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Congratulations to:

Yvonne Kalka

Class A
Speech Coach of the Year

And

Beth Aufforth

News from the President

Beth Aufforth

My seniors have just finished reading *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom. In the story Eddie dies and goes to heaven; however, he must first meet five people who were part of his earthly life; each has a lesson to teach him. And it is Eddie's first lesson that I need to be reminded of this time of year, when I am exhausted, and I can't wait until I can dig in my flow-erbed rather than grade papers. Eddie's first lesson is—"we are all interconnected. What we do affects others. We may not even realize it at the time." So, to each of you, as you get through these last weeks of the school year—remember that what you do, does affect others. What you do does make a difference. And what you do does matter. On behalf of your students, your peers, and the educational system on North Dakota, I thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to this field of communication. You make North Dakota look good.

We are approaching the end of our voyage, but many details need to be done before we dock. So below is a CSTAND "end of the voyage 'to-do' list." Please take some time to think about the following:

Mentors and Mentees: (Feedback needed by the end of the year.)

I would like some feedback on the informal mentor program that we began last fall at convention. Please send me an email Beth.Aufforth@sendit.nodak.edu with suggestions or comments before the end of the year. Did having someone to connect with help? Would you have more specific suggestions for mentors and what they do? Mentors, would you be willing to mentor again? Do you have any suggestions on how to continue the program? Should we try to have more formal guidelines or keep it very informal?

Scholarships and Awards: Deadline May 15 (Scholarship & Award forms are on-line.)

If you have a student who should be considered for a CSTAND scholarship, please take the time to nominate him or her.

If you know a peer who deserves some recognition, nominate him or her for one of the following CSTAND awards: Administrator of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Creative Artist, Service to the Profession.

Register for next year's CSTAND Convention. (Register on-line at CSTAND.org)

The theme for 2008 is "Communication is our ticket to success." Plans are underway to bring you an exciting, informative, and inspiring convention.

Check the newsletter for additional information. Sessions are still being planned, so if you have an idea, contact Yvonne Kalka. **CONTINUED >>>>**

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News from the President**Beth Aufforth****Wanted a few good men and women. . . .**

...who are willing to serve the CSTAND organization. Three board positions will be voted on next September, and if you would be willing to serve in one of these capacities please contact Beth Aufforth. This is an opportunity for you to give back to an organization that has given to you.

Second vice-president. This person should be a Class B coach or director and would serve for 4 years moving to 1st VP, President, and Past-President.

CLASS B Representative. The current Class B Rep, Bonnie Muehlberg feels it is time for someone else to take the position. This is a 3-year term.

Secretary. This position is elected annually. Clarice Andrus, who has served for the past few years, is ready for someone else to step up.

Century High

Katy Dorfschmidt
Matthew Kurtz
Steve Rohrich
Taryn Chase

Devils Lake

Will Bergstrom

Fargo North

Aurora Obembe
Phoebe Strom

Fargo South

Jeff Fricker
Matthew Budke
Matthew Kaseman
Nora Hyde

Mandan High

Andrea Hetzel
Brittany Kuhn
Erica Berger
Jonathon Wanner
Nick Leingang
Sara Nitschke
Vanessa Stumpf

Shanley High

Daniel Cho
Jennifer Vetter
Jon Lipp
Mason Lende
Philip Thelen
Teagan Lende

St. Mary's

Adam Swigost
Paige Willey
Cassandra Becker
Ellen Mueller
Lucas Brendel
Morgan Hessman
Rachel Burckhard
Seth Eberle

Valley City High

Christopher Krapu
Kyle Vareberg
Stephanie Starr

Wahpeton

Jordan Christie

West Fargo

Beatrice Hill
Eric Halvorson

Williston

Megan Altizer
Sarah Pozgay
Kelli Maleckar

Congratulations Class A All-State Award Winners

Bob Hetler Retires.....

Bob and His wife Ilene will soon celebrate forty-two years of marriage. They have two children, Janelle and Todd. Janelle is married to Kipp Stender and they have two daughters: Abigail (8) and Izabella (6). Kipp is an elementary principal and Janelle teaches 5th and 6th grade science in the La Qui Parle School District, Madison, MN. Todd is married to Sheri Dokken and they have 3 children: Kelly (8), Caleb (6) and Emma is 4 months of age. Todd teaches, coaches and is the athletic director at Calvin Christian Middle School in Blaine, Minnesota.

