273 S. Vista Avenue	208-343-5995
Elmer's Restaurant	1385 S. Capitol Boulevard	208-343-5714
Five Guys Burgers	321 S. 8th Street	208-429-8776
Guru Doughnuts	928 W. Main Street	208-571-7792
Jimmy Johns	598 W. Main Street	208-955-7250
La Tapita	401 W. Parkcenter Boulevard	208-343-6403
The Lift Bar & Grill	1010 LaPointe Street	208-344-2176
Moe's Southwest Grill	1910 University Drive	208-426-1437
Noodles & Company	1233 S. Broadway Avenue	208-433-9979
Panda Express	601 W. Front Street	208-333-7781
PF Chang's	391 S. 8th Street	208-342-8100
Pie Hole	1016 S. Broadway Avenue	208-424-2225
Pita Pit	746 W. Main Street	208-388-1900
Pizza Hut	818 Ann Morrison Park Drive	208-344-7041
Ram Restaurant & Brewery	709 E. Park Boulevard	208-345-2929
Red Robbin	211 W. Parkcenter Boulevard	208-344-7471
Reel Foods Fish Market	611 S. Capitol Boulevard	208-342-2727
Subway	1910 University Boulevard	208-426-1257
Tin Roof Tacos	115 S. Broadway Avenue	208-336-6461

Museums and Sights:

Basque Museum	611 W. Grove Street	208-343-2671
Boise Art Museum	670 E. Julia Davis Drive	208-345-8330
Discovery Center Museum	131 W. Myrtle Street	208-343-9895
Idaho Historical Museum	610 E. Julia Davis Drive	208-334-2120
Model Railroad Museum	106 N. 6th Street	208-830-6135
Old Idaho Penitentiary	2445 Old Penitentiary Road	208-334-2844



PI KAPPA DELTA
The Art of Persuasion, Beautiful and Just

October 10, 2016

Dear Colleague—

On behalf of the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta I want to thank you for investing in the educational endeavors of your own students and those throughout our order by renewing your chapter's membership. This is an exciting time to be affiliated with PKD and we are honored that you have chosen to be a part of it.

Many wonderful things are taking place within our order. We are busily preparing to host our 50th biennial convention and tournament March 21-25 on the campus of Boise State University in beautiful Boise, Idaho. We are proud that our organization continues its tradition of offering the most comprehensive and inclusive national tournament experience of any collegiate forensics organization. You will notice several new features that are a part of this year's biennial. We have changed and clarified certain rules and procedures about Interviewing and Student Congress in response to thoughts and suggestions from our membership. We continue to promote advocacy of important issues by continuing to support our Persuasion Works initiative to provide financial support those worthy causes advocated by student members. This year's biennial will also have several professional development sessions which are integrated into the schedule. You'll be receiving more specific information about these opportunities soon.

As I and the other members of the Council are fond of saying, however, PKD is "more than just a national tournament." With your help, we are working to make PKD a more comprehensive organization. In the coming weeks you will receive information about proposed changes to our Constitution, revisions and updating of our tournament bylaws, and a new effort to streamline and update our strategic plan. We have a new website <https://www.speechanddebate.org/pkd/> which (although still a work in progress) will enable us to eventually offer our members many more resources for forensics education. We are equally excited to be offering another opportunity to promote forensics scholarship by hosting our second annual preconference at this year's NCA convention on November 9th from 9:00a.m. until 5:00p.m. Be watching for more details soon.

In short, this is an exciting time to be a part of PKD. Thank you for partnering with us to advance our order's chief aim: to promote "the art of persuasion, beautiful and just."

Sincerely,

Dr. David Bailey, President
Southwest Baptist University



PI KAPPA DELTA

The Art of Persuasion, Beautiful and Just

**President Elect's Letter
Dr. Tomeka Robinson
Hofstra University**

Happy Beginning of the Forensics Season,

Welcome to another wonderful season. Your National Council has been very busy throughout the summer in preparation for this year's convention in Boise, ID. We like to keep you all updated on our activities. I have been working on getting bids in for the 2018 NCT and 2019 Convention. Several campuses have already expressed interest, but we always welcome more bids. If you are interested in finding out more about requirements and how to submit a bid, please let me know. This year I have also served as your NCA Division Program Planner. We had so many strong submissions and we wish that we could have accepted them all. So, if you are in Philadelphia, PA in November for NCA, please come and support our sessions. The more people we have in attendance at individual sessions, the more sessions we can get in the future. We will also be conducting our PKD Pre-Conference again this year on the Wednesday before NCA. There is also an exciting lineup of speakers and for Province Governor's, this is also where we will have some space and time to work with you. Lastly, I have been very happy to serve as the Tournament Application Administrator for the last few NCT and Convention tournaments, but I am even more pleased to announce that we have a new Administrator. Prof. Joel Anguiano from El Paso Community College has agreed to take over these responsibilities. Please join me in welcoming him on board! I am looking forward to seeing you all on the circuit and of course in Boise, ID for Convention!

