#### 2004-2005

#### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

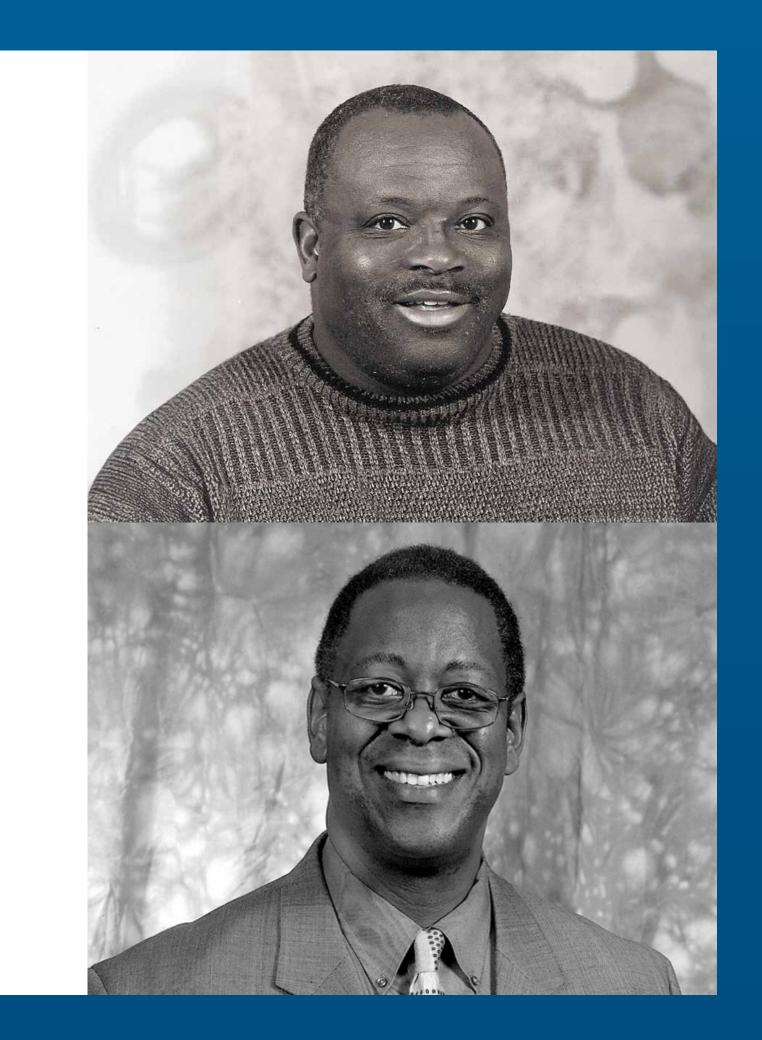
The National Forensic League reached international borders when 32 students from eight countries competed in the first international competitions of Ted Turner Public Forum and Congressional Debate.

#### 2004-2005

#### TRAILBLAZING LEADERS

In 2004, honored coach and mentor Dr.
Tommie Lindsey, Jr., from California was the first African American elected to serve on the Board of Directors. The following year, Aaron Timmons from Texas became the first African American elected to the Hall of Fame.