State Class A Speech Results

The Fifty-Eighth Annual NDHSAA Sponsored State Class A Speech Tournament will be held at Bismarck High School on Saturday, April 19th, 2008. Two hundred fifty students from 16 high schools competed in the tournament. All participants qualified from the East or West Region Tournaments held on April 5th or qualified at invitational tournaments held during the season.

Mandan captured first place with 90 points, followed by St. Mary's with 87, Devils Lake with 63, Fargo South with 57, Fargo Shanley with 55, and Valley City with 54.

Elected by her peers as 2008 State Speech Coach of the Year was Yvonne Kalka of Grand Forks Central.

Following are the top 8 place winners in each of the 14 categories:

Extemporaneous Speaking: 1st-Aurora Obembe, Fargo North; 2nd-John Kenney, Fargo Shanley; 3rd-Chris Krapu, Valley City; 4th-Phoebe Strom, Fargo North; 5th-Adam Swigost, St. Mary's; 6th-Teagen Lende, Fargo Shanley; 7th-Stuart Nygard, Williston; 8th-Alex Malm, St. Mary's.

Radio Broadcasting: 1st-Ben Thompson, Devils Lake; 2nd-Vanessa Stumpf, Mandan; 3rd-Matthew Budke, Fargo South; 4th-Derrick Nagel, St. Mary's; 5th-Ali Pavlicek, Dickinson; 6th-Erika Berger, Mandan; 7th-Kyle Varberg, Valley City; 8th-Kristen Kautz, West Fargo.

Extemporaneous Programmed Reading: 1st- Sarah Pozgay, Williston; 2nd-Kristen Lundberg, Shanley; 3rd- Rachel Levy, Valley City; 4th-Leah Haak, Valley City; 5th-Sarah Hass, Valley City; 6th-Morgan Reikmann, Williston; 7th-Jace Rigger, Devils Lake; 8th- Amy Walen, West Fargo; Superior Speakers went to Deanna Webster, Devils Lake, and Vanessa Stumpf, Mandan.

Storytelling: 1st- Seth Eberle, St. Mary's; 2nd-Cassandra Becker, St. Mary's; 3rd-Taryn Chase, Century; 4th-Anna Gulsvig, Devils Lake; 5th-Casondra Klevens, Williston; 6th-Scott Ecker, Fargo South; 7th-Mandy Wagner, Century; 8th-Beth Osman, Fargo South.

Serious Duo: 1st-Matt Kurz and Katie Dorfschmidt, Century; 2nd-Scott Van Dyke and Sarah Fredricks, Mandan; 3rd- Britt Amunstad and Wes Wakefield, Devils Lake; 4th-Lillith Kreiss and Sarah Gruenbacher, Devils Lake; 5th-Sean Legenfelder and Victor Sweeney, St. Mary's; 6th-Sarah Pozgay and Jacob Monson, Williston; 7th-Courtney Schaff and Taryn Chase, Century; 8th-Kendall Newcombe and Hollyn Brekke, Mandan.

Poetry: 1st-Nick Leingang, Mandan; 2nd-Jonathan Wanner, Mandan; 3rd- Mollie Fullerton, Fargo South; 4th-Beatrice Hill, West Fargo; 5th- Rachel Burckhard, St. Mary's; 6th-Allison Shea, Valley City; 7th- Morgan Hessman, St. Mary's; 8th-Jennifer Garbina, St. Mary's.

Dramatic Interpretation: 1st-Nick Leingang, Mandan; 2nd-Seth Eberle, St. Mary's; 3rd-Jonathan Wanner, Mandan; 4th-Sebastian Hull, Fargo South; 5th-Katelin Fullerton, Fargo South; 6th-Jared Deckert, Devils Lake; 7th-Emily Doll, St. Mary's; 8th-Rachel Levy, Valley City; Superior Speaker- Morgan Hessman, St. Mary's.

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State Class A Speech Results continued.....

Inform: 1st- Eric Halvorson, West Fargo; 2nd-Mason Lende, Shanley; 3rd-Ellen Mueller, St. Mary's; 4th-Kelli Malecker, Williston; 5th-Ryan Santiago, Devils Lake; 6th-Matthew Kaseman, Fargo South; 7th-Lindsey Ellefson, Mandan; 8th-Abbey Heidrich, St. Mary's.

