



2016-2017 Leading Chapter Awards

Des Moines, IA (November 17, 2017) – The National Speech & Debate Association is proud to congratulate the 2016-2017 Leading Chapter Award winners. This is the highest recognition a speech and debate chapter can achieve in the National Speech & Debate Honor Society.

“This award, which is based on participation, represents a tremendous dedication to speech and debate education,” said Executive Director J. Scott Wunn. “Our leading chapter schools understand the importance of speech and debate, and the life changing benefits of the activity. We are proud to recognize these hard-working schools with this coveted honor.”

Only one school in each speech and debate district earns this prestigious award every year. From more than 3,600 schools across the country, only around 3% of schools are recognized as Leading Chapter Award winners. Schools with this distinction not only lead other schools within their district; they serve as flagship programs for novice speech and debate teams around the United States.

“Speech and debate advances communication skills, improves reading, writing, speaking and critical thinking, develops interpersonal skills, and prepares students for college, career, and beyond,” said Wunn. “Nowhere is this more evident than our Leading Chapter Schools.”

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Leading Chapter Award winners:

Leading Chapter School	City	State	NSDA District
South Anchorage High School	Anchorage	AK	Western Washington
The Montgomery Academy	Montgomery	AL	Deep South (AL)
Bentonville High School	Bentonville	AR	Arkansas
Desert Vista High School	Phoenix	AZ	Arizona
James Enochs High School	Modesto	CA	Big Valley (CA)
Mission San Jose High School	Fremont	CA	Calif. Coast (CA)
Mira Loma High School	Sacramento	CA	Capitol Valley (CA)
San Marino High School	San Marino	CA	East Los Angeles (CA)
Analy High School	Sebastopol	CA	San Fran Bay (CA)
Clovis North High School	Fresno	CA	Sierra (CA)
Oxford Academy	Cypress	CA	Southern California
Palos Verdes Peninsula High School	Rolling Hills Estates	CA	West Los Angeles (CA)
Cherry Creek High School	Greenwood Village	CO	Colorado
Widefield High School	Colorado Springs	CO	Colorado Grande
Fort Collins High School	Fort Collins	CO	Rocky Mountain-North (CO)
Palisade High School	Palisade	CO	Western Slope
Mountain Vista High School	Highlands Ranch	CO	Rocky Mountain-South (CO)
American Heritage School - Plantation	Plantation	FL	Florida Manatee

Suncoast Community High School	Riviera Beach	FL	Florida Oceanfront
Lake Brantley High School	Altamonte Springs	FL	Florida Panther
King High School	Tampa	FL	Florida Sunshine
Ransom Everglades School	Coconut Grove	FL	South Florida
Henry W. Grady High School	Atlanta	GA	Georgia Northern Mountain
Carrollton High School	Carrollton	GA	Georgia Southern Peach
University Laboratory School	Honolulu	HI	Hawaii
Clarke Community High School	Osceola	IA	East Iowa
Ames High School	Ames	IA	West Iowa
Rocky Mountain High School	Meridian	ID	Idaho Gem of the Mountain
Rigby High School	Rigby	ID	Idaho Mountain River
University High School	Normal	IL	Greater Illinois
Glenbard West High School	Glen Ellyn	IL	Illini (IL)
Evanston Township High School	Evanston	IL	Northern Illinois
North Central High School	Indianapolis	IN	Hoosier Crossroads (IN)
Fishers High School	Fishers	IN	Hoosier Heartland (IN)
Concord High School	Elkhart	IN	Northeast Indiana
Munster High School	Munster	IN	Northwest Indiana
Lawrence Free State High School	Lawrence	KS	East Kansas
Manhattan High School	Manhattan	KS	Kansas Flint-Hills
Chanute High School	Chanute	KS	South Kansas
Valley Center High School	Valley Center	KS	Sunflower (KS)
Blue Valley North High School	Overland Park	KS	Three Trails (KS)
Newton High School	Newton	KS	West Kansas
Calloway County High School	Murray	KY	Kentucky
Abbeville High School	Abbeville	LA	Louisiana
Lexington High School	Lexington	MA	New England (MA & NH)
Walt Whitman High School	Bethesda	MD	Chesapeake (MD)
Cape Elizabeth High School	Cape Elizabeth	ME	Maine
Grand Rapids Christian High School	Grand Rapids	MI	Michigan
Chanhassen High School	Chanhassen	MN	Central Minnesota
Champlin Park High School	Champlin	MN	Northern Lights (MN)
Lakeville North High School	Lakeville	MN	Southern Minnesota
Cassville High School	Cassville	MO	Carver-Truman (MO)
Rock Bridge High School	Columbia	MO	Eastern Missouri
Liberty North High School	Liberty	MO	Heart Of America (MO)
Central High School	Springfield	MO	Ozark (MO)
Lee's Summit West High School	Lee's Summit	MO	Show Me (MO)
Petal High School	Petal	MS	Magnolia (MS)
Big Sky High School	Missoula	MT	Montana
Northwest Guilford High School	Greensboro	NC	Carolina West (NC)
Durham Academy	Durham	NC	Tarheel East (NC)
Valley City High School	Valley City	ND	North Dakota Roughrider

