



DISTRICT STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD SAMPLE SCRIPT

PRESENTER: The District Student of the Year award is presented to a graduating senior in each National Speech & Debate Association district throughout the country who best represents the tenets of the Association's Code of Honor: humility, equity, integrity, respect, leadership, and service.

- **Humility:** A member does not regard oneself more highly than others. Regardless of a person's level of success, an individual always looks beyond oneself to appreciate the inherent value of others.
- **Equity:** A member shares the responsibility to uphold policies and practices that create conditions of fairness and respect in speech and debate—ensuring consistent access, treatment, and opportunity by reducing barriers and encouraging full participation.
- **Integrity:** A member is honest, ethical, and adheres to the competition and conduct rules of the organization. A member follows the NSDA discrimination and harassment policy and abides by the rules of their schools, tournaments, and localities.
- **Respect:** A member demonstrates civil discourse in their interactions with others. A member maintains and contributes to a safe space and welcoming environment for all.
- **Leadership:** A member is aware their words and actions influence others. A member commits to thoughtful and meaningful words and actions that reflect NSDA core values.
- **Service:** A member exercises their talents to provide service to peers, community, and the activity. At all times a member is prepared to work constructively to improve the lives of others.

Nominees must also demonstrate strong academic credentials and a commitment to the speech and debate community. This year, we had a number of nominations for the **[DISTRICT NAME]** Student of the Year. Please welcome to the stage our nominees, in alphabetical order:

<i>[Student Name]</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>[School, Coached by Name(s)]</i>
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<i>[Student Name]</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>[School, Coached by Name(s)]</i>

[PRESENTER READS EXCERPTS FROM EACH NOMINATING ESSAY]

Congratulations to all our finalists! Each district winner is entered into the running for the William Woods Tate, Jr., National Student of the Year award. Six finalists will interview with an esteemed panel of educators during the National Speech & Debate Tournament and the winner is announced during the National Awards Assembly. This individual serves as the student face of the National Speech & Debate Association for the following school year.

And this year's **[DISTRICT NAME]** Student of the Year, representing our district in the running for the National Student of the Year Award is.... **[RECIPIENT NAME]**.