WELCOME!
Dear Advisor,

The 2018-2019 school year is upon us, and I want to personally welcome you as a member of the National Speech & Debate Association!

Our entire team at the NSDA is excited to support you and your students. My personal hope for your school is that you find the resources we offer meaningful to meeting your goals for your program. We want the tools we produce to make your life easier and assist you in providing access to speech and debate to more students.

As you embark on this season, we suggest you take advantage of our staff’s favorite resources:

- **Topic analyses** for debate events with research guides are perfect for introducing students to the topics.
- **Final round videos** showcase the best of the best and can help you recruit new team members or introduce advanced strategies to returning students.
- **Monthly practice Extemp questions** support students’ exploration of current events and decrease your time in thinking up challenging and timely questions.
- **Congressional Debate dockets** supplement your classroom instruction or make the job of hosting a tournament easier.

The best part of membership in the NSDA—you have access to thousands of additional resources at your disposal! These items have been developed by our staff from feedback we have received over the years from coaches and educators like you. We hope you explore all there is to use on our website at www.speechanddebate.org/resources.

To enhance your professional development, we launched a new online portal last year for educators to access meaningful resources. We are so excited about the engagement we have seen from coaches like you. If you have not taken advantage of this portal, I would encourage you to do so this year. Visit www.NSDAconnect.org to see online courses, more free resources, archived Twitter chats, and more.

As a speech and debate coach, you may not have anyone else in your building to connect with for professional development and growth. Our portal helps connect you to individuals across the nation. Use the discussion board, share resources for feedback, and learn from others in a manner that makes sense to you. Take back your professional development and make it count!

We love hearing from you and want to be responsive to your needs as a member. We will continue to develop resources based on our community’s expressed needs. Be sure to take advantage of them and let us know how we can continue to help your team. Our goal is to make sure you and your team are as successful as you can be!

Respectfully,

J. Scott Wunn

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Executive Director

Stay connected!

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**NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (SEPT. 15-OCT. 15)**

Big Questions Tournament Applications Available

Rostrum Magazine Published Online

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November 15
Early Decision Application Due
November 30
Regular Decision Application Due

State Educator of the Year Nominations Due

Halloween
Dia de Los Muertos or Day of the Dead

National Speech & Debate Association Member Appreciation Week

www.lafayette.edu
730 High St.
Easton, PA 18042
610-330-5000
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Big Questions is a debate format in which high school and middle school students will grapple with complex world-view questions. They debate both sides of a topic about the intersection of science and philosophy. Schools are eligible to earn thousands of dollars by doing Big Questions at their tournaments, with their teams, or in their classrooms. This year, $470,000 will be awarded to speech and debate programs that host Big Questions events.

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DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY  MONDAY  TUESDAY  WEDNESDAY  THURSDAY  FRIDAY  SATURDAY

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4  State Educator of the Year Winners Announced

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22  Winter Begins

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24  Christmas Day

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NSDA OFFICE CLOSED (DEC. 24 – 31)

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**MENTORING MONTH**

**SAVE THE DATE • MARCH 1**

NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY

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### February 2019

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#### Black History Month
- **National Exemplary Student Service Nominations Due**
- **Hall of Fame Nominations Due**

#### Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month
- **Valentine's Day**
- **Rostrum Magazine Published Online**

#### Hall of Fame Nominations Due
- **Chinese New Year**
- **President's Day**

#### National Tournament Registration Opens
- **Thank You Gram Forms Due**

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**IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH • NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY MONTH • CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH
FINANCIAL CAPABILITY/LITERACY MONTH
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

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SPEECH, DEBATE & THEATRE ASSOCIATION

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