Tomeka

Would you like to serve as a reviewer for next year's NCA panel and paper submissions?

Pi Kappa Delta submissions to NCA are evaluated according to a blind peer-review process and we need your help! Being a reviewer is a great way to get involved in Pi Kappa Delta, and your service to the organization is greatly appreciated. Reviewers are asked to evaluate PKD paper, panel and discussion forum submissions and to rank order their choices. In addition, reviewers are asked to make brief comments to those who submitted proposals that were not selected for presentation at the convention. The ideal reviewer is someone who is detail oriented and exercises good time management skills, For more information, or to submit your name for consideration, please contact PKD President David Bailey or President-Elect Tomeka Robinson.

Treasurer's Report:

2016 was a good year for both revenue and investment income, and Pi Kappa Delta remains financially stable and prosperous. On the revenue side, strong tournament entry numbers, robust membership and chapter support contributed to the organization's bottom line. More than 650 new members were inducted, easily surpassing the average of 200 students for typical NCT years, and rivaling the highest membership totals for convention years. On the investment side, a favorable climate for stocks and bonds resulted in a new return for 2015 of \$5,140, or 4.4%, compared with a return rate of .85% in our previous investments with Fidelity.

On the expense side, the 2015-16 Fiscal Year (which ended July 31, 2016) will appear to be a bit higher than normal because our 2015 tournament banquet in Ohio was billed and paid for during the following fiscal year. Pi Kappa Delta also made significant investments in its archives at Ottawa University, in the Oral History Project administrated by Pacific Lutheran University, in its website and membership points application, and in video services to capture and archive final rounds at the National Comprehensive Tournament in Lexington, Kentucky. In addition, the organization awarded another Targeted Instructional Grant, and made the instructional materials that were produced available free to members on its website. Going forward, the National Council will be able to make additional investments in programming as several major expenses (such as those associated with the opening of our archives) sunset.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phillip Voight
Gustavus Adolphus College

FY 2016 Account Balances (As of June 1, 2016)	
BMO Checking:	\$33,796.25
BMO Savings:	\$35,287.85
US Bank Checking:	\$17,949.09
Subtotal:	\$87,033.19
Minnesota Philanthropy Partners:	\$115,922.00
Grand Total:	\$202,955.19
FY 2015 total:	\$239,745
FY 2014 total:	\$213,805
FY 2013 total:	\$236,746
FY 2012 total:	\$186,530
FY 2011 total:	\$187,518
FY 2010 total:	\$149,788
Average:	\$202,441

PKD Chapter Dues and Memberships:

Have you renewed your chapter dues for 2016-17? Have all of your team-members joined Pi Kappa Delta? Last year, the National Council adjusted the fee schedule in an attempt to encourage members to pay their annual chapter dues and to enroll members during the Fall semester, rather than at the National Tournament. There were several reasons for this change:

- 1) Individual and chapter members receive access to members-only resources on the PKD website, including access to videotapes of Final Round performances and instructional materials.
- 2) Late renewal often created a cash-flow problem for the organization which required it to maintain larger than needed cash reserves (at low or no interest) to fund the organization until anticipated membership revenues materialized.
- 3) Late renewal made it difficult to assess the overall size of the organization, and thus complicated grant funding requests. This is a more serious problem that it may appear. When organizations asked for current membership data, PKD appeared far smaller than it actually was. Potential funders also wondered if PKD was really important to its members, given that few of them seemed to pay their dues on time.

For these reasons, incentives for early renewal were created for both individual members and chapters:

Individual Memberships:*

\$35.00 (prior to February 21st)

\$50.00 (after February 21st)

*Remember that lifetime membership is FREE to students who were previously members of the NSDA. However, such students still need to complete an online membership application.

Chapter Memberships:

\$75.00 (prior to November 1st)

\$100.00 (from November 2nd to February 21st)

\$125.00 (after February 21st)

Please join or renew online and thank you for your support of Pi Kappa Delta!

