



Dear Colleagues,

I am incredibly honored to be selected as the NSDA High School Administrator of the Year. When I joined the speech and debate team in high school, I had no idea that forensics would play such a significant role in my life and career. The skills I learned as a student prepared me to be a successful teacher and administrator. The relationships I built as a speech and debate coach have lasted far beyond the last tournament.

I am very proud that I have been able to support a program that provides those skills and experiences for my students at Gabrielino High School. As a principal, I know that a strong speech and debate team contributes to the academic foundations and reputation of a school. To make this happen, an administrator has to be committed to providing funding, supporting travel, showcasing successes, supporting holding tournaments on campus, and ensuring that speech and debate courses are an integral part of the academic program. Gabrielino's outstanding speech and debate program is a shining example that the approach works.

Thank you to the National Speech & Debate Association for this recognition. Many thanks to Gabrielino High School's exceptional speech and debate coaching staff, and all of the Screamin' Eagles, past and present. You are all amazing! Thank you for continuing to inspire my love of forensics.

Sincerely,

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