The

Thirty-Eighth Annual

Villiger Tournament

November 18th & 19th, 2017

Saint Joseph's University

 5600 City Avenue

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

 ***Villiger Debating Society***

 ***Saint Joseph’s University***

***“Victory Demonstrated Soundly”***

September 9th, 2017

Dear Forensic Directors,

The members of the Villiger Debating Society cordially invite you to attend the Thirty-Eighth Annual Villiger Speech and Debate Tournament. This year is a big year for the tournament as we have received many requests, and are doing our best to respond to what you, our loyal participants, have asked for. While there have been changes in past years, this year is especially noteworthy. Please read our invitation fully, paying particular attention to the “New and/or Special at This Year’s Villiger” page as well as to the schedule. The Invitation will contain all the information you need regarding registration, lodging, tournament policies, and important dates. To ensure that your team is placed in our tournament, we encourage you to register as early as possible. While our official entry does not close until November 8th, the Tournament reserves the right to close entry and create waiting lists as needed.

Please note in addition to your registration form, Saint Joseph’s requires each school to submit a ​**SIGNED**​ Certification verifying the fitness of the adults traveling with your group to be in the presence of minors. This certification must be submitted **IN ADVANCE**​ of your arrival at the Tournament or your students will not be able to participate. Electronic submission is acceptable, with the original to be submitted at Registration on the day of the Tournament. Please submit electronically to villigerdebate@yahoo.com​. The certification form can be found on the last page of the invitation. Your timely cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

The Villiger Debating Society team members and alumni hope that you and your team share in our excitement for, and anticipation of, this year’s tournament. We are all looking forward to seeing you at Villiger 2017!

Sincerely,

 **Christopher Pendleton,** Tournament Director

 **Brian Flatley**​, Assistant Tournament Director

New and/or Special at This Year’s Villiger!

* The old Speech “bracket” system has been eliminated. All Speech events will feature four preliminary rounds.
* Speech Contestants will be allowed to enter up to two events, including Informative Speaking and Program Oral Interpretation.
* Saturday morning registration will be at the North Lounge on the second floor of the Campion Student

Center, with the Opening Assembly to follow in the

Doyle Banquet Hall in the Campion Student Center.

* The Debate and Congress events will have their own individual “assemblies” with specific room numbers to be determined and detailed in an email the day beforehand.
* Entry limits have been adjusted. Each school is initially limited to 5 entries per Speech event, 6 Policy teams, and 8 entries in Congress, LD, and PFD. Entries over these caps will be placed on a waitlist.
* The Congress packet will be sent out two weeks in advance on November 4th. Legislation is due on November 1st.
* Please have checks made payable to “Villiger Debating Society”
* Schools will not be protected in out rounds. Placement will be determined by seed.
* Villiger is a ​**University of Kentucky**​ ​**TOC qualifying** tournament in: ​**Extemp, OO, OI, DP and Duo**​!
* Villiger ​**Congress**​ is a ​**TOC QUALIFIER**​ for the **TOP SIX!**
* Villiger ​**Public Forum Debate** ​is a **GOLD TOC QUALIFIER​ in SEMIFINALS and a SILVER TOC QUALIFIER in QUARTERS!**

**ENTRY INFORMATION**

**OFFICIAL ENTRY REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th**​​**, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.**

Following this deadline still allows for **slot­alteration abilities up until 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 15th**​**.**

**ENTRY FEES:** ​ ​ **HIRED JUDGES FEES:**

 *Speech:* ​$25.00 each speech slot $20.00 each uncovered

*LD*​: $50.00 per LD Debater speech entry

*Duo:* ​$35.00 each Duo team $150.00 each PFD judge

*CX Debate:* ​$80.00 each debate team $200.00 each CX or LD judge

*PF Debate*​: $80.00 each debate team

**DROP FEES:** ​ ​**NO SHOW FEES:**

*Speech:* ​$25.00 each speech slot ​*Speech:* ​$25.00 per slot,

per round missed

*LD Debate:* ​$50.00 each LD​​slot ​*LD, PF Debate:* ​$40.00 per slot,

per round missed

*CX/PF Debate:* ​$50.00 per team

 **PLEASE NOTE:**

* **Drop fees are assessed IN ADDITION TO the initial entry fees**

* **Please make all checks PAYABLE TO “Villiger Debating Society”**

* **Should overpayment occur for tournament fees, Saint Joseph’s University will mail a refund check approximately three to four weeks following the Villiger Tournament. Change made in cash may not be available at the tournament.**

