



The Center of the Universe *Speech & Debate Invitational*

Saturday, December 16th, 2017
(This is an inclement weather change!)

Atlee High School

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Greetings, from the Center of the Universe! This is the affectionate nickname for our Town of Ashland, Virginia, located in the “center” of Hanover County. Atlee High School wishes to extend an invitation to your school’s Speech & Debate team(s) to attend our Speech & Debate Invitational. Please review the information below and respond to the email address above with inquires and interests.

EVENTS: The tournament will offer both VHSL Speech & Debate events! December Debate topics and all VHSL rules will apply to this tournament, and our events are listed below:

1. **Policy;** this will be an open/varsity event, which will offer two preliminary rounds, followed by a third final round based on prelim results.

2017-2018 CX topic: **Resolved:** The United States federal government should substantially increase its funding and/or regulation of elementary and/or secondary education in the United States.

2. **Lincoln–Douglas,** open/varsity event.

December Topic: Resolved: Wealthy nations have an obligation to provide development assistance to other nations.

3. **Public Forum;** open/varsity event.

December Topic: Resolved: NCAA student athletes ought to be recognized as employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

4. **Student Congress** legislation has already been posted on Tabroom (<http://cotu.tabroom.com>) however, we will also accept new legislation due to the postponement:

Student Congress will consist of one open division, limited to 30 seats, but possibly a second chamber may be available and added, in which students may write one piece of DIEV **legislation of their choice**, and then **submit by Thursday, December 14th to me: brcarr@hcps.us**

I will send out any new legislation by the morning of Friday, December 15th to registrants.

*** No need to bring legislation, I will print them out for the tournament! ***

5. **Speech Events** which will be offered: Extemporaneous Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Original Oratory, Prose Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation, Storytelling, Dramatic Interpretation, Humorous Interpretation, HI&DI Duo, and **Improvisation Team** (Non-VHSL, \$30, up to 4 members per team is permitted) & **Original Spoken Word** (Non-VHSL, individual speech entry cost.)

* **Students MAY double-enter in speech categories**, except Extemp & Improv, for an additional entry fee. Sorry, no crossing over with Debate events.
+ **No** disqualifications for using speech cripts this early in the season!

JUDGES: Each school is responsible for providing judges:
Policy & Public Forum teams, one (1) judge for every three (or fraction of) entered;
Lincoln–Douglas, (1) judge for every two (or fraction of) entered;
Student Congress, (1) judge for every five (or fraction of) entered;
Speech (Forensics) Events, (1) judge for every five (or fraction of) entered.
 ➤ A limited number of judges will be available for hire at a charge of \$60.00 for the day.

FEES: Schools are limited to 6 entries in each category/speech event; & 2 Improv teams.

- **NO School Fee!** Please email tee-shirt sizes of all student participants!!
- \$30.00 for each Policy team
- \$20.00 for each Lincoln-Douglas competitor
- \$20.00 for each member of the Student Congress
- \$30.00 for each public forum team
- \$30.00 for each duo entry in forensics
- \$20.00 for each individual entry in forensics
- \$60 per hired judge (limited availability; request early)

DROPS:

Drops (for any reason) are permitted up to 48-hours before the tournament with no penalty. Drops within 48-hours require schools to honor the entry fees AND still require the original judging quota. If the original judging quota is not met upon registration, students may not be able to compete and there will be a \$60 dropped judge fee.

SCHEDULE: Saturday, December 16th, 2017 – all events (All times are approximate!)

Registration	8-8:30 AM	Lunch	Noon
Judges Meeting	8:30 AM	Round 3 All	1:00 PM
** Extemp. Draw	8:45 AM	Round 4 LD/PF	2:15 PM
Round 1 All	9:00 AM	Round 4 Speech & SC	2:30 PM
Round 2 LD/PF	10:15 AM	All Rounds Completed	4:00 PM
Round 2 Speech & SC	10:30 AM	Awards	5:00 PM

LUNCH: Lunch tickets will be provided at no additional cost for student entries; 2 huge slices of NY Style pizza & a beverage! Teams are encouraged to bring food & beverages with them, but please avoid leaving campus for lunch, contact me for any special dietary accommodations.

REFRESHMENTS: Will be available throughout the day judges, coaches & staff. Atlee Speech & Debate parents will be providing a light breakfast and delicious lunch!

AWARDS: Individual event awards will be presented to each of the top four to six participants; including two runner-ups and a champion trophy for first place in each category! The “**Center of the Universe**” Galaxy Crystal will be awarded to the school with the most sweepstakes points in all events.

COSTS:

Number of policy teams.....	\$30.00 each total	_____
Number of PF teams.....	\$30.00 each total	_____
Number of LD debaters.....	\$20.00 each total	_____
Student Congress Members.....	\$20.00 each total	_____
Individual speech entries.....	\$20.00 each total	_____
Duo speech entries.....	\$30.00 each total	_____
Number of hired judges.....	\$60.00 each total	_____
	Grand total \$	_____



Please bring your payment to registration & make your checks payable to: **Atlee High School**.

The Atlee High School Speech & Debate Teams would like to thank you for supporting the Center of the Universe Speech & Debate Invitational!

REGISTRATION: Please submit all tournament entries by **Friday, December 15th, 2017 @ Noon.**

How to Make Your Entries:

- If you do not have a tabroom account go to <http://www.tabroom.com/>, click on the SIGN-UP link in the upper-right of the webpage. This takes you to the CREATE YOUR TABROOM ACCOUNT page. Complete the form.
- See http://docs.tabroom.com/Sign_Up for detailed instructions.
- When you have finished setting up your team account, please add your competitors and judges to it.
- Enter your student's (speech and debate) for the tournament at <http://cotu.tabroom.com/> or locate the Center of the Universe Speech & Debate Invitational on the homepage under 12/16/17.

➤ Please contact Brian Carr if you have any questions, comments or concerns: brcarr@heps.us



(The tournament director reserves the right to change or alter any part of this tournament!)

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