Humorous Interpretation: 1st- Eric Halvorson, West Fargo; 2nd- Luke Monson, Jamestown; 3rd-Matt Kurtz, Century; 4th-Katy Dorfschmidt, Century; 5th-Cassandra Becker, St. Mary's; 6th-Jed Luther, Mandan; 7th-Jordan Engelke, Fargo South; 8th-Samantha Pyle, West Fargo; Superior Speaker-Scott Alm, Mandan.

Serious Prose: 1st- Sebastian Hull, Fargo South; 2nd-Evan Halbach, Devils Lake; 3rd-Sarah Hass, Valley City; 4th-Rachel Burckhard, St. Mary's; 5th-Brittany Kuhn, Mandan; 6th-Suzanne Redekopp, St. Mary's; 7th-Mollie Fullerton, Fargo South; 8th-Cassie Bjerke, Fargo South; Superior Speaker-Kelsey Weigel, St. Mary's.

Humorous Duo: 1st-Eric Kopyy and Scott Van Dyke, Mandan; 2nd-Zach Wanner and Scott Alm, Mandan; 3rd- Drew Spooner and John Ford-Dunker, Fargo South; 4th-Ben Thompson and Evan Halbach, Devils Lake; 5th-Hannah Andring and Sarah Fredericks, Mandan; 6th-Kyle Vareberg and Allison Shea, Valley City; 7th-Sarah Walz and Kolte Kirby, Williston; 8th-Jordan Engelke and Maggie Wheeler, Fargo South; Superior Speaker-Holly Krein and Jesse Emerson, Century; Christina Bohn and Kayla Hawley, West Fargo; Alisha Olson and Jordan Christie, Wahpeton; and John Lynch and Luke Monson, Jamestown.

Speech to Persuade: 1st-Mason Lende, Shanley; 2nd-Phoebe Strom, Fargo North; 3rd-Ellen Mueller, St. Mary's; 4th-Lillith Kreiss, Devils Lake; 5th-Phil Thelen, Fargo Shanley; 6th-Carolyn Braus, St. Mary's; 7th-Jon Daeuber, Wahpeton; 8th-Ali Pavlicek, Dickinson; Superior Speaker-Casey Munter, Wahpeton and Sara Nitschke, Mandan.

Impromptu: 1st-Chris Krapu, Valley City; 2nd-Teagen Lende, Fargo Shanley; 3rd-John Kenney, Fargo Shanley; 4th-Will Bergstrom, Devils Lake; 5th-Adam Swigost, St. Mary's; 6th-Megan Altizer, Williston; 7th-Megan Nitschke, Mandan; 8th-Jeff Fricker, Fargo South.

Speech to Entertain: 1st-Nikko Raymo, Century; 2nd-Shanley Fogarty, Valley City; 3rd-Mia Barnett, Fargo South; 4th-Angela Loff, Devils Lake; 5th-Paul Anderson, St. Mary's; 6th-Katie Jacobson, Mandan; 7th-Andrew Turck, St. Mary's; 8th-Nick Strom, West Fargo; Superior Speaker-Jordan Christie, Wahpeton and Warren Riegler, St. Mary's.

Schools participating were Bismarck Century, Bismarck St. Mary's, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo North, Fargo Shanley, Fargo South, Grand Forks Central, Grand Forks Red River, Jamestown, Mandan, Valley City, Wahpeton, West Fargo and Williston.

What's the BEST part of speech participation?

"You can act like anyone you want to at the competitions because it is a fact—we are nerds! And we love it!"
--Tracy '09



Sarah Tron and the West Fargo High School

cast of

Fourteen Lines

“What Have You Been Reading?”

Sleeping on Potatoes by Carl Nomura

Book Description:

Kaworu (Carl) Nomura's autobiography is an unforgettable story of growing up in the United States as a Japanese-American. From a fishing cannery in Long Beach, CA in the twenties to the Great Depression in the thirties, from high school's Pomp and Circumstance to Manzanar's Internment Center during WWII, and from the University of Minnesota in the fifties to Honeywell Corporation, *Sleeping on Potatoes* is a wonderfully evocative account of Nomura's life and times. It is the story of adversity and courage, of the poignancy of love and the awkwardness of sex, of family bonds and family tensions and the rise to the corporate tower.