PKD Targeted Instructional Grant Application

3 grants available, \$1,000 per grant

GENERAL PURPOSE: The general purpose of Pi Kappa Delta Targeted Instructional Grants is to support forensics pedagogy and practice by distributing high quality materials on the PKD website free of charge. Each TIGA grant addresses a specific area of need identified by the National Council. The objective of each grant is to produce finished instructional or programmatic content that is worthy of broad distribution to members, chapters and other interested parties.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants for all TIG grants should submit the following materials:

- 1) A cover letter that identifies the applicant's interest in the target area and highlights any relevant practical, scholarly or professional experiences that the grant review committee should consider. In addition, the letter should identify the applicant's key skills and aptitudes, focusing particularly on those characteristics that suggest a strong likelihood that the project will be satisfactorily completed within the timeline suggested in the project proposal.
- 2) A current Curriculum Vitae;
- 3) A professional writing sample and, if relevant, a sample of the applicant's previous scholarly, professional, instructional or multi-media work; and finally,
- 4) A project proposal that identifies key components of the project, establishes a project completion timeline, and specifies the date that approximately fifty percent of the materials identified in the proposal will be delivered to the National Council "in their final form."

INTERVIEWS: As part of the selection process, applicants should expect to be interviewed by the grant review committee and/or representatives of the National Council.

DISPERSEMENT OF THE GRANT: Because these grants are targeted in nature, and because the National Council seeks specific material as grant outcomes, successful grants will be distributed in three phases: One third of the grant will be dispersed immediately upon being selected as a grant recipient, one third will be dispersed approximately halfway through the completion of the project, and the final payment will be dispersed upon final delivery of the content.

TIG-1: Sample Performances with Copyright Permissions for: POI, PROSE, POETRY, DI, DUO

This targeted instructional grant is designed to produce a complete set of interpretive event samples that coaches and students can use to better understand the normative processes involved in competitive interp. For copyright reasons, each example must be accompanied by a signed document attesting to authorship of the work in question, and granting Pi Kappa Delta unlimited permission to show, display and distribute the work free of charge and without the payment of royalties to the author. Alternatively, the author can assign the work's actual copyright directly to Pi Kappa Delta. Samples should include the full, unexpurgated text of the work, a version of the text that identifies the edited portion that was selected for performance, as well as an uploaded version of a multi-media performance of the work either in practice or in competition.

TIG-2: Development of Programmatic Data Benchmarks and Tracking Measurers.

The purpose of this TIG is to develop a set of programmatic data benchmarks and an electronic tool that can be used to longitudinally track and measure the relative (and comparative) health of forensics programs. The tool should reflect an appreciation of the comprehensive mission of Pi Kappa Delta, and it should facilitate comparisons of different types of programs both among and within institutional designations (for example, facilitating both comparisons among Carnegie I research institutions, as well as comparisons between liberal arts institutions and Carnegie I institutions). Ideally, the finished set of data benchmarks should permit easy data entry on the part of survey participants, and will prove useful in situations where administrators or external founders are interested in determining how a particular program measures against an average program in its region or Carnegie designation. The National Council also hopes that the completion of this project will ultimately result in broad-based improvements in the financial capacity of intercollegiate forensics programs.

TIG-3: Development of Print and Multi-Media Public Forum Debate Instructional Materials.

This targeted instructional grant is designed to produce a complete set of materials for use in teaching Public Forum Debate. The materials should include: Guides to coaching and competing in public forum debate; a summary of public forum rules and procedures; an uploaded audio-visual demonstration of a public forum debate being performed (drawn from either practice or competition), along with a pdf file containing all of the materials referenced in the demonstration debate; and finally, a sample ballot from the debate.

All completed grant applications should be submitted to Phillip Voight, PKD Secretary/Treasurer, Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 West College Avenue, St. Peter, MN 56082 pvoight@gustavus.edu, (651) 492-8449.

National Council Announces Program Assistance Fund

Over the past several years, and largely as a result of the generous support of the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation, Pi Kappa Delta has had the opportunity to offer travel assistance to enable programs that are competing in Public Forum Debate to attend the National Comprehensive Tournament or the National Tournament and Convention. To be sure — these funds have been modest — rarely providing more than a fraction of the actual costs necessary to attend the tournament. Nonetheless, the relative success of these initiatives in enabling small, under-funded teams to attend the tournament has persuaded the National Council to expand the program and to regularize its funding. At the Summer National Council Meeting this past June, the Council authorized the creation of an \$8,000.00 “Program Assistance Fund,” to be exclusively dedicated to providing funding assistance to teams that wish to attend the NCT or the National Tournament and Convention.

How much total funding is available? \$8,000 is available for use at the National Tournament and Convention in Boise. Following the tournament, the National Council will evaluate the program and make a determination about the appropriate level of funding going forward.

If the funding is not coming from the Rupe foundation, where do the funds come from? As mentioned, previous funding has been provided by grants received from the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation. PKD and the NSDA will continue to pursue grant-related funding from that source and others. Funds for the current program, however, are almost entirely derived from the proceeds of Pi Kappa Delta’s fledgling endowment with the Minnesota Community Foundation, and therefore do not require any increased membership fees, tournament entry fees or chapter dues. In effect, they enable the Council to use our investment income in a way that directly benefits membership and that supports the tournament.

