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2017-2018 **CALENDAR**



“
CHANGE YOUR
WORDS INTO
TRUTHS AND
THEN CHANGE
THAT TRUTH
INTO LOVE.”
—Stevie Wonder



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 1 Big Questions Applications for Tournaments Available	2	3	4	5
 6	7  Your Fundraising Friends https://hello.ed.co/NSDA	8	9	10 Upgrade to the NSDA Resource Package to access Nationals 2017 final round videos!	11 	12  Public Forum Online Topic Workshop
13  Public Forum Online Topic Workshop	14	15  <i>Rostrum Magazine</i> Published Online <i>Nationals Chronicle Commemorative Edition</i>	16	17	18	19  Lincoln-Douglas Online Topic Workshop
20  Lincoln-Douglas Online Topic Workshop	21	22	23	24  Edco Fundraising Webinar Tonight! Elevating Speech and Debate: 2017 NSDA Education Conference	25	26
27  Aug. 24-27	28	29	30	31		



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WRITE WHAT
SHOULD
NOT BE
FORGOTTEN.”

—Isabelle Allende



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3	4 Labor Day <i>NSDA Office Closed</i>	5	6	7 Edco Fundraising Webinar Tonight!	8	9  Bruno E. Jacob Birthday <i>NSDA Founder</i>
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10  Smart Fundraising for Smart Fundraisers https://hello.ed.co/NSDA	11	12	13	14	15 National Hispanic Heritage Month <i>Sept. 15 – Oct. 15</i>	16  Rostrum Magazine Published Online
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IF YOU SPEAK
AT ALL; CARVE
EVERY WORD
BEFORE YOU LET
IT FALL.”

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.



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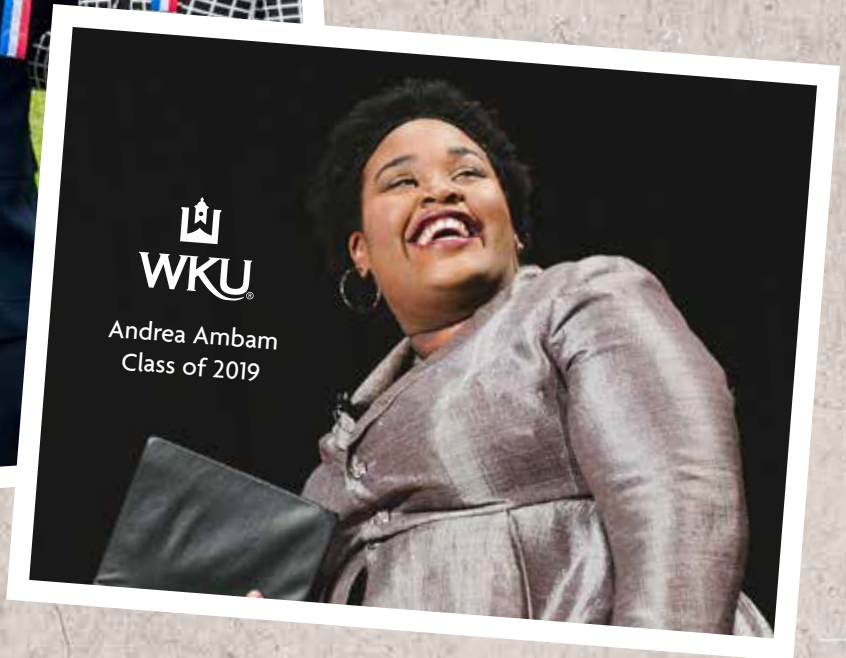
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 National Italian American Heritage Month — October —	2	3	4	5	6 	7 Lafayette OCHOIE College Invitational Come visit and meet the team!
8	9	10	11 	12	13	14
..... National Speech & Debate Association Member Appreciation Week!						
15  	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 	23 SHOP EARLY! Find Great Holiday Gifts Online store.speechanddebate.org	24	25	26	27	28
29	30  State Educator of the Year Nominations Due	31  2018 Education Conference Presenter Submission Deadline				District Chairs: Submit Your District Tournament Dates by Nov. 1 »