What I LOVED about the book (Cynthia Kaldor):

Along with being a “quick read” or short life stories, Carl Nomura offers insights into many facets of life. Not just his life, but ours as well. This brilliant physicist gives the reader a perspective on situations that we often don't take the time to reflect upon, but are the incidents that shape our lives and those of our families and friends.

Recommendation: READ IT.... YOU'LL LOVE IT!



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State Class B Speech Results

The Fifty-Eighth Annual NDHSAA Sponsored State Class B Speech Tournament held at Mandan High School on Saturday, April 26th, 2008. Three hundred fifty students from 71 high schools competed in the tournament. All participants qualified at one of ten regional tournaments held by April 12th or qualified at invitational tournaments held during the season.

Richardton-Taylor captured first place with 86 points. 2nd was Bowman with 54 pts; 3rd was Richland with 39 pts; 4th was Bowbells with 37 pts; 5th was Glenburn with 28 pts., 6th was Ray with 26 pts. And 7th was Enderlin with 24 points.

Elected by her peers as 2008 State B Speech Coach of the Year was Beth Aufforth of Bowbells/Burke Central.

The following are the top 8 place winners in each of the 14 categories.

Extemporaneous Speaking: 1st-Robert Vallie-Richland; 2nd-Terrance Pendergrass-Bowman County; 3rd-Angela Birchfield-Richland; 4th-Jessica Bobb-Richardton-Taylor; 5th-Nick Haberman-Wyndmere; 6th-Hannah Thoreson-May-Port CG; 7th-Ray Hoff-Richland; 8th-Darin Spelhaug-Wyndmere.

Radio Broadcasting: 1st-Mandy Naumann-Richardton-Taylor; 2nd-Rachel Lewton-Bowman County; 3rd- Katie Dressler-Richardton-Taylor; 4th – Katie Finken-Garrison/Max; 5th-Ryan Capouch-May-Port CG; 6th-Thomas Messer-Richardton-Taylor; 7th-Hannah Zimny - Glenburn; 8th-Brian Viall-Ray.

Extemporaneous Programmed Reading: 1st- Haleigh Erickson-Center-Stanton; 2nd-Chrissy Myers-Garrison/Max; 3rd- Megan Espeseth- Bowbells/Burke Central; 4th-Taylor Abler-May-Port CG; 5th-Matt Perdue-Ray; 6th-Audrey Nash-Richland; 7th-Seth Fisher- Mott-Regent; 8th- Chelsie Bickel - Kindred.

Storytelling: 1st- Seth Fisher, Mott-Regent; 2nd-Olivia Tyrrell, Richardton-Taylor; 3rd-Janet Morken, Richland; 4th-Jerica Massey, Bowman County; 5th-Alyson Leas, Rock Lake ; 6th-Emily Black, Trinity Christian; 7th-Cody Raeder, Richland; 8th-Becca Nelson, Richland.

Serious Duo: 1st-Charmayne Messer/Brandon Myran, Richardton-Taylor; 2nd-Elizabeth Schenfisch/Alexis Kelsch - Washburn; 3rd- Evan Bloom/Tara Hutchinson- Richardton-Taylor; 4th-Erika Storhoff/Landon Fuhrman-Enderlin; 5th-Courtney Esuscher/Emily Waswick-North Sargent; 6th-Clare Geinert/Caetlin Fox-Edgeley; 7th –Seth Wisthoff/Anita Christianson; 8th-Laurel Rustad/Justine Olson-Ray.

Poetry: 1st-Charmayne Messer – Richardton-Taylor; 2nd-Rick Geran – Bowbells/Burke Central; 3rd- Charlie Crane – Mott-Regent; 4th-Beth Ryan-Ray; 5th- Emily Black-Trinity Christian; 6th-Emily Waswick-North Sargent; 7th- Megan Peterson-New Town; 8th-Jasmine Quiroz-Central Cass.

Dramatic Interpretation: 1st-Marc Koeck – Oak Grove; 2nd-Sara Pearson-Linton; 3rd-Chase Raeder-Richland; 4th-Tanner Hall - Glenburn; 5th-Andrew Rebel – Richardton-Taylor; 6th-Tracy Weber – New Rockford-Sheyenne; 7th-Brittney Schuchard- Oak Grove; 8th-Holly Huckell-Sargent Central.