Who are the expected beneficiaries? Any Pi Kappa Delta chapter in good standing may apply for program assistance funding. However, the grants were intended primarily for student-led programs, or for programs that experienced sudden losses in institutional budget support.

How can the funds be used? The funds may be applied toward tournament entry fees, tournament participation fees and hired judging fees. Total grants may be awarded of **up to half of the cost per school in each of these areas**. In other words, successful applicants will reduce the costs associated with the tournament entry by up to 50%.

Can the funds be used for hotel, airfare, food or other costs? No, these other costs proved too difficult for PKD to administer, and the size of the funds available was thought to be too modest to equitably distribute for general travel expenses. The National Council’s chief priority was providing funding that would help teams attend nationals without risking the loss of the funds. Because travel plans often change at the last minute and on short notice and because PKD would have no way to properly administrate travel arrangements, the risks of funds being wasted because plane tickets were not used or hotel rooms were not cancelled in time to get refunds was judged to be too high. Moreover, even if the funds were recoverable in these circumstances, it would be difficult to get them to teams that needed them on such short notice.

To apply for funding, please submit an application by 5:00 pm, January 15th, 2016

Program Assistance Fund Application

**Please submit electronically no later than 5:00 pm, February 21st, 2017
Send completed application to: pvoight@gac.edu**

School: _____

Chapter Sponsor: _____

Contact Information:

Phone: () _____ - _____ **E-Mail Address:** _____

School Physical Address:

Total number of participants entered _____

Is this program student-directed? (In other words, is a faculty member assigned to travel with and/or coach the team on a regular basis?) Y N

Has this program attended a previous PKD National Tournament? Y N

Is there anything else that the National Council should consider when evaluating this grant request? (attach separate sheet if necessary)

This chapter is applying for a grant in the amount of \$_____, a figure that represents up to half of the entire costs associated with tournament entry fees, hired judging fees and/or tournament participation fees.

Please attach a copy of the tournament entry form to support the grant funding request. In the event of changes to the entry, such as drops, the size of the grant may be reduced accordingly.

GRANT FUNDS MAY NOT BE USED TO PAY FOR DROP FEES. Drop fees will be assessed according to the schedule outlined in the tournament entry.

2016 PKD National Professional Development Conference

DaVinci Conference Center
[1700 Market Street, Philadelphia PA](#)
[November 9, 2016](#)

- 10.00** PKD Constitutional Revision Open Session. This session is designed to provide an overview of the proposed changes to the PKD Constitution. Presenters: The PKD National Council.
- 11.00** PKD Strategic Planning Open Session. This session is designed to provide an overview of PKD's current strategic planning process and to allow audience members to provide input into the emerging PKD strategic Plan. Presenter: David Bailey, Southwest Baptist University.
- 12.30** Regional Leadership Within PKD: A New Charge for the Provinces. How can the PKD provincial structure be revitalized to provide more engaging leadership opportunities for students, coaches and faculty? The National Council has reimagined the PKD provincial model and hopes to issue a new charge to those interested in provincial governance, leadership and programming by providing support for provincial best practices and by highlighting models that work. Presenters: The PKD National Council.
- 2.00** Macro and Micro: Civically Engaging Forensics Students at Local and National Levels. While creating and performing speeches, students often advance political, social and economic arguments--attempting to solve real-world problems and/or clarify their individual positions and identities. Because of this, participation in forensics can make room for "civic space." Though forensics is often theorized as a laboratory for the development of skills, efforts are being made at the local and national levels to open up the laboratory doors and link those skills to real-world opportunities. This panel will explore a few of these initiatives so as to envision the potential role for creating civic spaces in forensics at both the micro- and macro- level. Chair: Ryan C. Louis, Ottawa University.
- Presenters: Dan West, Ohio University & Timothy Bill, University of Kentucky
- 3.30** Stories of Birth, Re-Birth, and Evolution: An Historical-Critical Examination of Narratives of Origin in Intercollegiate Forensics. As our forensic activities and organizations continue to evolve, there is value in understanding our origins as a means by which we can better navigate change. This panel examines narratives of origin, re-branding, and evolution of particular forensic organizations. In particular, these papers examine organizational narratives in terms of vision and purpose, along with the congruence and disconnect between mission and practice. The dialogue within this panel offers important perspective that helps frame change and tradition within our community. The panel also helps guide the intent and practice within our community, offering rhetorical insights into how our activity impacts its participants. Chair and Respondent: Scott Jensen, Webster University.

