



# ELEVATING SPEECH AND DEBATE 2017 NSDA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**DENVER, COLORADO**  
AUGUST 24–27, 2017



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2017-2018 TOPIC

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*Humans are  
fundamentally  
different from  
other animals.*

- ▶ During the 2016-2017 school year, 450+ events were held.
- ▶ The NSDA has more than \$500,000 to award to schools that hold Big Questions events.
- ▶ Debates can be held as tournaments, scrimmages or classroom events.
- ▶ **Simple to execute:** all you need is 15 students to do three rounds.
- ▶ **FREE** resources and tournament support provided by the NSDA to make your event successful.
- ▶ A new and exciting way to **raise funds for your team** and get more students involved in debate!

**CONTACT US TODAY TO LEARN MORE OR APPLY**

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## WELCOME!

Dear Attendees,

Thank you for attending our inaugural education conference! The next few days will feature incredible sessions on how you can elevate your skills as a speech and debate educator. I hope you leave Denver with fresh ideas for your classroom and new contacts to continue these important discussions.

This conference strengthens the National Speech & Debate Association's resolve to be the premiere resource for educators in the field of speech and debate. All too often, speech and debate educators are isolated in their schools. They function without a true team of teachers who understand their craft. They operate without counterparts to bounce ideas off of or share resources.

Establishing a national education conference was a natural extension of the work we are doing at the National Speech & Debate Association to better equip educators. We are grateful you are here and hope you make the most of your time together!

Sincerely,

*J. Scott Wunn*  
J. Scott Wunn  
Executive Director

## SAVE THE DATE!

2018 EDUCATION CONFERENCE

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## THANK YOU TO OUR CONFERENCE HOSTS!



*Thursday and Friday Venue*

**Hilton Garden Inn  
Denver Tech Center**  
7675 East Union Avenue  
Denver, CO 80237



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8-minute drive  
between the  
venues.



*Saturday and Sunday Venue*

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## ► THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 • HILTON GARDEN INN

TIME	PRESENTATION	ROOM
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	Foyer of Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	<b>Social</b>	Salon Ballroom
7:00 p.m.	<b>Welcome Dinner</b>	
8:30 p.m.	<b>Conference Notes</b>	



**Stephan  
Turnipseed**

### 7:00 P.M. KEYNOTE – PITSCO EDUCATION

#### ► **Communication, the Currency of the 21st Century**

Stephan Turnipseed is the Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer for Pitsco Education. Pitsco Education is a world leader in 21st century hands on, project based, personalized learning. Turnipseed is an education thought leader, strategist and entrepreneur. He is the former President of LEGO® Education North America and also led the team at Destination Imagination, an experiential learning company focused on creativity and hosting the world's largest celebration of creativity.

## ► FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 • HILTON GARDEN INN

TIME	PRESENTATION	ROOM
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	<b>Ensuring Access to Speech and Debate for Students with Disabilities</b> — <i>Thomas Mayes</i>	Salon A/B
	<b>Sentenced to Success: Speech and Debate as a Tool for At-Risk Youth</b> — <i>Megan West</i>	Salon C
	<b>Using Technology to Benefit Your Speech and Debate Team</b> — <i>Ian Panchevre</i>	Salon D
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	<b>Using Extemporaneous Speaking Strategies to Elevate AP Writing Scores in AP History and AP English</b> — <i>Dario Camara and Jenny Cook</i>	Salon A/B
	<b>Argumentation and Rhetoric: A Gateway to a Limitless World</b> — <i>Pam McComas and Renee Motter</i>	Salon C
	<b>Researching the Activity: What Factors, Detractors, and Elaborators Need to Do</b> — <i>Dr. J. Scott Baker and Adam Jacobi</i>	Salon D
11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	<b>Big Questions Application Help</b>	
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch Plenary – Town Hall with the Board</b>	Ballroom
1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	<b>Big Questions - Dessert &amp; Dollars</b>	
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	<b>Investigating and Addressing Gender Differences in Debate</b> — <i>Shuntá Jordan</i>	Salon A/B
	<b>Ending the Debate: Evaluating Student Responses to Changing Incentive Structures</b> — <i>Adam Jacobi, Jonathon Shapiro, and Anna Weixel</i>	Salon C
	<b>Speech 1: A Trimester Course Aligned to the Common Core</b> — <i>Steve Meadows</i>	Salon D
3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	<b>Interp: Bringing Characters to Life</b> — <i>Joe Wycoff and Pam Wycoff</i>	Salon A/B
	<b>Fundraising Opportunity: Debate Big Questions for Big Bucks</b> — <i>Lauren Burdt, Katie Hines, and Steven Schappaugh</i>	Salon C
	<b>Debate: A Model of Effective Argumentation Instruction</b> — <i>Kristen Stout and Heather Walters</i>	Salon D
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	<b>Connect With Teaching Materials</b> (Salon A/B–Public Speaking; Salon C–Debate; Salon D–Interp)	

## ► SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 • CHERRY CREEK HS

TIME	PRESENTATION	ROOM
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	<b>Title I Schools: Rural or Urban, from Surviving to Thriving</b> — <i>Dr. J. Scott Baker, Victoria Beard, and Grant Thomas</i>	West 205 (Lecture Ctr.)
	<b>Critical Linkages: From High School, to College to Career</b> — <i>Kevin Minch</i>	IC 715-717
	<b>Great Books Inspire Great Arguments</b> — <i>Serge Danielson-Francois and Erich Heiden</i>	IC 735-736
	<b>Becoming the “Go-To” Person for Your Speech and Debate Program</b> — <i>Jan Heiteen and Susan Knoblauch</i>	IC 801 (Community Rm.)
	<b>What is Policy Debate? No, It Isn’t That Complex</b> — <i>Shawn Briscoe</i>	IC Library
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	<b>Discovering Your Voice: A Perspective on Helping Students of Color Excel in Forensics</b> — <i>Dr. Tommie Lindsey, Jr.</i>	West 205 (Lecture Ctr.)
	<b>Fundraising Opportunity: Debate Big Questions for Big Bucks</b> — <i>Lauren Burdt, Katie Hines, and Steven Schappaugh</i>	IC 801 (Community Rm.)
	<b>How to Use Technology to Foster a Cohesive Speech and Debate Team</b> — <i>Julie Roos</i>	IC 715-717
	<b>Using Interpretation Strategies in the Language Arts Classroom</b> — <i>Jan Heiteen</i>	IC 735-736
	<b>To Be or Not To Be: That is Debatable!</b> — <i>Mary Gormley and Jeff Stutzman</i>	IC Library
11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.	<b>HBH Lunch Plenary</b> — <i>2017 Educator of the Year - Renee Motter &amp; Scott Wunn</i>	West 210 (Cafeteria)

SATURDAY SCHEDULE CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE ►►►



Renee  
Motter

### 12:15 P.M. KEYNOTE – 2017 NSDA EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

#### ► Elevating Voices: The Power of Speech and Debate

Renee Motter, 2017 NSDA Educator of the Year, earned a double major in English Education and Biblical Studies from Northwestern College in Minnesota, later earning a Master of Arts in Curriculum Development and Instruction. Renee has been teaching English for more than 20 years. In addition, she coordinates the Talented and Gifted program and is the head Speech and Debate coach. Having seen the power of both collaboration and speech and debate, Renee hopes to encourage others to come together to find solutions that are best for students including finding ways to help more students access the benefits and learning afforded through speech and debate.

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**THURSDAY:** Hilton Garden Inn 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**FRIDAY:** Hilton Garden Inn 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
**SATURDAY:** Cherry Creek HS 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY:** Cherry Creek HS 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## ► SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 (CONTINUED)

TIME	PRESENTATION	ROOM
1:30 p.m. TO 2:30 p.m.	<b>Bridging the Gap: Establishing Successful Curricular and Co-Curricular Opportunities in an Urban District</b> — <i>Manuel Halkias</i>	West 205 (Lecture Ctr.)
	<b>Elevating Achievement: Maximizing Your Squad for Both In-State and NSDA Competition</b> — <i>Adam Jacobi</i>	IC 801 (Community Rm.)
	<b>NFHS Services and Opportunities</b> — <i>Kevin Minch and James Weaver</i>	IC 715-717
	<b>Teaching Speech as a Debate-Minded Coach</b> — <i>Andrew Dolberg, Martin Page, and Lexi Tippings</i>	IC 735-736
	<b>A Day of Discourse, Dialogue, and Debate</b> — <i>Jeffrey Miller</i>	IC Library
2:45 p.m. TO 3:45 p.m.	<b>Welcome to My World: Developing a Partnership with Your Principal</b> — <i>Byron Arthur and Dr. Joseph Murry, Jr.</i>	West 205 (Lecture Ctr.)
	<b>International Best Practices: Strategies for Teaching Debate to First and Second Language Learners</b> — <i>Randall Martinez, Athena Lao, and Al Schleicher</i>	IC 801 (Community Rm.)
	<b>Engaging Students Over the Long Term</b> — <i>Sandra Berkowitz and R. Shane Stafford</i>	IC 715-717
	<b>Understanding Strategies for Teaching Common Philosophical Text</b> — <i>Jim Dorman</i>	IC 735-736
	<b>Being an Educator of Significance: 21 Keys to Character and Leaders in the Classroom and Beyond</b> — <i>Jill Lofald</i>	IC Library
4:00 p.m. TO 5:00 p.m.	<b>Riding the Zombie Wave: Apocalyptic Strategies for Advancing Argumentation Skills</b> — <i>Kevin Minch, Tyler Unsell, and Jared Young</i>	West 205 (Lecture Ctr.)
	<b>Developing a Champion Oratory in the Classroom and Beyond</b> — <i>James Harris</i>	IC 715-717
	<b>The Future of NSDA Professional Development</b> — <i>Lauren McCoil</i>	IC 735-736
	<b>The Educator as Journalist: How the Techniques of Journalism Will Transform Your Classroom Communication</b> — <i>Bob Ickes</i>	IC 801 (Community Rm.)



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TIME	PRESENTATION	ROOM
9:15 a.m. TO 10:15 a.m.	<b>From Aristotle to 21st Century Skills: Redefining the Public Speaking Process</b> — <i>Harry Strong and David Yastremski</i>	West 205 (Lecture Ctr.)
	<b>Congressional Debate Across the Curriculum</b> — <i>Jay Stubbs</i>	IC 715-717
	<b>Speech and Debate as Transformative Community Engagement</b> — <i>Jeff Joseph and Ashley Murphy</i>	IC 801 (Community Rm.)
	<b>The Coaches Code of Ethics: Aren't We the Adults?</b> — <i>Jay Rye</i>	IC Library
10:30 a.m. TO 11:30 a.m.	<b>Envisioning a New Standard for Speech, Debate, and Communication Education</b> — <i>James Weaver and David Yastremski</i>	West 205 (Lecture Ctr.)
	<b>The Future of NSDA Professional Development</b> — <i>Lauren McCool</i>	IC 715-717
	<b>Controlling the Chaos</b> — <i>David Huston</i>	IC 735-736
	<b>The Gender (Speech and) Debate: Gendered Microaggressions in the Forensic Community</b> — <i>Richard Glover, Meagan Kowaleski, and Harry Strong</i>	IC Library
11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	<b>Departure</b>	

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