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NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE TOURNAMENT
FINALS LUNCHEON

Phoenix Convention Center
FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023



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100 N 3rd Street • Phoenix, AZ

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You and a guest are invited to attend the morning, afternoon, or both sessions.

UNABLE TO ATTEND?



Stream
awards
and final
rounds!

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MORNING SESSION

- 7:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Informative Speaking
- 9:30 a.m. U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking
- 11:00 a.m. Int'l Extemporaneous Speaking
- 1:00 p.m. VIP Luncheon

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 p.m. VIP Luncheon
- 2:30 p.m. Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- 3:45 p.m. Public Forum Debate
- 5:00 p.m. Original Oratory Speaking
- 6:30 p.m. National Awards Ceremony



RSVP TO ANGELA MCMILLAN BY JUNE 8.
Email angela.mcmillan@speechanddebate.org, or
call (920) 748-6206. Please include any dietary restrictions.

We invite you to experience firsthand the power of speech and debate programs in schools.

As a school administrator in the Phoenix/Mesa area, we want to make sure you know about the **National Speech & Debate Association's National Tournament** happening at the Phoenix Convention Center June 11-16.

This is the largest academic competition in the world.

Students compete throughout the year to earn a coveted spot at the National Tournament, where they will compete against the best and brightest across several speech and debate categories.

We are thrilled to host the 2023 National Tournament in Arizona and proud to report over 6,000 students will gather to compete for a national title.

These students are the leaders, entertainers, and activists of the future—notable alumni include newly appointed Justice of the United States Supreme Court Ketanji Brown Jackson, actors Chadwick Boseman and Josh Gad, and national news anchors Tom Llamas and Jane Pauley, to name a few.



What is Speech and Debate?

From building confidence, improving communication, and increasing critical thinking skills to better preparing students for college, speech and debate activities provide life skills vital to a young person's success in the future.

Visit speechanddebate.org for more information!



ACTIVITIES

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Acting

School

Public Speaking

Coach

Debate

Student

Debate and Academic Performance

36%

increase in
reading test scores

31%

increase in
regular attendance

15%

higher
self-esteem

100%

increased interest
in their classes

87%

increase in
analytical skills

100%

were unlikely to engage
in negative risk behavior

(drug use, early pregnancy, and alcohol)