 **JUDGING INFORMATION**

Schools are asked to supply one judge for every two debate teams or fraction thereof entered in Cross­Examination AND Public Forum Debate. Schools must provide one judge for every three debaters or fraction thereof in Lincoln­Douglas Debate. Schools are also asked to supply one judge for every 5 entries (not students), in Speech and Congress.

Please note that for judging purposes, a duo team is considered one contestant. When registering, please indicate if the judge is qualified to judge and/or serve as parliamentarian for Student Congress.

ALL ​**SPEECH AND CX JUDGES** ARE REQUIRED TO BE​

AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENT ONE ROUND PAST THE POINT

REACHED BY A SCHOOL’S **SPEECH AND CX**​ ​ ENTRIES. THIS

MEANS THAT ALL JUDGES FROM EACH SCHOOL ARE

REQUIRED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE ON SUNDAY TO JUDGE THE

FIRST ELIMINATION ROUNDS AT A MINIMUM. SCHOOLS ARE

REQUESTED TO AVAIL JUDGES FOR THE ENTIRE

TOURNAMENT DURATION. ALL ​**LD AND PF JUDGES** ARE​

REQUIRED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE **TWO**​ ROUNDS PAST THE​

POINT REACHED BY THEIR ENTRIES.

Since judges, like competitors, can seriously jeopardize the progress of the tournament and its time schedule, we have instituted the following regulations. All speech judges are allotted fifteen ​*(15)* ​minutes past the scheduled start of the round to arrive for judging before being assessed a $25.00 missed round fee for each section of judging unattended. All CX, PF, and LD Debate judges are also allotted fifteen ​*(15)* ​minutes past the scheduled start of the round to arrive for judging before the highest­standing team from that school will be docked one win after all preliminary rounds have been completed.

All judges may assess time violation penalties as they deem

appropriate with the following exceptions: Speakers shall receive up to and including 30 seconds of grace beyond the established time limit without any ballot consideration. Should the speaker speak beyond the 30­second grace period, that speaker is not to be given the 1st ​ place in that particular​  round. Judges MUST honor a contestant’s request for time signals or equivalent to indicate his/her progress towards limit. Judges are in no instance to reveal ranks or decisions or in any way confer with each other while on panels.

**SAFETY**

 Due to legal precautions, the policy of the Villiger Tournament concerning consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, illegal use of controlled substances, vandalism, and destructive or disorderly behavior shall be: to disqualify involved contestants from further competition, to communicate the offending incident to the contestants’ on­site guardians and parents, to insist on the contestants’ immediate transportation home, to require financial reimbursement for all damages or liabilities caused directly or indirectly by the incident, to notify University Security and when necessary the local legal authorities. The precise remedy or remedies selected shall remain with the discretion of the Villiger Tournament. The Tournament expects all contestants to adhere to a 1:30 A.M. curfew. We are required by law, University regulation, and Tournament charter to officially declare this policy, and we herewith comply.

**INFORMATION**

Saint Joseph’s University: ​​Located in West Philadelphia along the Historic Main Line, Saint Joseph’s University is easily accessible from the PA Turnpike, from Philadelphia International Airport, and from Interstate ​*95.*

**PA TURNPIKE­**Avenue, Exit 339. Tenth stop light to 54​ Exit 326 VALLEY FORGE, Route 76 east to City​th​ Street; turn left. High­rise parking lot is on the left.

**ROUTE 95 NS**​­ North: Exit 95 at Center City, follow Vine Street (676) to

Route 76 West to City Avenue, Exit 339 Follow above.