Inform: 1st- Rachel Geinert - Edgeley; 2nd-Andrew Roehl - Hettinger; 3rd-Katie Dressler – Richardton-Taylor; 4th-Chrissy Myers – Garrison/Max; 5th- Patricia Peterson-Bowman County; 6th-Megan Espeseth- Bowbells/Burke Central; 7th-Elizabeth Anderson-Bowbells/Burke Central; 8th-Thomas Keller - Wyndmere.

Humorous Interpretation: 1st- Brett Olson-Glenburn; 2nd- Abby Mattson-Kindred; 3rd- Kathryn Klokstad-Westhope/Newburg; 4th-Matthew Nies-Ashley; 5th-Lindsay Tyrrell-Richardton-Taylor; 6th-Ryan Capouch-May-Port CG; 7th-Dillon Hartl-Enderlin; 8th-Brady Ganskop-Bowbells/Burke Central.

Humorous Duo: 1st-Courtney Henkel/Kenny Jahnke-Enderlin; 2nd-Heather Schneibel/Brett Olson-Glenburn; 3rd- Taylor Abler/Eliot Olson- May-Port CG; 4th-Amber Bracken/Nikki Herman-Leeds; 5th-Whitney Pandolfo/Elizabeth Anderson-Bowbells/Burke Central; 6th-Caitlyn Stein/Megan Meyer-Hankinson; 7th-Libby Forester/Andrew Rebel- Richardton-Taylor; 8th-Stacey Schimming/Briana Gillund-Enderlin.

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State Class B Speech Results continued.....

Serious Prose: 1st- Marc Koeck-Oak Grove; 2nd-Elizabeth Schenfisch - Washburn; 3rd-Heather Harder-Bowman County; 4th-Jessica Narloch-Grafton; 5th-Olivia Tyrrell- Richardton-Taylor; 6th-Brittney Peterson-Bowbells/Burke Central; 7th-Craig Goettle-Kenmare; 8th-Erika Storhoff-Enderlin.

Speech to Persuade: 1st-Katie Fletcher- Barnes County North; 2nd-Mandy Naumann-Richardton-Taylor; 3rd-Rachel Lewton-Bowman County; 4th-Brian Viall-Ray; 5th-Beth Hendrickx-Bowman County; 6th-Katie Finken-Garrison/Max; 7th-Carrie Betsch-Starkweather; 8th-Anita Christianson-Glenburn.

Impromptu: 1st-Lisa Gader-Napoleon; 2nd-David Collins- Carrington; 3rd-Kyle Fennell – Bowman County; 4th-Darin Spelhaug - Wyndmere; 5th-Patricia Peterson-Bowman County; 6th-Beth Hendrickx, Bowman County; 7th-Nick Haberman-Wyndmere; 8th-Sierra Lassila-Garrison/Max.

Speech to Entertain: 1st-Daniel Johnson-Ray; 2nd-Karley Burns-Bowbells/Burke Central; 3rd-Becca Hovey-Center-Stanton; 4th-Dillon Hartl-Enderlin; 5th-Jacob Greenmeyer-North Sargent; 6th- Robert Vallie-Richland; 7th-Jacob Johnson-Bowbells/Burke Central; 8th-Laura Greff-Mott-Regent

Class B All-State Team

Bowbells: Geran Rick William Bryan, Elizabeth Anderson

Carrington: Jenna Murphy, Ashley Gunderson

Central Cass: Josh Dullea, Lindsey Bultema

Edgeley: Clare Geinert, Rachel Geinert

Enderlin: Briana Gillund, Erika Storhoff*, Landon Fuhrman

Garrison: Chrissy Myers, Sierra Lassila

Glenburn: Tanner Hall, Seth Wisthoff, Heather Schneibel, Brett Olson, Anita Christianson

Hazen: Carter Hill

Hettinger: Amanda Miller, Logan Caldwell, Lindsey Ketterling, Andrew Roehl

May-Port CG: Ryan Capouch

Mott-Regent: Laura Greff, Jared Friedt, Seth Fisher, Charles Crane

New Rockford-Sheyenne: Alice Evanson, Alisa Heskin

North Sargent: Emily Waswick, Courtney Euscher, Kristi Beaver

Ray: Daniel Johnson

Richardton: Olivia Tyrrell, Mandy Naumann, Maggie Zentner, Lindsay Tyrell, Jessica Bobb, Evan Bloom, Charmayne Messer, Andrew Rebel

Richland: Robert Vallie, Janet Morken, Chase Raeder, Audrey Nash

Washburn: Elizabeth Schenfisch, Alexis Kelsch

Wyndmere: Thomas Keller

What's the BEST part of speech participation?