Papers:

Narratives of Origin and Adaptation: Examining the Vision and Practice of Pi Kappa Delta as an Evolving Forensic Organization of Influence, Gina Jensen, Webster University

Whatever Happened to Baby CEDA? Scott Millsap, Columbus State Community College

NFA-LD: A Changing Narrative, Susan Millsap, Otterbein University

Speaking to the Masses: IPDA's History Through Walter Fischer's Narrative Paradigm, Patrick G. Richey, Middle Tennessee State University

**PKD at the National Communication Association
November 10-13, 2016
Philadelphia, PA**

Friday, November 11th:

3:30 - 4:45 pm: Pi Kappa Delta Business Meeting. Courtyard Downtown, Grand Salon 1, 1st Floor.

6:00 - 8:00 pm: Pi Kappa Delta Reception. Chili's 1239 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19107.
Join us for hors d'oeuvres!

Saturday, November 12th:

12:30 - 1:45 pm: Differently-Abled in Forensics: A Working Session to Change the Rules. Courtyard Downtown, Rittenhouse, 1st Floor.

Chair: Susan Millsap, Otterbein University

Presenters:

Mark Hickman, West Chester University

Scott Jensen, Webster University

Susan Millsap, Otterbein University

Tomeka Robinson, Hofstra University

2:00 - 3:15 pm: A Higher Calling in Forensics: Fostering Speech and Debate Participation After High School. Courtyard Downtown, Rittenhouse, 1st Floor.

Chair: J. Scott Wunn, NSDA

Presenters:

James Roland, Atlanta Urban Debate League

Nicole Freeman, University of Central Missouri

Allen D. Loudon, Wake Forest University

Madeleine Langr, Wake Forest University

Sunday, November 13th:

9:30 - 10:45 am: Bringing the Public Back to Public Speaking: Engaging the Public and Communities in Forensics. Courtyard Downtown, Grand Salon, 1st Floor.

Chair: Amorette N. Hinderaker, Texas Christian University

Presenters:

Timothy James Bill, University of Kentucky

Dean Pape, NSDA

Christopher Medina, Wiley College

Amorette N. Hinderaker, Texas Christian University

Respondent: Robert S. Littlefield, University of Central Florida

Persuasion Works

Ryan Louis, Province Coordinator

The best part of my position on Council is devising new and better ways to connect with the members of Pi Kappa Delta. One of the most impacting parts is to find what animates the membership. Speech does, obviously. And so does public service. And we are uniquely poised as an organization to reward important forms of public advocacy—not just through awards, but through our works. This year, we piloted several new programs in an initiative we're calling *Persuasion Works*. Several years ago Council selected a topic for the group speech event Discussion that asked students to think about, discuss and pose solutions for issues within the forensic community. We gathered *tons* of evidence from that. Through this competitive event, we were able to mine real-time student feedback. Not only did we collect solution sheets from each group, several members of Council sat in on those discussions. Many of the ideas we've put forward in the past couple years came from that. Along the way we have attempted to create new opportunities to show how the skills attained in forensics has immediate and real-world impact. At the National Comprehensive Tournament in Lexington, Kentucky, we honored our top three finalists in Persuasive Speaking by contributing real dollars to the programs advocated for on behalf of the students. Representations of their speeches and advocacy initiatives will soon be available on the PKD website. Here are those results:

3rd place, Julia Boyle from Northern Illinois University. Her speech is about the freeze Congress placed on funds supporting firearm research. The ban, she argues, makes it impossible to fully study the effects of guns and violence. NIU was the location of a school shooting in 2008 where five students lost their lives. In honor of them and those injured, NIU created a scholarship endowment. We donated \$100 to that "Forward, Together Forward" scholarship fund (www.niu.edu/scholarships/forward-together-forward/index.shtml).

2nd place, Ta'mara Hill from Wiley College. Her speech highlighted the lack of availability for health care in women's prisons. The codes for incarceration, she argues, were written the same for both male and female facilities. Women are often denied medical coverage because their problems are more internal—and less 'verifiable.' Sanitary products are not provided; rather inmates must purchase from prison stores. Those with no money often suffer from debilitating infections. We donated \$200 to A Woman's Worth, Inc—an organization that, among other things, supplies feminine hygiene kits to women in prison (www.awomansworthinc.org/donate).

1st place, Alyssa Hager from Marshall University. Her speech details the lack of *deception* as part of state and national rape laws. That is, people pose as loved ones in order to engage in sexual acts. If a person finds out later that they had been deceived, they have little legal recourse to seek justice. We are working in conjunction with an organization, Affirmative Consent (www.affirmativeconsent.com). This nonprofit works with colleges to educate about issues of consent. Further, they create training and visual educational kits for distribution to colleges.

