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SIGN, SIGN....EVERYWHERE A SIGN IN 2009



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I encourage you to contact me soon if you would like to participate, if you have an idea, or just want to help in some way. The convention planning is an excellent opportunity for you to become involved and get to know CSTAND.

Bob Sylskar... CSTAND 1st Vice President

Congratulations

Tom Beadle,

Debate

Coach of the Year

And

Joel Sikes,

Class A Speech

Coach of the Year!

The NDHSAA Sponsored State Debate Contest Held Friday and Saturday, February 6 & 7 at Fargo South

The 96th Annual North Dakota High School Activities Association Debate Tournament was held at Fargo South High School on Friday and Saturday, February 6 & 7, 2009.

The top 5 teams are as follows: 1st – Fargo South with 97 points, 2nd –Fargo Shanley with 83 points, 3rd –GF Central with 22 points, 4th –Mandan with 16 points, 5th—GF Red River with 11 points.

The coach of the year as elected by his peers is Tom Beadle of Fargo North.

Individual place winners in each division are as follows:

Division I Policy Debate 1st place—John Kenney and Dan Cho of Fargo Shanley, 2nd place –Phil Thelen and Max Tolstedt of Fargo Shanley, Semi Finalists –Jacob Dixon and Cristina Lawrence of Fargo Shanley and Joe Kalka and Chris Liepold of GF Central, and Quarter Finalists –Taylor Lund and Sara Norden of GF Central, Claire Carlson and Brooke Solberg of GF Red River, Alicia Schroeder and Conner Wright, Jessyca Anttanasio and Patrick Anttanasio of GF Central.



Speaker Awards Division I Policy: Tied for 1st speaker John Kenney of Fargo Shanley and Max Tolstedt of Fargo Shanley; tied for 3rd speakers – Joe Kalka of Grand Forks Central and Phil Thelen of Fargo Shanley

Division I Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 1st place –Jeff Fricker of Fargo South 2nd place –Mason Lende of Fargo Shanley, Semi Finalists –Ian Yocum of Fargo South, Teagan Lende of Fargo Shanley, and Quarter Finalists – Jonathan Wanner of Mandan, Hedan Zeng of GF Red River, Cassandra Munter of Wahpeton, Adeeti Katti of Fargo South

Division II Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 1st Place- Kate Thoreson from MayPort-CG , 2nd place –Patrick Lin of Fargo South, Semi Finalists –Catherine Cho of Fargo South, and Jon Lipp of Fargo Shanley, and Quarter Finalists –Anna Nikle of GF Red River, Nick Traynor of Fargo Shanley, Laura Morken of Richland, and Sarah Aho of Wahpeton

Division III Lincoln-Douglas Debate – 1st place—Anjali Lali of Fargo South, 2nd place –Brett Johnson of Fargo Shanley, Semi Finalists –Maneesh Apte of Fargo South, Taylor Gess of Fargo South, and Quarter Finalists –Anjali Lali of Fargo South, Cody LaVallie of Mandan, Taylor Gess of Fargo South, and Ivy Nadeau of Mandan

Division I Public Forum Debate: 1st Place—Jennifer Vetter and Tirzah Wethern of Fargo Shanley 2nd place-Matthew Budke and John Mitzel of Fargo South, Semi Finalists-Amanda Kalka and Logan McManus of GF Red River and Navenna Lall and Thom Beneke of Fargo South, and Quarter Finalists – Erika Berger and Ashley Barrios of Mandan, Avi Rajender and Abhi Vaidya of Fargo South, Cassie Baumgartner and Tara Brekke of West Fargo, Garret Zastoupil and Beth Osman of Fargo South

Division II Public Forum Debate: 1st Place-Andrea Richmond and Christy Smith of Fargo Shanley, 2nd place- Kelsie Eiler and Kaitlin Ford of Fargo South, Semi-Finalists- Leah Keim and Murphy Anderson of Fargo South, Matthew Kaseman and Atul Panigrahi of Fargo South, Quarter Finalists- Jo Allard and Nikki Hansen of Central Cass, Bjorn Altenburg and Jesse Graham of Fargo North, Lukas Kinneborg and Janet Morken of Richland, and Chris Hollerung and Issac Myhre of Richland