“...meeting new people, and I think it brings out the person you are (helps you come out of your shell).”
--Brittney '10

MAY 15th DEADLINES:

Administrator of the Year

Creative Artist

Scholar of the Year

Service to the Profession

Student Scholarships

Teacher of the Year

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED ON-LINE:<http://www.cstand.org/?page=awardapplications>

Communication is the Ticket to our Success

TENTATIVE Fall Conference Schedule by: Yvonne Kalka, Chr.

Thursday, September 11th

- 6:30 – 10:00 PM** Registration – Lobby
- 7:00 – 8:15 PM** CSTAND Board Meeting
- 8:30 – 9:30 PM** Student Congress Rules Clinic
- 7:00 – 10:00 PM** Premier Party (formally known as the early bird social)

Friday, September 12th

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM** Debate Rules Clinic
- 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM** Registration – Lobby
- 8:30 AM** Course Registration – Robert Littlefield

Act I – 9:30-10:30

General Session – Film Study in education
 Meeting Our State Media Standard

Act II – 10:45 – 11:45

- College –
- Congress – Writing a great resolution
- Speech – “A step-by-step process of coaching a student through interp”
- Drama – Directing the One Act Play
- Debate – Cross Examination – How do you ask great questions?

12:00 – 1:15 Regional Coach of the Year Award Luncheon

Act III – 1:30 – 2:30

- College – Student Papers
- Congress, Speech, and Debate – Peer Coaching
- Drama – Getting the Best from your actor
- Classroom – Developing a speech unit for the English curriculum

Act IV – 2:45 – 3:45

- Congress, Speech, and Debate – “A Media Specialists Guide to Copyright Laws”
 (Burden of proof, classroom, coaching)
- College – Making the transition from high school to college forensics and communication fields

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TENTATIVE FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE..... continued**Act V – 4:00 – 5:00****GIFT Session**

5 minute “Classroom Lessons” presented by coaches, teachers, etc. complete with “handouts” (lesson plans) **SEE MORE DETAILS BELOW**

Red Carpet Social / Cash Bar – 5:30-6:00 (Entertainment?)

“And the Standy goes to.... ” **Hall of Fame Banquet - 6:00 PM** – the twelfth of never

*Honorees include: Hall of Fame Inductees, Service to the Profession, Teacher of the Year, Creative Artist, and Administrator of the Year.

After Party – Lounge (late night appetizers/bar open)

Saturday, September 13th

8:00-9:30 AM CSTAND Breakfast Business Meeting

ACT VI – 9:45 – 10:45 AM

College –

Drama – Technical theater

Speech –

Classroom/Debate/Congress — “The Power of Persuasion in the Classroom”

ACT VII – 11:00 – 12:00 General Session

12:15 – 1:30 PM: Award Luncheon – *State Coach Awards and Scholarships

ACT VIII – 1:45 – 2:45 PM Speech Rules Clinic

College –

Drama -

Debate -

3:00 PM Closing Curtain – Executive Board Meeting–

GIFT SESSIONS

Calling all members..... Share your **TICKETS TO SUCCESS.....**

Individual tables with classroom lessons for College and High School. These may be in drama, speech, debate, research, etc... these are 5 (or 10) minute presentations complete with a handout of your lesson plan. Contact Yvonne.Kalka@gfschools.org and **VOLUNTEER** to share a lesson plan.

What has been the most important benefit from competitive speaking?

“Speaking is a skill everyone needs for life after school. Some stuff we learn in school no one will ever use, but everyone will need to speak.”

--William ‘10

Partnership to Success

Submitted by Nancy Pearson and Michael Loy Minot State University

Theatre is a collaborative art form. This statement should be true and yet many times is difficult to achieve. Where do we start to rally personnel, actors, and other necessary artists to produce that next production? Mouse River Players and Minot State University have worked many years to establish a partnership, of sorts, by sharing directors, designers, and actors.