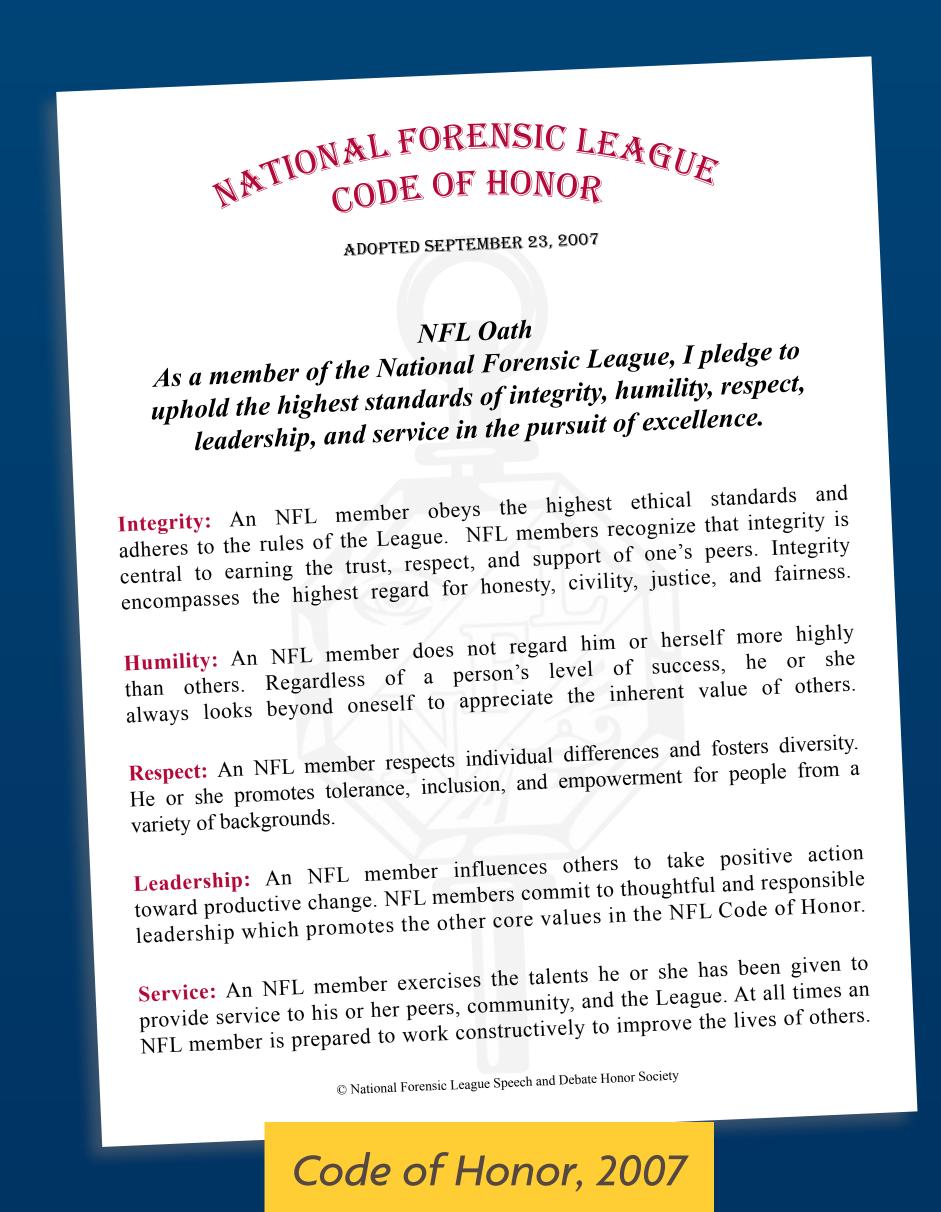
(top to bottom) Dr. Tommie Lindsey, Jr. | Aaron Timmons



#### 2004-2005

#### INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

The National Forensic League expanded its education efforts by holding the first Summer Leadership Conference for district chairs in Ripon, Wisconsin, in 2005.



#### 2007

#### CODE OF HONOR

After decades of recognizing students for their exemplary character, the Code of Honor was established to emphasize the importance of respect, honor, leadership, service, and integrity. To date, all students must adhere to the Code of Honor to become members of the organization.