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State Debate Results..... continued

Division III Public Forum Debate: 1st Place-Tom Startz and Katelynn Osland of Fargo Shanley, 2nd place- Rizka Khairani and Morgan Johnson of Bismarck, Semi-Finalists- Anne Ferguson and Sarah Beam of Fargo South, Maddie Hyde and Jenny Sun of Fargo South, Quarter Finalists-Preston Zander and Marissa Kuhn of Mandan, Joey Osborne and Sidd Gupta of Fargo South, Trisha Morrell and Bryana Dorner of Mandan, Seb Startz and Rachel Ward of Fargo Shanley

Schools participating were Bismarck High, Central Cass, Fargo North, Fargo Shanley, Fargo South, Grand Forks Central, Grand Forks Red River, Mandan, May-Port CG, Minot, Richland, Wahpeton and West Fargo.

CSTAND Wants You
by: Beth Aufforth, CSTAND Past-President

CSTAND wants you—specifically CSTAND wants a few good men and women to willingly run for office. The following positions are up for election this at the annual CSTAND convention in September: Newsletter Editor (elected annually), Secretary (elected annually), Class A Representative (a 3-year term), and 2nd Vice-President (Class A rotation and a 4-year position). If you yourself are willing to run for office, or if you know someone who would be good for a position please contact Beth Aufforth Beth.Aufforth@sendit.nodak.edu before the end of the school year.

Julie Fliginger of Harvey, the current secretary, was elected for the first time last fall. While Julie is willing to serve another year, interested parties are encouraged to consider running as well.

The Class A Representative is currently held by Sarah Tron (formerly of Williston) and now from West Fargo. The Class A Rep. is in charge of the Class A All-State awards, works with the board on convention details, and represents the interests of Class A schools in all board issues.

The 2nd Vice-President will work his/her way through the ranks from 2nd Vice (in charge of awards), to 1st Vice (in charge of the convention), to President (in charge of meetings), and finally to Past-President (in charge of nominations).

The good news about being elected to a CSTAND position is that the board as a whole is more than willing to help and give advice to individuals. A board member never has to do anything alone (except by choice).

As Past-President my last official duty is to find people to run for these positions. As I reflect on what prompted me to run for office, I know that never volunteered to run for office—it is too easy to assume that someone else would. So coaches and educators, you either need to encourage others to run or call me and let me be the persuading force.

When I was asked to run, I couldn't think of a good reason not to. (Being too busy is basically a way of life for speech/drama people.) And most importantly, I felt I could "pay it forward" or maybe "pay it back"—that is give back to the organization that had done so much for me so that the next generation of communicators could both connect with each other and learn from each other.

I would like to leave you with one final thought: Once upon a time Everybody was a member of an organization known as CSTAND. Somebody had a discussion with Someone (as good CSTAND members are apt to do) about who should run for office. Everybody thought that Somebody was the best candidate, but in the end, Nobody was left to run for office.

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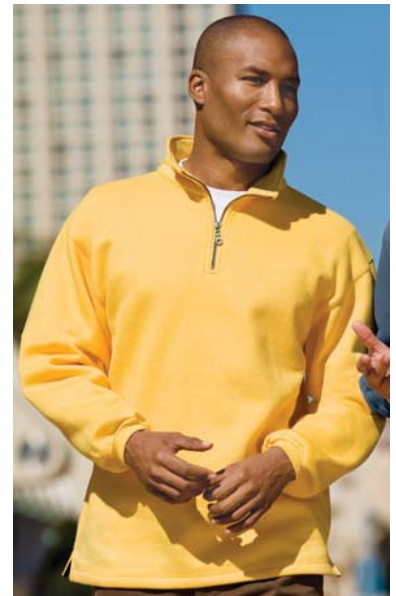
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An opportunity from the University of Minnesota, Mankato to earn graduate credit in communications online.