For the recent stage adaptation by Joseph Robinette of *Charlotte's Web*, the Mouse River Players Community Theatre (MRP) board selected Michael Loy, visiting Professor of Theatre and Speech at Minot State University, to be the artistic director. He came into the process with very little knowledge of the organization and they knew very little about his background and experience with children's theatre. However, the board was aware of his connections with Minot State University and he was aware of some of the past productions by MRP.

From this point the networking between everyone began. MRP has a venue with very little backstage space, as many theatres have to work around, too. So what to do with thirty-seven children, ages 8-15, a limited budget and resources? Answer, you turn to other local artists and volunteers. The largest production demand from the script was, how to make a realistic spider's web that could be easily changed during each performance and then function as scenery, too. This is where the first partnership occurred with the Art Department at Minot State University. An Art Major, Brei Davis, was approached about creating an original web for the production. This included the various designs and final execution of the six foot by six-foot web and the "words within the web" which needed to be changed during the production according to the script. Networking again with the University, college credit was made available for her work, which she was able to apply to her degree. Second, other local artists assisted with scenery and costume designs and executions. These artists, that included some parents of the young actors, were from various businesses and non-profit organizations across the Minot area. Again, the cross-discipline networking served MRP well. In one sense, the old phrase of "six degrees of separation" worked well for *Charlotte's Web*. If you just keep talking, as much as some may not like to hear your voice again, someone somewhere will know where you can find what it is you need for your production.

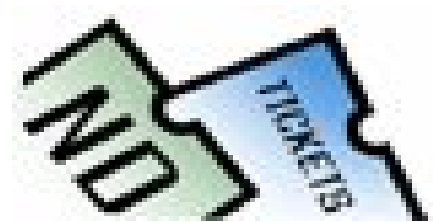
Ultimately, we should never forget the collaborative nature of theatre and how we all can explore new and innovative ways to partnership with as many diverse artists as possible. If we keep thinking outside of our little theatre box, even more possibilities will occur.

On a side note, the web designed by Brei Davis for MRP's production of *Charlotte's Web* is available for rental. For more information, please call the Theatre at 701-838-3939.



CSTAND Fall Convention
September 11—13, 2008
Seven Seas, Mandan

Your Convention,
Your Say
Your Talent
Your Abilities
Your New Ideas
Your Dreams



The planning for our CSTAND convention 2008, "Communication is our Ticket to Success," is well under way. We are still looking for your input as to what you would like to see, hear, and experience. We know that you are the people attending the sessions, so we want the sessions to be beneficial to you.

Please let Yvonne Kalka know what your ideas are. You can email Yvonne at: yvonne.kalka@gfschools.org.

CSTAND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 25, 2008 7:30 PM Seven Seas, Mandan

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Bob Hetler informed the board that Brian Bubach will be the new NDHSAA assistant to the director in charge of Speech, drama, Music, Debate and Congress.

Robert Littlefield moved that we invite Mr. Bubach to the CSTAND BOARD meeting. Bob Sylskar seconded. Motion passed.

Bob H. also informed the board that the Speech Communication Teacher issues have not been received. The issues have been paid for as the check for these has cleared. Keith will look into it.

Convention: Yvonne Kula was not present, but she had given Gayle the convention plans so far. The remainder of the meeting was spent planning sessions for the convention.

As many board members had to meet with their speech teams, the meeting was adjourned without completing the convention planning.

Good of the order: Next meeting will be in Fargo, Monday, June 2, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted,
Clarice Andrus
Secretary

“All-State Selection” PROPOSAL

.....to remove the 7 event (1/2) stipulation of state-qualifying events at invitational meets for All-State qualification purposes.

REMOVE: For a student to qualify for “All-State” from a tournament, that tournament must have 50% or more of the events as qualifying.

Reasoning: It has been pointed out that we have many invitational tournaments that do not meet 50% of the events as qualifying. And, although one or more of the events at the invitational are state-qualifying, only the first place speaker will be able to use the event as a leg for All-State, leaving the remaining top 20% of the event out.

This change will allow speakers who meet all other “event guidelines” to be able to use an individual speaking event for a leg of “All-State” regardless of whether or not the entire tournament boasts 50% of those events as qualifying.

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