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REQUIRE MANY
WORDS TO
SPEAK THE
TRUTH.”
—Chief Joseph, Nez Perce



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NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>National American Indian Heritage Month — November —</p>	<p>District Chairs: Submit Your District Tournament Dates by Nov. 1 »</p>		<p>1 Apply for WKU Admission wku.edu/admissions Deadline is Dec. 1</p>	<p>2  Apply for the WKU Honors College</p>	<p>3 Complete the WKU TOPDollar General Application</p>	<p>4 Contact ganer.newman@wku.edu to Schedule an Audition</p>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>..... Media Literacy Week • Learn more at www.namele.net</p>						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			<p> Rostrum Magazine Published Online</p>			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	International Transgender Day of Remembrance			Thanksgiving NSDA Office Closed		
26	27	28	29	30	<p>Find Unique Speech & Debate Gifts, Apparel, and More!</p>   <p>store.speechanddebate.org</p>	



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KNOWING
THE FORCE OF
WORDS, IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO
KNOW MORE.”
—Confucius



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					 1 State Educator of the Year Winners Announced	2
3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities	4	5	6  NATIONAL DEBATE FORUM	7	8	9
10	11 Registration is open for 2018 Summit Debate Summer Institutes. Apply online: www.summitdebate.com	12	13 Chanukah Dec. 13-20	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	27	28	29	30
31 NSDA Office Closed					
			<p>Fulfill your professional development requirements through the NSDA's online portal—including self-paced classes, discussion boards, and more!</p> <p>www.speechanddebate.org/professional-development</p>			



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IN THE END, WE
WILL REMEMBER
NOT THE
WORDS OF OUR
ENEMIES, BUT
THE SILENCE OF
OUR FRIENDS.”
—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>Recognize Your Peers!</p> <p>Nominations Due Next Month:</p> <p><i>Feb. 1 – Coach/Principal of the Year</i></p> <p><i>Feb. 2 – Hall of Fame</i></p> <p><i>Feb. 7 – National Exemplary Student Service</i></p>	<p>New Year's Day</p> <p><i>NSDA Office Closed</i></p>					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	 16	17	18	 19	20
	<p>Martin Luther King, Jr., Day</p> <p><i>NSDA Office Closed</i></p>	<p>National Exemplary Student Service Nominations Open</p>			<p>Board Candidacy Statements Due</p>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	 <p>SAVE THE DATE • MARCH 2</p> <p>NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY</p> <p><i>What is your team doing to celebrate NSDE Day?</i></p>		



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GREAT LEADERS ARE
ALMOST ALWAYS
GREAT SIMPLIFIERS,
WHO CAN CUT
THROUGH ARGUMENT,
DEBATE, AND DOUBT,
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EVERYBODY CAN
UNDERSTAND.”
—Colin Powell



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FEBRUARY 2018

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		<p>African American History Month — February —</p>	 1	 2	 3	<p>Coach/Principal of the Year Nominations Open</p> <p>Hall of Fame Nominations Due</p>
	<p>Registration is open for 2018 Summit Debate Summer Institutes. Apply online: www.summitdebate.com</p>	 7	 8	 <p>Is your team ready for NSDE Day? March 2 is just around the corner!</p>	 10	
 11	 12	 13	 14	 15	 16	 17
 18	 19	 20	 21	 22	 23	 24
 25	 26	 27	 28	 <p>ORDER INSIGNIA Student and Coach Logo Pins and Pendants store.speechanddebate.org</p>		
	<p>Thank You Gram Forms Due</p> <p>We'll help you thank a Teacher, Administrator, or Coach on Mar. 2!</p>					



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WHOLE WORLD
IS SILENT, EVEN
ONE VOICE
BECOMES
POWERFUL.”
—Malala Yousafzai



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<p>Order NSDA Honor Cords and Graduate Pins! store.speechanddebate.org</p> 				<p>1 National Women's History Month Irish-American Heritage Month — March —</p>	<p>2  National Speech and Debate Education Day</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5  2018 Education Conference Early Bird Registration Discount Ends for Teachers/Coaches</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 World Speech Day</p>	<p>16 </p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 #UnleashYourChampion this summer! CBI's early registration discount available until 4/20. www.ChampionBriefsInstitute.com</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
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DON'T EVER
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POWER OF
WORDS. WORDS
MOVE HEARTS
AND HEARTS
MOVE LIMBS.”