U of M is working with the NFL to provide modules that will work for CEU's or Graduate credit.
The link for the story on the NFL website is: <http://www.nflonline.org/Main/ProfessionalDevelopment>
The link for the University information is: <http://www.mnsu.edu/nfl/>

CSTAND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Friday, April 18, 2009, 7:00 PM Seven Seas, Mandan

Present – Gayle Hyde, Paula Rauschenberg, Sue Anderson, Beth Aufforth, Eric Grabowsky, Keith Anderson, Robert Littlefield, Yvonne Kalka, Brian Aufforth and Bob Sylskar.

Absent – Terry Egan, Sarah Tron , and Cynthia Kaldor

President Yvonne Kalka called the meeting to order.

Paula moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Beth seconded. Motion carried.

College Rep - Eric –Discussed prices for next year's ads. He will need to get started selling these very soon. NDSU panel is calling for undergrad papers in APA format. The deadline is June 12th. He will have a column ready for the collegiate publication.

Journal report and Hall of Fame - Robert – Shannon VanHorn is the designate for the journal edition. Robert is willing to stay as an ad hoc member and is willing to work on Hall of Fame. If a member is serving on the on the Board, he/she is not eligible for the Hall of Fame. He shared a draft letter explaining the voting procedure. This will be sent by May 1st to the Hall of Fame members and they need to reply by May 15th. 3 may be inducted with 75% of the vote. 37 voters are eligible. Discussed board action if no one is chosen. Decided in this case we would not induct anyone. Nominations come from the year before and voted on 3 times. Robert supplied the forms for the Hall of Fame. The biggest concern is not receiving the paperwork which is necessary to complete the process.

Historian- Gayle – working on the memorial fund. They would like to establish a line item where people may contribute. They would send a single rose as a memorial for current members or Hall of Fame members. Beth moved and Keith seconded. Motion carried. This item could be added on the registration form as a donation. The treasurer will take care of the money. The secretary will send the card and Keith will send the flower. Gayle moved and Beth seconded. Motion carried.

Newsletter - Yvonne reported for Cynthia and Marj– More articles are needed for the journal and webpage. They both plan to be at the June meeting. The next newsletter will come out in May.

State A Rep: Yvonne gave Terry's report – Terri reported 48 students will receive All State Awards. She would like help with the pronunciation of the names and handing out the awards. She wondered where the pins and certificates were located. Paula said she made the certificates. Sue reminded us that these are our awards and we do all the paperwork.

Robert Littlefield informed us and error from 2003. Tamara Afifi was scholar of the year and not listed. Robert moved and Bob seconded that we make this correction. Motion Carried.

Beth will be working on the nomination names for the next meeting. Offices up for reelection include secretary, newsletter, Class A Rep and 2nd VP (which will be from Class A).

Brian Bubach thanked us for inviting him to our meeting. He appreciated getting to meet all of us. Our strength is in the people who are always coming through for him. If you have any questions, be sure to ask. He receives a lot of e-mail, so you may call and ask when is a good time to visit with him He will be scheduling the clinic dates with Bob Sylskar.

Next meeting will be June 8th in Fargo at South High School. We could have an early dinner at the Doublewood. CSTAND covers gas and meals, but not rooms. Yvonne told Brian he would be welcome at this meeting as well.

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CSTAND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

1st Vice President - Bob Sylskar – discussed convention themes and getting set-up for next fall. Yvonne said we will have a planning committee to talk about this. Sue takes care of the facility and they want to continue the registration process. Yvonne encouraged Bob to make the convention his own.