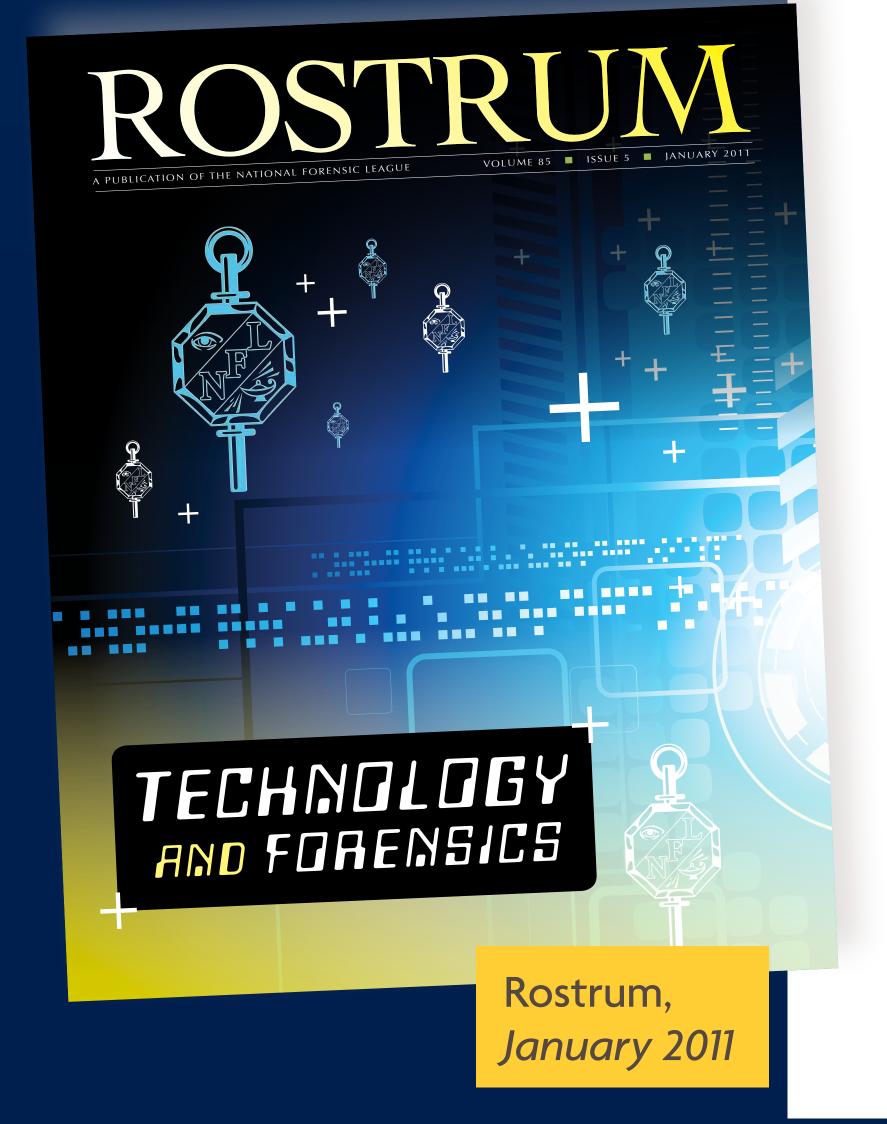
#### 2008

#### STUDENT OF THE YEAR

The William Woods Tate, Jr., National Student of the Year award recognizes a top student who represents the Code of Honor. It is one of the highest honors a student can receive. In 2008, the inaugural National Student of the Year Award was presented to Kyle Ackerman of Downers Grove South High School, IL.

Kyle Ackerman, 2008 National Student of the Year 🕨





#### 2010

#### TECH TAKES HOLD

After years of hauling boxes, totes, and notecards to tournaments, computers were allowed in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Public Forum, and Congressional Debate. Students were also permitted to use computers for Extemporaneous Speaking preparation at district and national tournaments. Policy Debate was the first event to allow laptop computers at the 2007 National Tournament.



#### 2010

# COMING TOGETHER AT NATIONALS

For the first time, the entire high school tournament, Congress, and the National Junior Forensic League National Tournament were all held together in Dallas, Texas.

The NFL piloted a national service project where students packaged nearly 526,000 meals for families in earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

Supplemental Debate, now known as Extemporaneous Debate, was introduced with a record number of entries. The top 14 non-graduating students in each main event were given automatic qualification to the next year's National Tournament.

#### 2010

# NEW CHAPTER IN SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

The NFL transitioned to new school membership qualifications. Members were reclassified as charter, provisional, and member chapters. Additionally, point recording caps were eliminated.

#### 2011

## AMERICAN LEGION PARTNERSHIP

A longstanding partnership began with The American Legion. The top three national finalists in the Legion's National Oratorical Contest were awarded qualification in the National Speech & Debate Tournament. The partnership remains today.



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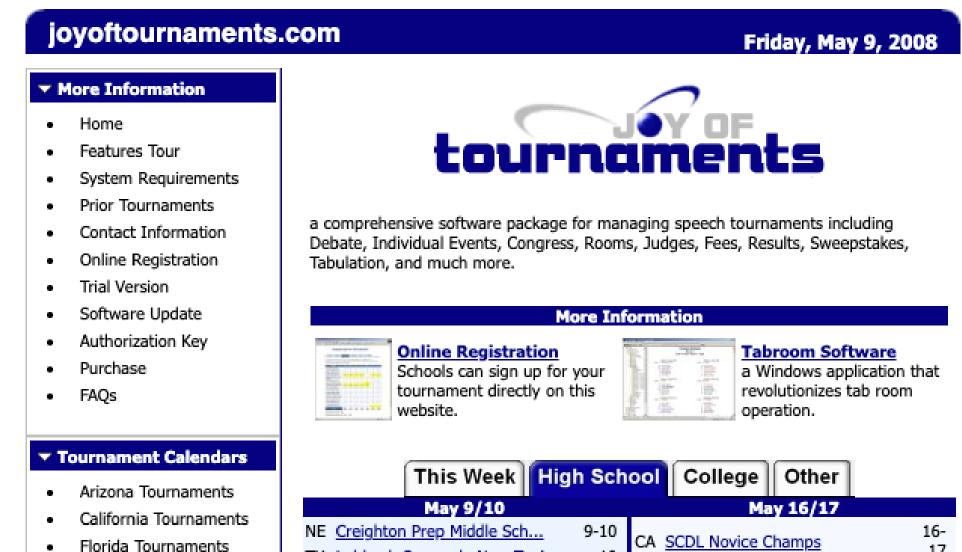
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### 2012

#### TECH ADVANCEMENTS

Chapter advisors began voting online for debate topics and district leadership. A new weighted system allowed students to vote on debate topics—coach votes counted for 75%, student votes 25%. Additionally, advisors had the ability to automatically record points from tournaments tabulated with The Joy of Tournaments and Tab Room for the PC (TRPC).

New opportunities for recognition were added with district sweepstakes awards for Congress, Debate, and Speech.



#### 2013

#### USA DEBATE

As the authority in speech and debate, the NFL assumed responsibility for the USA Debate team. Every year, the NSDA selects 12 of the best student debaters to represent the country in international competition.

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