Congress of Champions Sunday, May 21, 2017



Dear Coaches,

It is our pleasure to invite your hardest working students to our Congress of Champions. This end of the year event will feature the best Congress debaters from throughout our monthly events.

See the attached list of qualified students. Each school may also choose one additional champion to compete in the congress. Please select a student who will actively participate and add to the high level of competitive and intellectual debate.

Bills: We will use the preliminary Nationals bills to give our qualifiers the best practice. Students are also welcome to bring their own bills to submit from the floor. We are requesting each of our National Qualifiers to choose 2 bills for primary debate (which will start the docket) so we can focus the packet of 25 down a little. Matt, Caroline, and Kristen, can you “Reply All” to this email by Monday with your speaker’s choices so we know? No one will have a presumed authorship speech for any bill.

Big Questions: We will hold a big questions event for all the students not in the Congress of Champions. We are happy to split the grant revenue with any school that brings debaters and judges. Let’s help Evan and Shealyn practice for Nationals, raise some money and get ready for Grants Pass huge BQ event 5/24. Ashland will also have a Big Questions event Friday May 19th from 6pm to 10pm.

Location: All events will be based out of the speech and debate classroom Library building room 207 Ashland High School, 201 S. Mountain Street

Schedule: 1pm Gather

1:15-3:15 Session 1

Break

3:45- 5:30 Session 2

Awards to follow

Awards: The top individual in each season-long category will be recognized in addition to the top 3 speakers for the Congress of Champions. We will continue to follow our traditional format with student vote and judge nominations.

Judges: We will use coaches as judge and parli, as per usual, switching judges after the first session.

Questions? Contact Rob or Matt. Please email Rob your competitors by Thursday, 5/18.

**Congress Invitees**

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|  |  | Peak | High Pt | Judge | Student |
| Nikolas Lindauer | Ash | x | X |  |  |
| Blake Beck | C |  | X | x | x |
| Lucy Roberts | GP | x | X | x |  |
| Beth Scholes | NV | x | X | x | x |
| Evan Schweikeret | Phx | x | X | x | x |
| Nicoletta Dinelli | Phx |  |  |  | x |
| Noah Thompson | Phx | x | X | x | x |
| Jonah Liden | Phx |  | X |  | x |
| Avery Jesmer | SM | x |  | x | x |
| Carson Bennett | SM |  | X | x |  |
| Coi Holloway  | SM | x |  | x | x |
| Dean Jackman | SM | x |  |  |  |
| Emma Empol | SM | x | X | x | x |
| Steven Richmond | SM | x | X | x | x |

**Current Top 5 in each category:**

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| **Peak Performer Award** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name |   | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb |   | Points |
| Emma Empol | SM | 21 | 30 | 30 |   |   |   | 27.00 |
| Coi Holloway  | SM |   | 30 | 24 | 26 |   |   | 26.67 |
| Steven Richmond | SM | 30 | 17 | 30 | 24 | 28 |   | 25.80 |
| Noah Thompson | Phx | 26 | 23 | 23 |   | 30 |   | 25.50 |
| Lucy Roberts | GP |   | 22 | 30 | 22 |   |   | 24.67 |

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| **High Point Earner** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name |   | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Nat Q |   | Points |
| Beth Scholes | NV | 20 | 14 | 14 | 22 | 17 | 31 |   | 118 |
| Steven Richmond | SM | 12 | 10 | 21 | 22 | 15 | 24 |   | 104 |
| Blake Beck | C | 3 | 22 | 9 | 17 | 19 | 25 |   | 95 |
| Carson Bennett | SM | 9 | 20 | 11 | 16 | 3 | 34 |   | 93 |
| Jonah Liden | Phx | 12 | 18 | 11 | 9 | 26 | 17 |   | 93 |

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| **Judge's Choice Award** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name | School | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Nat Qual |  | Points |
| Steven Richmond | SM | 20 | 11 | 20 | 16 | 18 | 15 |   | 100 |
| Beth Scholes | NV | 17 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 12 |   | 95 |
| Avery Jesmer | SM | 16 | 5 | 18 | 20 | 17 |   |   | 76 |
| Coi Holloway  | SM |   | 20 | 14 | 18 |   | 20 |   | 72 |
| Evan Schweikeret | Phx | 12 | 18 | 6 | 16 | 20 |   |   | 72 |
| Blake Beck | C | 7 | 20 | 13 | 6 | 14 | 12 |   | 72 |

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| **Student's Choice Award** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Name |   | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb |   | Points |
| Steven Richmond | SM | 10 | 6 | 10 | 8 | 10 |   | 44 |
| Avery Jesmer | SM | 7 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 8 |   | 43 |
| Evan Schweikeret | Phx | 10 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 7 |   | 37 |
| Noah Thompson | Phx | 10 | 7 | 8 |   | 10 |   | 35 |
| Blake Beck | C | 3 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 10 |   | 35 |