Discussion about some members not joining CSTAND until they know they will have an All State Speaker. Do we need a membership deadline? Considered increasing cost of membership after the deadline. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Beth moves and Bob seconded the meeting adjourned. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Fliginger, Secretary



Nominations Anyone? **By: Paula Rauschenberger, 2nd VP**



It has been quite a year, and many of CSTAND's members have worked diligently to make communication a priority in their students' lives. Your opportunity to honor one of your colleagues or students with a CSTAND Award at next fall's conference is here! Enter your nominations for the following awards online at the CSTAND website:

<u>Award</u>	<u>Nomination Deadline</u>
Scholar of the year	May 15
Teacher of the year	May 15
Student Scholarships	May 15
Administrator of the Year	May 29
Creative Artist of the Year	May 29
Service to the Profession	May 29

Remember . . . they can't win if you don't fulfill the nomination process!

Dear Members of CSTAND,

About the middle of May, I will begin soliciting advertisements for the 2009 CSTAND convention program. Presently, I have contacts for the various colleges and universities in North Dakota. If there are any businesses that you think that I should contact, please let me know via email and I will put them on my list for solicitation. Also, I would like to ask high schools to advertise for their own public relations. If you have any administrative high school contacts, please let me know.

Thank you!

Eric Grabowsky, (701) 355-8219

At-Large Member, CSTAND Executive Board (Representing Colleges and Universities)

**Eric Grabowsky, University of Mary
Executive Board, At-Large Member (Representing Colleges and Universities)
Representative to the national and regional States Advisory Councils**

The 94th Annual Convention of the National Communication Association was held in San Diego, California, from November 21-24, 2008. The theme of the convention was the “unCONVENTIONa!” Various presentations, panels, and discussions centered on unconventional approaches to the theory, practice, and ethics of communication. As always, the NCA conference featured a variety of significant topics from the spectrum of quantitative, qualitative, rhetorical, and philosophical studies of communication within the discipline.

As one would see upon a review of the convention program, multiple sessions were of interest for ongoing refinement in communication education and forensic competition.

In terms of participation, our state was well represented. Faculty or graduate students from North Dakota State University, the University of Mary, the University of North Dakota, and Valley City State University were involved in convention sessions as presenters, chairs, respondents, or organizers. Presently, the National States Advisory Council is focused upon the most effective ways of celebrating and communicating the “best practices” and scholarly contributions from the state level within the larger context of our academic field.

Of regional interest, the North Dakota State University panel from our 2008 conference, “Unlocking Communication Success and Failure: Traditional and Non-Traditional Strategies,” was featured at the 2009 annual convention of the Central States Communication Association in April. In future issues of our newsletter, I will be reporting on the achievements of our collegiate and university faculty from across our beautiful state.

Please contact me at egrabowsky@umary.edu or (701) 355-8219 regarding published scholarship, conference presentations, dramatic productions, academic awards, and forensic success. Providing information about the achievements of your peers is incredibly helpful, yet I encourage you to keep me up to date on your own accomplishments. Have a great summer!

2008—2009 CSTAND OFFICERS

Past President: Beth Aufforth

President: Yvonne Kalka

1st Vice President: Robert Sylskar

2nd Vice President: Paula Rauschenberg (2009)

Once elected to the office of Second Vice-President, an individual moves to First Vice-President, President, and Past President over a four-year period.

Secretary: Julie Fliginger (elected annually)

Treasurer: Keith Anderson (Nominated/Approved 4 years—2011)

University Rep: Eric Grabowsky (3 year term— 2010)

Class B Rep: Terri Egan (3 year term— 2011)

Class A Rep: Sarah Tron (3 year term— 2009)

Newsletter Ed.: Marj Bubach (Nominated/Approved 2 years—2009)

Journal Ed.: Robert Littlefield (Nominated/Approved 2 years—2010)

Historian: Gayle Hyde (Nominated/Approved 4 years—2011)

Web Admin: Cynthia Kaldor (Nominated/Approved 2 years—2010)

(SCA/CSSA) Rep: Eric Grabowsky (Nominated/Approved 3 years— 2011)

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State Class A Speech Tournament Held Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Mandan Middle School

The Fifty-Eighth Annual NDHSAA Sponsored State Class A Speech Tournament was held at Mandan High School on Saturday, April 18th, 2009. Three hundred fifty students from 71 high schools competed in the tournament. All participants qualified from a regional tournament held by April 7th or qualified at invitational tournaments held during the season.