We were also pleased to sponsor an experimental event, *Pitch it to PKD*, in which students or teams came together to pitch real programs to PKD for potential investment. We are pleased to announce the six finalists and encourage all members to go onto our Vimeo page, click on and view the incredible advocacy work by these passionate students. In alphabetical order by school:

The Team of Boise State University (<http://vimeo.com/158955611>)

Mikayle Jacquot, Colorado Christian University (<http://vimeo.com/158844760>)

Emma McDonald, Northwestern (<http://vimeo.com/159033712>)

M. Karijolic & L. Hurley, The University of Kentucky (<http://vimeo.com/158654725>)

Austin Allen, The University of Southern Mississippi (<http://vimeo.com/158991652>)

Belancia Crosby, William Carey University (<https://vimeo.com/158697665>)

We had 18 submissions overall. We were overwhelmed by the intelligence and passion in those submissions. Breaking it down to six was brutal. That is why it took us a while to come to a decision on our finalists. We will make an announcement at our pre-conference at this year's NCA in Philadelphia. As always, I am honored to serve you on the National Council. I welcome any and all ideas that can help unite individual, program, regional and national interests around forensics!

Yours Sincerely,
Ryan Louis, Ottawa University

Dear Pi Kappa Delta and Forensic Colleagues,

I, along with the National Council of Pi Kappa Delta, invite you to join us for Pi Kappa Delta's 2017 Biennial Convention and Tournament March 21-25 on the campus of Boise State University in Boise, ID. This is our 50th biennial event—we hope you will join us to celebrate 100 years of national tournaments. I have been working with your national president, David Bailey, your local hosts, Manda Hicks and Jeff Stoppenhagen, and the National Council to offer you a spectacular tournament and convention.

This year's tournament will continue to feature the very best of intercollegiate forensics in a full range of individual and team events, including debate and individual events both traditional to collegiate forensics and unique to Pi Kappa Delta. After several years of trying to schedule our tournament and convention within a three-day format, this will be our first year implementing a four day model. This change in scheduling will enable us to offer a better managed tournament that provides its participants a more humane schedule and better opportunities to participate in convention and social events.

This invitation outlines details about the tournament and convention. Additional details will be featured and added on the Pi Kappa Delta website. Individuals are encouraged to visit the website at www.pikappadelta.com. The website will include updated information and forms for registration and hotel arrangements. You can also follow us on Twitter, @PiKappaDelta.

Please note the **Tuesday, February 21st deadline** for hotel reservations and initial tournament and convention entry. As in the past, a brief period for changes without penalty will be extended but initial entry **must be made by the February 21st deadline**.

We look forward to seeing you in Boise this March for what promises to be an amazing tournament and convention!

Sincerely,

Scott Jensen, Tournament Director

Are you interested in hosting a future National Comprehensive Tournament (NCT) or a Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament and Convention?

The National Council is seeking bid from prospective tournament hosts. A full description of the requirements as well as guidelines for submitting a tournament bid are located on the PKD website. Briefly, prospective hosts need:

- 105 available competition rooms
- Two large rooms for tabulation
- A large centrally located space for ballot distribution and collection
- Large and centrally located spaces for judge and student lounges, extemp prep and topic draw
- On-campus food service during the tournament or food availability within 3 blocks of campus
- Evidence of success in hosting large tournaments

For more information about submitting a tournament bid, please contact David Bailey or Tomeka Robinson

Mackenzie Moss,
Student Representative
mackenziemoss@u.boisestate.edu

ANNOUNCING A STUDENT FORUM:

This year's Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament will feature a student forum focusing on inclusivity in the forensics space. We will be searching for ways to make our events and our culture more accommodating, accepting, and safe for all members. We will be holding in-depth discussions on ways in which we can do so. Any ideas, suggestions, or input from students will be very helpful in creating some real, implementable strategies. All students are encouraged to attend this forum. Participation is vital for the growth and progression of this wonderful activity that we all enjoy so much. We hope to see your students there!

Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament Entries Over Time

If you think that the PKD National Tournament seems larger over the past several years than it has been in the past you are correct — the tournament has grown dramatically. In fact, when the experimental events are included, the total individual events entry size has almost quadrupled since the year 2,000 — from 553 total entered slots to 1976. Debate entries have only been tracked since last year, but the chart below lists the entries in individual events for the past sixteen years:

Event:	ADS	CA	DI	DUO	EXT	IMP	INF	PER	POE	POI	PRO	INT	Total:
2000	31	25	46	24	64	94	65	58	52	30	64		553
2001	60	41	82	61	96	141	85	102	98	67	126		959
2002	31	23	47	37	55	84	42	36	39	39	69		502
2003	46	35	62	55	80	121	72	74	77	55	102		779
2004	9	6	29	35	39	74	41	32	19	29	69		382
2005	52	35	87	48	84	126	68	87	96	78	131		892
2006	25	19	49	30	70	103	41	44	59	44	78		562
2007	45	43	86	75	105	152	82	82	79	69	125		943
2008	26	26	54	38	58	102	49	55	50	29			487
2009	78	56	92	81	115	182	85	82	110	68	148		1097
2010	85	58	105	71	109	208	87	99	91	71	139		1123
2011	74	52	91	60	137	189	86	91	94	88	156		1095
2012	79	58	129	75	126	189	82	83	112	98	156		1187
2013	93	63	125	81	149	208	109	107	130	112	153		1330
2014	85	68	126	83	196	244	127	117	129	92	168		1435
2015	100	65	116	73	176	240	103	107	109	101	162	139	1676
2016	96	81	153	83	210	285	134	136	130	101	173	174	1756



Do You Have Items for The PKD Archives?

