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#### **National Award Winning Schools** *NSDA Recognizes Leading Chapters*

**West Des Moines, IA (October 22, 2025)** — The National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) is proud to announce the 2024-2025 Leading Chapter Awards.

Every year, the NSDA recognizes one school from over 100 competition districts for outstanding student participation in speech and debate.

From more than 4,000 member schools across the country, the Leading Chapters represent the top three percent of speech and debate schools in the NSDA.

“Leading Chapters go above and beyond to advance speech and debate in their school and empower their students to use their voice,” said Executive Director J. Scott Wunn. “These schools understand the life-changing benefits of this activity and serve as an inspiration to speech and debate teams across the country.”

Speech and debate builds confidence, improves communication, increases critical thinking skills, boosts classroom performance, and better prepares students for college and career.

Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Leading Chapters:

| School                          | City        | State |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Auburn High School              | Auburn      | AL    |
| Little Rock Central High School | Little Rock | AR    |
| BASIS Scottsdale High School    | Scottsdale  | AZ    |

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| James C. Enochs High School           | Modesto               | CA |
| Mountain View High School             | Mountain View         | CA |
| Oak Ridge High School                 | El Dorado Hills       | CA |
| Gabrielino High School                | San Gabriel           | CA |
| St. Ignatius College Prep             | San Francisco         | CA |
| Stockdale High School                 | Bakersfield           | CA |
| Canyon Crest Academy                  | San Diego             | CA |
| Peninsula High School                 | Rolling Hills Estates | CA |
| Rock Canyon High School               | Highlands Ranch       | CO |
| Cheyenne Mountain High School         | Colorado Springs      | CO |
| Longmont High School                  | Longmont              | CO |
| George Washington High School         | Denver                | CO |
| Battle Mountain High School           | Edwards               | CO |
| Miami Beach Senior High School        | Miami Beach           | FL |
| NSU University School                 | Davie                 | FL |
| Suncoast Comm High School             | Riviera Beach         | FL |
| Trinity Preparatory School            | Winter Park           | FL |
| Strawberry Crest High School          | Dover                 | FL |
| Lassiter High School                  | Marietta              | GA |
| Marist School                         | Atlanta               | GA |
| University Laboratory School          | Honolulu              | HI |
| Clarke Community High School          | Osceola               | IA |
| Atlantic High School                  | Atlantic              | IA |
| Skyview High School                   | Nampa                 | ID |
| Madison High School                   | Rexburg               | ID |
| Glenwood High School                  | Chatham               | IL |
| College Preparatory School Of America | Lombard               | IL |
| Maine East High School                | Park Ridge            | IL |
| Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School     | Indianapolis          | IN |
| Logansport High School                | Logansport            | IN |
| Plymouth High School                  | Plymouth              | IN |
| The Culver Academies                  | Culver                | IN |
| Lawrence Free State High School       | Lawrence              | KS |

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| Hayden High School               | Topeka         | KS |
| Independence High School         | Independence   | KS |
| Derby High School                | Derby          | KS |
| Olathe East High School          | Olathe         | KS |
| Hays High School                 | Hays           | KS |
| Paul Laurence Dunbar High School | Lexington      | KY |
| Ruston High School               | Ruston         | LA |
| Newton South High School         | Wellesley      | MA |
| Wilde Lake High School           | Columbia       | MD |
| Bangor High School               | Bangor         | ME |
| Portage Central High School      | Portage        | MI |
| Roseville Area High School       | Roseville      | MN |
| Moorhead High School             | Moorhead       | MN |
| Lakeville North High School      | Lakeville      | MN |
| Nevada High School               | Nevada         | MO |
| Jefferson City High School       | Jefferson City | MO |
| Liberty North High School        | Liberty        | MO |
| Bolivar High School              | Bolivar        | MO |
| Rockhurst High School            | Kansas City    | MO |
| Madison Central High School      | Madison        | MS |
| Billings West High School        | Billings       | MT |
| Hellgate High School             | Missoula       | MT |
| Pinecrest High School            | Southern Pines | NC |
| Myers Park High School           | Charlotte      | NC |
| West Fargo Sheyenne High School  | West Fargo     | ND |
| Millard North High School        | Omaha          | NE |
| George W. Norris High School     | Firth          | NE |
| Elizabeth High School            | Elizabeth      | NJ |
| La Cueva High School             | Albuquerque    | NM |
| Bishop Gorman High School        | Las Vegas      | NV |
| Reno High School                 | Reno           | NV |
| Riverdale Country School         | Bronx          | NY |
| Poly Prep Country Day School     | Brooklyn       | NY |
| Medina Senior High School        | Medina         | OH |
| Solon High School                | Solon          | OH |
| Niles McKinley High School       | Niles          | OH |
| Whitmer High School              | Toledo         | OH |

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| Booker T Washington High School    | Tulsa            | OK |
| Bishop McGuinness High School      | Oklahoma City    | OK |
| Sunset High School                 | Portland         | OR |
| Summit High School                 | Bend             | OR |
| North Allegheny High School        | Wexford          | PA |
| Pennsbury High School              | Fallsington      | PA |
| J L Mann Academy                   | Greenville       | SC |
| Milbank High School                | Milbank          | SD |
| Beresford High School              | Beresford        | SD |
| Cookeville High School             | Cookeville       | TN |
| Earl Warren High School            | San Antonio      | TX |
| James E Taylor High School         | Katy             | TX |
| Corpus Christi Carroll High School | Corpus Christi   | TX |
| Westwood High School               | Austin           | TX |
| Richardson High School             | Richardson       | TX |
| Coppell High School                | Coppell          | TX |
| Flower Mound High School           | Flower Mound     | TX |
| Foster High School                 | Richmond         | TX |
| Stratford High School              | Houston          | TX |
| Pine Tree High School              | Longview         | TX |
| Del Valle High School              | El Paso          | TX |
| West Hardin High School            | Saratoga         | TX |
| Taylorsville High School           | Taylorsville     | UT |
| Viewmont High School               | Bountiful        | UT |
| Hunter High School                 | West Valley City | UT |
| Yorktown High School               | Arlington        | VA |
| Interlake High School              | Bellevue         | WA |
| Puyallup High School               | Puyallup         | WA |
| Wrightstown High School            | Wrightstown      | WI |
| Port Washington High School        | Port Washington  | WI |
| Huntington High School             | Huntington       | WV |
| Cheyenne East High School          | Cheyenne         | WY |
| Greybull High School               | Greybull         | WY |

Leading Chapters have the highest number of accumulated members and degrees in the NSDA Honor Society. Schools must have previously achieved Charter School Status. They must wait at least five years to be eligible for this prestigious award again.

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### **About the National Speech & Debate Association**

The National Speech & Debate Association is the authority on public speaking and debate in the United States. The Association builds the infrastructure for speech and debate competitions around the world by providing topics, educational resources, and training for students and coaches. For 100 years, the National Speech & Debate Association has built a platform for youth voices that culminates in the National Tournament, the largest academic competition in the world. For more information, visit [www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org).