Mandan captured first place with 122 points. St. Mary's was Second with 92 pts; Devils Lake was Third with 75 pts; Fargo Shanley was Fourth with 53 pts; Valley City was Fifth with 46 pts; Fargo South was 6th with 42 pts.

Elected by his peers as 2009 State A Speech Coach of the Year was Joel Sikes of Williston.

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

Extemporaneous Speaking: 1st-Teagan Lende-Shanley; 2nd-Chris Krapu-Valley City; 3rd-Phoebe Strom-Fargo North; 4th-Will Bergstorm-Devils Lake; 5th-Adam Swigost-St. Mary's; 6th-Chad Brinkman-Mandan; 7th-Andrew Leizens-Grand Forks Central; 8th-Mathias Staricka-Williston

Radio Broadcasting: 1st-Vanessa Stumpf-Mandan; 2nd Ben Thompson-Devils Lake; 3rd Kate Happel-St. Mary's; 4th-Erika Berger-Mandan; 5th-Josh Widmer-Devils Lake; 6th-Jenny Sun-Fargo South; 7th-Amy Yu-Fargo South; 8th-Sean Lengenfelder-St. Mary's; Superior Medalist-Maneesh Apte-Fargo South

Extemporaneous Programmed Reading: 1st-Nick Leingang-Mandan; 2nd-Hannah Andring-Mandan; 3rd-Emily Doll-St. Mary's; 4th-Britt Aamundson-Devils Lake; 5th-Drew Spooner-Fargo South; 6th-Jace Rigger-Devils Lake; 7th-Diane Hahn-West Fargo; 8th-Charlotte Babbitt-Williston; Superior Medalist-Savanah Walseth, Fargo North; Morgan Hessman-St. Mary's

Storytelling: 1st-Cassandra Becker-St. Mary's; 2nd-Jon Lipp-Shanley; 3rd-Shanley Fogarty-Valley City; 4th-Mallory Nygard-Williston; 5th-Tessa Vaagen-St. Mary's; 6th-Travis Mack-Devils Lake; 7th-Taryn Chase-Century; 8th Scott Ecker-Fargo South

Serious Duo: 1st-Angela Loff/Jace Rigger-Devils Lake; 2nd-Rachel Levy/ Aaron Schuldt; 3rd-Nick Lee/ Katie Anderson; 4th-Jacob Monson/Sarah Waltz-Williston; 5th-Shelbie Johnson/Katie McConnell; 6th-Lisa Jensen/Chris Wagar-Valley City; 7th-Stephanie Moore/Shiyel Rittenbach-Mandan; 8th Liz Fricker/Cameron Sorrels-Fargo South

Poetry: 1st-Jonathan Wanner-Mandan; 2nd-Ryan Engberg-Williston; 3rd-Nick Leingang-Mandan; 4th Emily Engels-Jamestown; 5th-Beatrice Hill-West Fargo; 6th-Jimmy Chattin-Devils Lake; 7th-Leah Haak-Valley City; 8th-Connor Wright-West Fargo; Superior Medalist-Jared Deckert-Devils Lake; Vanessa Stumpf-Mandan; Angela Goebel-Williston

Dramatic Interpretation: 1st-Jonathan Wanner-Mandan; 2nd-Rachel Levy-Valley City; 3rd-Brittany Kuhn-Mandan; 4th-Emily Doll-St. Mary's; 5th-Morgan Hessman-St. Mary's; 6th-Brittany Noltmeier-Devils Lake; 7th-Lucas Wakefield-Devils Lake; 8th-Anna Gulsvig-Devils Lake

