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Dear Colleagues,

The University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University cordially invites you to the 2nd Annual Hub City Swing, to be held at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, MS, on September 23rd – 25th, 2016. The competition will feature public debate (IPDA both individual and team), parliamentary debate (NPDA), two full I.E. tournaments with the standard eleven AFA/NIET events and Editorial Impromptu.

You will find all of the pertinent information in this invitation. Questions regarding university facilities should be directed to Paul Strait (l.strait@usm.edu), while questions about tournament administration should be sent to Jennifer Talbert (jtalbert@wmcarey.edu). *Entries should be submitted via email to Jennifer Talbert **no later than Sunday, September 18th, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.** Changes will be accepted without charge until Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 at 12pm (noon). Each change after that will be charged \$15.00.*

We look forward to seeing you for a weekend of fun and forensic competition!

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The University of Southern Mississippi

William Carey University

Tournament Headquarters

The tournament will be headquartered in the Liberal Arts Building (LAB) on the southern side of campus. There should be plenty of parking directly south of the building's entrance or to the west of the Theatre and Dance Building (TAD). **The University of Southern Mississippi is a Non-Smoking Campus. The prohibition against smoking extends to all USM property, including parking lots.**

Directions

The University of Southern Mississippi is located 90 minutes from Mobile, AL; New Orleans, LA, or Jackson, MS. From Highway 49, turn west onto Hardy Street (left turn if coming from the south, right turn if coming from the north). Turn right at the second stop light onto 31st Ave. You are now on campus. The road will lead to a 3-way stop. The LAB is the building in front of you (slightly to the left) with huge columns and parking will be to either side of you. On Friday you may need to turn left at the 3-way and follow to big parking lot on the right at the second stop sign.

From I-59 take exit 65 (Hardy St. / Hwy 98) and go east. Follow that road to 31st Ave and turn left. You are now on campus. The road will lead to a 3-way stop. The LAB is the building in front of you (slightly to the left with big columns) and parking will be to either side of you. On Friday you may need to turn left at the 3-way and follow to a big parking lot on the right at the second stop sign.

Hotels

The tournament hotel is the Comfort Suites. The room rate is \$87 per night. There are only 30 rooms in the block so book quickly. The rate will expire on Sunday September 11th for all rooms that were not previously booked.

Address:

122 Plaza Dr, Hattiesburg, MS 39402
(601) 261-5555

Has full hot breakfast and is finishing renovations this August.

Event Information

1. We will offer all eleven AFA events, along with editorial impromptu; open NPDA; novice, JV, varsity, and professional IPDA; and Open TIPDA.

A. All parliamentary debate (NPDA) rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Debaters will have fifteen minutes of preparation time (plus five minutes to walk to the round). We will offer five preliminary rounds (contingent on entry size) and the appropriate number of elimination rounds.

B. All TIPDA rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have twenty-five minutes of preparation time (includes walking time to rounds). We will offer an Open division only. TIPDA will take place during individual events (*on Saturday, students must choose between IEs and TIPDA; everyone can enter IEs on Sunday*). We will offer four preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds.

C. All IPDA rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established by the International Public Debate Association. Students will have **twenty-five minutes** of preparation time (which includes walking time to rounds). We will offer professional, varsity, JV, and novice divisions. We will offer six preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds.

D. **Debate Judges should attend a Judges Training session as suggested by the IPDA constitution. This year we are allowing for an extra 10 minutes at the end of each round for judges to give oral feedback. We are strongly encouraging all judges to explain their decision to the debaters and provide an opportunity for the debaters to ask questions. We will be awarding a top critic award, based on nominations and votes from the debaters. We will also have a training session for students to discuss how to best make use of the post-round discussion.**

E. All individual events shall follow the rules established and followed by the American Forensics Association.

F. **Access to the internet will be allowed during extemporaneous speaking preparation time. Students may not communicate with coaches, teammates, etc., but may use the internet for research.**

G. In Editorial Impromptu, students will be given a 1 page op-ed article, and will have 9 minutes to read the article, prepare a response, and deliver it. Students must speak for at least 5 minutes. The speech should involve the development of an argument in response to the thesis developed or the opinion shared in the article. In agreeing or disagreeing with the position or thesis of the article, students should introduce new information and reasoning.

Flight A: Ext, Per, CA, Duo, Prose, POE

Flight B: Imp, Info, ADS, POI, DI, Ed/Imp

1. For the purposes of elimination round seeding and speaker points in debate events, adjusted speaker points (total points minus high/low) will be considered. Total points will be used to break a tie. If another tie still exist, then it will be broken on double adjusted speaker points, then strength of play, then coin flip.

2. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, but only the top three entries in each individual event/debate division will count for sweepstakes awards. *Except in NPDA where the top four teams from a school will count towards sweepstakes* (even if NPDA has two divisions only the top four teams from one school will count).

3. Awards shall be presented to the elimination round participants in all debate events, the top six speakers in every division of debate, the top six competitors in every individual event, the top novice competitor in every individual event, and the top five pentathlon competitors. The top **five** schools in Debate (any format), top **three schools** in Individual Events for Swing 1 and top

three schools in Swing 2, and top **Five** schools Overall will receive sweepstakes awards. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate or individual events sweepstakes awards, but schools must be entered in debate and both individual event swings to be eligible for the overall sweepstakes award.

4. Two Top Critic Awards will be given this year. One for debate voted on by each team and One for IE voted on by Tournament Tab after a review process of the ballots.