Millard West High School	Omaha	NE	Nebraska
Millard South High School	Omaha	NE	Nebraska South
Montville High School	Montville	NJ	New Jersey
Albuquerque Academy	Albuquerque	NM	New Mexico
Palo Verde High School	Las Vegas	NV	Golden Desert (NV)
Douglas High School	Minden	NV	Sagebrush (NV)
Scarsdale High School	Scarsdale	NY	New York State(NY)
McQuaid Jesuit High School	Rochester	NY	Iroquois (NY)
The Bronx High School Of Science	Bronx	NY	New York City
Wadsworth City School	Wadsworth	OH	Eastern Ohio
Hawken School	Gates Mills	OH	North Coast (OH)
Canfield High School	Canfield	OH	Northern Ohio
Centerville High School	Centerville	OH	Western Ohio
Bixby High School	Bixby	OK	East Oklahoma
Norman High School	Norman	OK	West Oklahoma
McMinnville High School	McMinnville	OR	North Oregon
Ashland High School	Ashland	OR	South Oregon
Trinity High School	Washington	PA	Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School	Pittsburgh	PA	Pittsburgh (PA)
La Salle College High School	Wyndmoor	PA	Valley Forge (PA)
Riverside High School	Greer	SC	South Carolina
Brookings High School	Brookings	SD	Northern South Dakota
Washington High School	Sioux Falls	SD	Rushmore (SD)
Brentwood High School	Brentwood	TN	Tennessee
Ronald Reagan High School	San Antonio	TX	Central Texas
The Woodlands High School	The Woodlands	TX	East Texas
Richard King High School	Corpus Christi	TX	Gulf Coast (TX)
Hendrickson High School	Pflugerville	TX	Heart Of Texas
Canton High School	Canton	TX	LBJ (TX)
Garland High School	Garland	TX	Lone Star (TX)
Keller High School	Keller	TX	North Texas Longhorns
Clear Lake High School	Houston	TX	South Texas
Kerr High School	Houston	TX	Space City (TX)
Borger High School	Borger	TX	Tall Cotton (TX)
John Tyler High School	Tyler	TX	UIL (TX)
Ysleta High School	El Paso	TX	West Texas
THEO Christian	Plano	TX	Yellow Rose (TX)
Kearns High School	Kearns	UT	Great Salt Lake (UT)
Juab High School	Nephi	UT	Sundance (UT)
Roy High School	Roy	UT	Utah-Wasatch
Broad Run High School	Ashburn	VA	Virginia
North Central High School	Spokane	WA	Inland Empire (WA)
Mount Vernon High School	Mount Vernon	WA	Puget Sound (WA)

Neenah High School	Neenah	WI	Northern Wisconsin
Middleton High School	Verona	WI	Southern Wisconsin
Cheyenne Central High School	Cheyenne	WY	Hole In The Wall (WY)
Hot Springs Country High School	Thermopolis	WY	Wind River (WY)

About the National Speech & Debate Association

The National Speech & Debate Association is the largest interscholastic speech and debate organization serving middle school, High School, and collegiate students in the United States. The Association provides competitive speech and debate activities, high-quality resources, comprehensive training, scholarship opportunities, and advanced recognition to more than 150,000 students and coaches every year. For over 90 years, the National Speech & Debate Association has empowered more than 1.5 million members to become engaged citizens, skilled professionals, and honorable leaders in our society. For more information, visit www.speechanddebate.org.

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