Inform: 1st-Ellen Mueller-St. Mary's; 2nd-Eric Halvorson-West Fargo; 3rd-Nick Lee-Valley City; 4th-Abby Hammes-West Fargo; 5th-Mason Lende-Fargo Shanley; 6th-Lindsey Ellefson-Mandan; 7th-Tirzah Wethern-Fargo Shanley; 8th-Kayla Hawley-West Fargo; Superior Medalist-Will Bergstrom-Devils Lake

Humorous Interpretation: 1st-Eric Halvorson-West Fargo; 2nd-Brittany Kuhn-Mandan; 3rd-Robert Kringler-Fargo South; 4th-Travis Mack-Devils Lake; 5th-Jeff Jung-Mandan; 6th-Courtland Miller-Wahpeton; 7th-Kendal Newcomb; 8th-Kolte Kirby-Williston; Superior Medalist-Matthew Donahue-Fargo Shanley; Courtney Schaff-Century; Jonathon Berntson-Jamestown

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STATE CLASS A..... continued.....

Humorous Duo: 1st-Cora Joe Anderson/Mia Barnett-Fargo South; 2nd-Steve Strom/Nicholas Strom-West Fargo; 3rd-Jacqueline DeGragg/Monte Arso-Century; 4th-Megan Anderson/Nicholas Bittner-Devils Lake; 5th-Jacob Olson/Abby Stoner-Williston; 6th-Katie McConnell/Marissa Kuhn-Mandan; 7th-Luke Lordeman/Jacob Monson-Williston; 8th-Kayla Hawley/Emily Erickson-West Fargo; Superior Medalist-Britt Aasmundstad/Josh Widmer-Devils Lake

Serious Prose: 1st-Zach Wanner-Mandan; 2nd-Kendal Newcomb-Mandan; 3rd-Rachel Burckhard-St. Mary's; 4th-Kaylin Salwei-St. Mary's; 5th-Katelin Fullerton-Fargo South; 6th-Hannah Andring-Mandan; 7th-Grace Cabarle-Minot; 8th-Sarah Greene-Fargo Shanley

Speech to Persuade: 1st-Mason Lende-Fargo Shanley; 2nd-Dan Cho-Fargo Shanley; 3rd-Ellen Mueller-St. Mary's; 4th-Danni Askew-Bismarck; 5th-Catherine Cho-Fargo Shanley; 6th-Beth Osman-Fargo South; 7th-Connor Baker-Devils Lake; 8th-Abby Hammes-West Fargo; Superior Medalist-Phoebe Strom-Fargo North; Brittany Davila-West Fargo

Impromptu: 1st-Teagan Lende-Fargo Shanley; 2nd-Adam Swigost-St. Mary's; 3rd-Mary Armstrong-St. Mary's; 4th-Amanda Kalka-Grand Forks Central; 5th-Ian Yocum-Fargo South; 6th-John Lynch-Jamestown; 7th-Bryce Heustis-Devils Lake; 8th-Chad Brinkman-Mandan; Superior Medalist-Chris Krapu-Valley City; Dan Bickler-Williston

Speech to Entertain: 1st-Paul Anderson-St. Mary's; 2nd-Angela Loff-Devils Lake; 3rd-Lindsey Ellefson-Mandan; 4th-Shanley Fogarty-Valley City; 5th-Nikko Raymo-Century; 6th-Joe Kalka-Grand Forks Central; 7th-Jacob Olson-Williston; 8th-Cassandra Becker-St. Mary's; Superior Medalist-Jesse Stiller-Wahpeton



“What Have You Been Reading?”

***Lady in Blue* by Javier Sierra read by Cynthia Kaldor**

In modern-day Europe and America, this ancient mystery awakes the interest of a journalist, a retired psychic spy burned out from her job with the U.S. Defense Department, and several priests. True-to-life, the Vatican and the U.S. Defense Department are involved in researching synchronized music to induce time travel. They believe that uncovering the secret behind *The Lady in Blue's* bi-locations will get them closer to their goal, so when one of the priests suddenly dies and a rare manuscript containing the nun's secrets are stolen, a race against time begins.