—Hamza Yusuf



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Easter	2 National Congress Legislation Due	3 Board/Hall of Fame Voting Opens	4 Celebrate Diversity Month — April —	5	6 Coach/Principal of the Year Nominations Due	7 2017-2018 PF & LD brief subscriptions now available! www.ChampionBriefs.com	
8	9	10	11	12	13 American Legion Oratorical Contest National Finals • Apr. 13-15	14 	
15 Rostrum Magazine Published Online	16 District Student of the Year Reporting Deadline	17	18	19 #UnleashYourChampion this summer! CBI's early registration discount available until 4/20. www.ChampionBriefsInstitute.com	20	21	
..... National Volunteer Week							
22	23	24 Middle School Nationals Registration Closes	25 Board/Hall of Fame Voting Ends	26	27	28	
..... P21 Skills for Today Week							
29	30					Recognize Your Team! Order Graduation Honor Cords, National Qualifier Pins, and Logo Pins and Pendants. store.speechanddebate.org	
							



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WHAT STARTS
OUT AS A
SOUND, ENDS IN
A DEED.”
—Abraham Joshua Heschel

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Jewish American Heritage Month Older Americans Month Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month — May —	 2018 National Tournament Topics Released May 1 »	 1 High School Nationals Fees and Paperwork Due	 2 <i>District Leaders:</i> Tournament Book District Ads Due	3	4	5
6	7	 8 Happy Teacher Appreciation Day Thank you for all that you do!	9	10	 Middle School Nationals Fees and Paperwork Due	12
..... Teacher Appreciation Week						
13	14	 15 Diamond Awards/ Service Citations Recognition Deadline	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	 24 <i>District Leaders:</i> RSVP for the District Leadership Luncheon and Awards Ceremony	 25 Good luck in Washington, D.C. at NCFL Nationals!	26
27	28	29	30	31		
	Memorial Day <i>NSDA Office Closed</i>		Avoid the late fee! Sign-up to experience the #ISDDifference today at ispeechanddebate.com			



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WHEN WE SPEAK,
WE ARE AFRAID OUR
WORDS WILL NOT BE
HEARD OR WELCOMED.
BUT WHEN WE ARE
SILENT, WE ARE STILL
AFRAID. SO IT IS
BETTER TO SPEAK.”

—Audre Lorde

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month — June —					 1 National Tournament Expo Registration Deadline	2
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				Watch Live Coverage of NSDA Final Rounds! • June 21-22 www.speechanddebate.org/live		
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 National Speech & Debate Tournament: Ft. Lauderdale, Florida						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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I NEED TO
LISTEN WELL
SO THAT I HEAR
WHAT IS
NOT SAID.”
—Thuli Madonsela

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1	2	3	4 Independence Day <i>NSDA Office Closed</i>	5	6	7
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15 	16 Your students deserve the best! Coaches, get a head start on next season using our online portal with self-paced classes, online discussion boards, and more. www.speechanddebate.org/professional-development	17	18	19 	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28  2018 NSDA Education Conference (Phoenix, AZ)
29	30	31				
<p>..... 2018 NSDA Education Conference (Phoenix, AZ)</p>						



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			 1 Big Questions Applications for Tournaments Available	 2 3		4
5	6	7	8	 9 10 Renew Your NSDA Membership! www.speechanddebate.org		 11 Public Forum Online Topic Workshop
 12 Public Forum Online Topic Workshop	13	14	 15 Rostrum Magazine Released Online <i>Nationals Chronicle Commemorative Edition</i>	16	17	 18 Lincoln-Douglas Online Topic Workshop
 19 Lincoln-Douglas Online Topic Workshop	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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