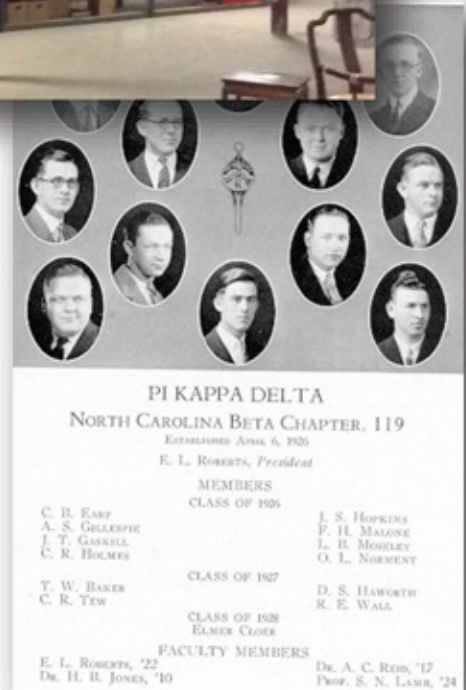
The Pi Kappa Delta Archives at Ottawa University is now open for business. An archivist has been hired and many materials have already been relocated to the archives. Over the next several years, the materials in the archives will be categorized, indexed and made available when possible. Chapters are encouraged to send historically significant materials to the archives. We interviewed Ryan Louis, who spearheaded the project:

Question: Ryan, What sort of materials is the archivist looking for?

"Schools can donate anything that they think has relevance to the history of Pi Kappa Delta or forensics, in general. Sometimes artifacts and documents are just hanging around, gathering dust. Our hope is to cast a light on these pieces of our history: to catalogue and place in an archive that will be available to everyone both in-person and digitally. When I first started with this project, I realized how many random trophies, framed photos and PKD-themed artifacts (I have a paddle on my wall!) I had in my possession. These items, passed down by other directors of forensics over the years didn't really have a home. They lived in boxes, some were on display. But I knew that it only took one person—a student, future directors—to mistreat it and it would be gone forever. The presence of a PKD archive presents an opportunity to vouchsafe our collected memories."

Question: How is the archives set-up and how would researchers go about using it?

"Right now we are in the early stages of archiving. Most of our time is being spent cataloguing and protecting. About 150 items (and their ample meta-data) are available to see online. As soon as we have gotten more of the details secured, the digital archives will be made available through our website (Ottawa.edu). When more is catalogued, we will also have an archive room available for campus visitors to examine pieces of the collection. We will also have curated PKD displays on rotation."



Unusual items discovered in the Archives:

- Original correspondence between founders
- Menus from early tournament banquets
- Debates about criteria for membership
- Programs from early conventions
- Tournament trophies



Πi Kappa Delta National Forensic Honorary

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For active student members of Pi Kappa Delta who exemplify “the art of persuasion, beautiful and just.”

Description of the Award and Qualifications:

The **Pi Kappa Delta All-American Award** will be given to ten student members of the Honorary and will be announced at the 2017 Pi Kappa Delta National Convention in Boise, ID. **A Pi Kappa Delta All-American meets the following criteria:**

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- Is a successful competitor, as evidenced by their record in forensics competition.
- Is a committed squad member, as evidenced by their contributions to their program and to forensics and Pi Kappa Delta.
- Is a special person, as evidenced by the recommendations of individuals outside the applicant’s school and chapter.

Application Process:

Each applicant should submit a complete application packet which contains:

1. A current resume.
2. A letter from the applicant discussing their qualifications for receiving All-American recognition.
3. A current transcript from each college the applicant has attended (may be unofficial).
4. A listing of awards or other appropriate documentation of their forensics record; their community service activities; and their squad and chapter activities; if such documentation is not found in their resume.
5. A letter of recommendation from the applicant’s Forensic Director or PKD Chapter Sponsor.
6. Letters of recommendation from at least two individuals outside of the applicant’s chapter and school who are familiar with the applicant’s qualifications and attributes.