An intriguing blend of spellbinding action, modern metaphysics, and ancient religion and faith, *The Lady in Blue* explores the trances and bi-location (the power of being in two places at once) of María Jesús de Ágreda, a seventeenth century nun from Spain, who was accused by the Inquisition of traveling a distance of 6,000 miles more than 500 times to the New Mexican territories to propagate the word of God –without ever leaving her monastery.

2009 CSTAND Convention Tentative Schedule and Panels From Bob Sylskar, 1st Vice President

Plans for the 2009 CSTAND Convention are well under way, with the theme, "Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign in 2009." The signs point to success in all directions, with avenues to speech, theatre, debate, student congress, classroom ideas, and other related communication panels. The convention panels will address the needs of high school and university professionals, as well as those who may direct or assist with an activity, or judge speech, drama, debate, or student congress contests. We hope school administrators will encourage their teachers to attend.

The convention kicks off the evening of Thursday September 10 with the Early Bird Social, where we all have the opportunity to get to know new members and greet familiar faces. We are considering having a keynote speaker during Friday's lunch. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Hall of Fame and other Outstanding awards winners at the Hall of Fame Banquet Friday evening, followed by a possible activity at the hotel or elsewhere. Saturday morning brings the Breakfast and CSTAND Business meeting and Saturday's Awards Lunch will honor more of our deserving members and students.

The convention specifics will continue to take shape over the next several weeks. Although we have some people already committed to leading or participating in panels, I will be contacting many of you to ask for your participation and ideas. I encourage you to contact me soon if you would like to participate, if you have an idea, or just want to help in some way. The convention planning is an excellent opportunity for you to become involved and get to know CSTAND.

Here is a list of tentative panels in each area, many of the suggestions coming from participants at last year's convention:

Speech

- Speech Rules Clinic
- New and inexperienced speech coaches
- Recruiting new members and using speech captains
- Judging more effectively
- Guidelines and tips for coaching and improving performance in individual events
- Finding and compiling programs for interpretation
- Software for managing tournaments
- Comparison of speech rules across states
- Reader's Theatre

Theatre

- New an inexperienced theater directors
- Makeup and hair workshop
- Costumes
- Judging One-Act Plays
- Ideas for directors and choreographers
- Developing characters
- Middle school drama and classroom activities
- Play writing
- Technical Theatre: sound, lighting, set construction

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE.....continued**Debate**

- Debate rules clinic
- Introduction to debate coaching and participation

Student Congress

- Student congress clinic
- What it is, how it's done, how to get started

College

- Undergraduate research panel—student papers
- Teaching and research talk
- Special areas of communication and research by faculty
- Issues of on-line education and internet and other electronic tools
- Expectations and experiences in communication and theatre for the college freshman
- Diversity in the college communication classroom

Classroom

- Internet tools and technology in the classroom
- Media ideas and related issues
- Classroom application of speech events
- Small group communication activities
- Movie-Maker

Miscellaneous

- Media/Film
 - Journalism
 - New members welcome/Gift session/Swap Shop
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**A Judge's Thoughts****By: Tim Thueson**

I cannot speak for all the speech judges in North Dakota, but I would like to enlighten the coaches by saying that, as a judge, I have never seen such professionalism by each of the contestants. I further believe that each and every coach and school represented at the many speech invitational tournaments held this past year should feel a deep sense of pride in their students who put in numerous hours of preparation for each of the contests. The coaches and their students deserve a pat on the back for a job well done.

I judged both Class A and Class B State competitions and I want to congratulate all the students from the various schools in North Dakota on a job well done. The contestants demonstrated "top-notch" sportsman hip. The students were very competitive; unfortunately, only one first place is awarded.

Fine arts programs build lifetime communication skills. Congratulations to all the invitational and state competition winners.

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