5. Judges: We need and want your judges. We prefer judges over money. One judge covers four IPDA debaters, two NPDA teams, two IPDA teams, or six IE entries per flight. Judges may cover multiple events if the events **do not conflict**. For example: one judge could cover four IPDA debaters and six IE entries per pattern, as those events do not occur at the same time, but that same judge could not cover two IPDA teams and six IE entries.

Sweepstakes formula

I.E.s

1. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, however only the top 3 entries in each event / division will count for sweepstakes awards (except for NPDA which counts top 4 entries).

2. Individual events will be scored as follows:

Preliminary rounds: 3 points for 1st place 2 points for 2nd place 1 point for 3rd place

3. Semifinal Rounds: 2 points for non-advancing contestants

4. Final Rounds: 6 points for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for 3rd place, 3 points for 4th place, 2 points for 5th place, and 1 point for 6th place

Debate

1. 5 points for each preliminary round win/bye, 5 points for breaking to elimination rounds (These are halved for individual debate. Speaker points are not halved.)

2. Final rounds: 6 points for 1st place, 5 points for 2nd place, 4 points for Semi Finalists, 2 points for Quarter Finalists, and 1 point for all other out rounds as long as it is not the first elimination round. (Everyone who breaks already gets 5 points so the first elimination round will not receive additional sweepstakes points for non advancing!)

3. 6 points for 1st speaker, 5 points for 2nd speaker, 4 points for 3rd speaker, 3 points for 4th speaker, 2 points for 5th speaker, and 1 point for 6th speaker.

Pentathlon

1. To be eligible for Pentathlon, students must compete in (1) a minimum of five events (5 IEs, or 4 IEs + debate), and (2) in at least one event of all three categories of individual events:

limited preparation (extemp, impromptu, editorial impromptu), public address (ADS, persuasive, informative, CA), and interpretation (DI, POI, prose, poetry, duo). Points to determine Pentathlon placing will be according to the individual events sweepstakes formula outlined above. Only the best five events will be counted toward a student's final Pentathlon placing with at least one event from at least two of the three categories being included in those five.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, September 23

10:00 - 11:00 REGISTRATION, (Cook Library)

11:00 – 11:30 Judge and Student Training Session (Cook Library Rm 123)

11:30 IPDA/NPDA Rd 1

1:00 IPDA/NPDA Rd 2

2:30 IPDA/NPDA Rd 3

4:00 IPDA/NPDA Rd 4

5:00 Dinner – Catered so don't leave campus

6:00 IPDA/NPDA Rd 5

7:30 IPDA/NPDA Rd 6

8:30-9:15 Coach Review

9:15 IPDA/NPDA Elim #1

Saturday, September 24

7:00 IPDA/NPDA Elim #2

8:30 IPDA/NPDA Elim #3

8:30-10:00 Registration, (LAB – 1st Floor)

10:00 TIPDA Rd 1

10:15 Extemp Draw (in LAB)

10:30 FLIGHT A Rd 1

11:30 **TIPDA Rd 2**

11:45 **Extemp Draw**

12:00 **FLIGHT A Rd 2** (If in Debate Elims – you must go first in IE rounds!)

1:00 – 3:00 **Lunch Break** – Catered so don't leave campus

1:00 **IPDA/NPDA Elim #4** (if necessary)

3:00 **TIPDA Rd 3**

3:00 **FLIGHT B Rd 1**

Post for IE FINALS FLIGHT A

4:15 **FLIGHT B ROUND 2**

4:30 **TIPDA Rd 4**

5:30 **Extemp Draw (in LAB)**

5:45 **FLIGHT A Finals**

5:30-6:15 **Coach Review**

6:15 **TIPDA Elim #1**

Post for IE FINALS FLIGHT B

7:00 **FIGHT B Finals**

7:45 **TIPDA Elim #2**

8:00 **AWARDS CEREMONY (Start with IE)** – Stout Hall Auditorium

9:15 **TIPDA Elim #3**

Sunday, September 25

7:00 **TIPDA Elim #4 (if necessary)***We will know if this will be necessary on Monday, Sept 19, after reviewing entries*

8:30 **Extemp Draw (in LAB)**

8:45 **FLIGHT A – ROUND 1**

10:15 FLIGHT B – ROUND 1

11:15 Extemp Draw (in LAB)

11:30 FLIGHT A ROUND 2

LUNCH BREAK – on your own

(POST FINALS FLIGHT A)

2:00 FLIGHT B ROUND 2

(POST FINALS FLIGHT B)

3:00 Extemp Draw

3:15 FLIGHT A FINALS

4:30 FLIGHT B Finals

ASAP AWARDS Ceremony – Stout Hall Auditorium

Entries

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Entry Fees

Covered Ind. Events (\$12.00) Uncovered Ind. Events (\$17.00) Covered NPDA (\$50.00)
Uncovered NPDA (\$75.00) Covered IPDA (\$30.00) Uncovered IPDA (\$45.00) Covered TIPDA
Team (\$50.00) Uncovered TIPDA Team (\$75.00) Late/Change Fees (\$15/ea) Drop Fees (\$30/ea)

This year we will also be catering two of your meals: Friday Dinner and Saturday Lunch. Please let us know when you register about vegetarian/vegan preferences as well as food allergies. If you like, you may specify Turkey, Ham, or Vegetables for each person in your party. If you do not, we will get an equal amount of Turkey and Ham and a very small amount of Vegetarian options.

An additional \$15 charge will be applied to each student, coach, and judge to cover these expenses. We hope this will help keep the tournament on track and finished sooner. We have a very tight schedule so we appreciate your support.