The deadline for application is **February 1, 2017**. Complete application packets should be sent to:

Susan Millsap
Department of Communication
Otterbein University
Westerville, OH 43081
smillsap@otterbein.edu

All application materials will become the property of Pi Kappa Delta and will not be returned.



ORDER OF ATTAINMENT NOMINATION FORM

The Order of Attainment was established in 2007 to honor the societal contributions of Pi Kappa Delta Alumni. These contributions may be global, national or local in scope and reflect the role of forensics and Pi Kappa Delta in building life-long citizens. We induct five members at the biennial tournament. Please send your nomination to Susan Millsap at smillsap@otterbein.edu by January 15, 2017.

Name of nominee: _____

PKD Chapter: _____

Years the nominee was a member: _____

Your name: _____

Your contact information: _____

Your nominee's contact information: _____

Write a rationale for your nominee's election to the Order of Attainment:

Recent Order of Attainment Inductees:

2013:

Edgar Carlson (Gustavus Adolphus College), John Hancock (UMSL), Everett Lee Hunt (Huron College),
Steven Hunt (University of Houston), Susan Millsap (West Chester University),
Dee Ann Newkirk (Southwest Baptist University), Kendall R. Phillips (Southwest Baptist University),
Ralph C. Smith (Colorado College), Katherine Tunheim (Concordia College),
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2015:

Gov. Harold LeVander (Gustavus Adolphus College), Theodore Olson (University of the Pacific),
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The Forensic of Pi Kappa Delta invites authors to submit manuscripts related to scholarship, pedagogy, research and administration in competitive and non-competitive speech and debate activities. *The Forensic* welcomes submissions from forensic coaches, communication/rhetoric scholars, and students (undergraduate and graduate). The Editor and Editorial Board invite scholarly discussion of making competitive individual events and debate powerful tools for teaching essential citizenship practices, including clear and ethical communication. Topics of particular interest include, but are not limited to: ways to increase diversity in forensics, speech/argumentation pedagogy, and transfer as it relates to forensics (e.g., transfer among individual events, debate, and interpretation; transfer between competition and the classroom, and vice versa; transfer between forensics and careers).

The journal seeks submissions reflecting perspectives from all current debate and individual event forms, including, but not limited to: NDT, CEDA, NEDA, NPDA, IPDA, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, as well as NIET, NFA and non-traditional individual events. The journal also welcomes explorations of non-competitive speech and debate activities, including classroom projects, interdisciplinary efforts, and civic programs.

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E-mail submissions to the editor in Word format with no specialized internal formatting. Manuscripts should not exceed 25 double-spaced typed pages, exclusive of tables and references. The title page should include the title, author(s), correspondence address, e-mail address and telephone number of the author(s). The second page should include an abstract of between 75 and 100 words. The text of the manuscript (including its title) should begin on the next page, with no reference to the author, and with the remaining pages numbered consecutively. Avoid self-identification in the text of the manuscript. Notes and references should be typed and double-spaced on the pages following the text of the manuscript. Tables should be clearly marked regarding their placement in the manuscript.

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Pi Kappa Delta Members Leverage Debate Expertise

You may have noticed incoming PKD President Tomeka Robinson and past PKD President Gina Jensen on the news during the heavily-viewed presidential debate between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Since the debate was hosted by Hofstra University, Tomeka was in especially high demand, doing interviews for CNN, CBS, CSPAN, and Fox News just to name a few. The coverage was an excellent reminder that favorable media attention can provide powerful exposure for your college and university and, especially, for your speech and debate program. We asked Tomeka to provide some advice for those who might be interested in making themselves available to provide expert media commentary or who might wish to host a "Debate Watch" on their campus:

Question: How do you prepare for interviews and what advice would you give to others facing their first interactions with the press?

Tomeka Robinson: "To prepare for the interviews I stay make sure that I have researched as much as I possibly can about all of the candidate's platforms, speaking points, and any election news available. So my preparation is much like we teach our extemporaneous speakers, know what is happening in the world at any given time. The advice I would give to any Director of Forensics dealing with media is to be prepared for anything and everything. We teach our students to stay composed in any situation, and dealing with media is no different. Interview times can change, questions can stump you, and a host of other issues, but you have to just go with the flow and maintain your composure."

Question: What follow-up activities (if any) have you planned after the debates to leverage the positive coverage of your team?

Tomeka Robinson: "I am hosting a roundtable panel on about how the anti-Muslim rhetoric of this campaign season has impacted the lived experience of American Muslims. Additionally, the team is co-sponsoring a debate watch party with Student Affairs. Before the debate, four members of the Hofstra Forensics Team will be debating the resolution: This House believes U.S. companies should be fined for moving jobs and hiring outside the United States. We will engaged in a conversation about the difference between competitive debate and presidential debates. "



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