**BLUE ROUTE­**Tenth stop light to 54​ 476 South to Route 76 East to City Avenue, Exit 339.​th​ Street, turn left. Parking lot is on the right.

**THE OFFICIAL HOTEL FOR THE 2017 VILLIGER TOURNAMENT**

 Only two miles from the campus of Saint Joseph’s University is the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, located at 4100 Presidential Boulevard. The Courtyard is the official headquarters hotel for the 2017 Villiger Tournament. Please make your reservations by calling the Courtyard and specifying your affiliation with the tournament. By saying you are attending the Villiger Tournament, you can obtain the reduced rates. The Courtyard by Marriott representatives urge that reservations be made as early as possible, as a block of rooms at a reduced rate are reserved for the Villiger Tournament through November 2nd. After this time, rooms are available only on a first­come­first­serve basis. A limited number of rollaway beds are available upon request. Please inquire when making a reservation.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Due to tightened insurance restrictions and liability issues, The Villiger Tournament unfortunately will not be able to shuttle individuals or schools to and from the airport or to and from the Tournament Hotel to Campus.

**APPROPRIATE CONTACT INFORMATION**

CONTACT:

(From now until Wednesday, November 15)

Villiger Debating Society ​Office: 610­660­1080, 9am – 5pm EST

E­MAIL: **villigerdebate@yahoo.com**

From Wednesday evening 11/15 to Friday 11/17 please call the Courtyard by Marriott at 215­477­0200 and ​**ASK FOR THE VILLIGER DEBATING SOCIETY.**

Christopher Pendleton, Tournament Director

Cell Phone: (610)757-7856

Brian Flatley, Assistant Tournament Director

Cell Phone: (215)932-6212

**INDIVIDUAL EVENTS (Dramatic Interpretation, Original Oratory,**

**Extemporaneous, Declamation, Oral Interpretation, Duo**

**Interpretation, Informative, Program Oral Interpretation)**

**For more information on these events, please see the NCFL rulesets for these events (with the exception of Informative and Program Oral Interpretation, which will abide by NSDA rules).**

**There will be no brackets this year; time slots for each event will be announced the week of the tournament. Speech contestants are invited to double-enter; no double entry for Debate or Congress. Please see the schedule for changes.**

**CONCERNING SPEECH CONTESTS**

It is expected that no interpretive reader, dramatic interpreter, orator, or extemporaneous speaker, shall use the same materials and/or speech as he/she used in a previous year of competition. It is further expected that works purported to be the original composition of the student delivering them are so in fact. Contestants are expected to be properly informed as to the rules and prohibitions of the contest in which they are entered, including the time limitations and unique restrictions noted below.

**Special Event Notes:**

**ORATORICAL DECLAMATION**

This event is open to high school ninth and tenth graders only.

**LINCOLN­DOUGLAS DEBATE**

A Lincoln­Douglas Debater shall be responsible to debate both sides of the

Lincoln­Douglas topic. This topic will be ​**THE NATIONAL SPEECH AND DEBATE TOPIC FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017. Each school is limited to 8 LD Debaters.**

**CROSS­EXAMINATION DEBATE**

A Cross­Examination Debate team shall consist of two debaters who are in or between 9th and 12th grades to debate both sides of the 2017­2018 NSDA high school topic. **Each school is limited to six (6) Debate teams.**

 **PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE**

​**Each school is limited to eight (8) Public Forum Debate teams.**

 **STUDENT CONGRESS**

**If your school has entries in Student Congress, please submit 1-2 pieces of legislation. The Villiger Congress Director will assemble legislation packets for both the preliminary session and the super session using the submitted legislation. At least one piece of legislation from each school will be used.**

**Please submit all legislation via email to​ villigercongress@yahoo.com​ by November 1st.**

# SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017**

8:00 PM Early Registration Begins: Crowne Plaza (Tournament Hotel)

9:30 PM Early Registration Ends

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017**

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| 7:00 AM 7:45 AM  | Registration Begins: ​**North Lounge**​, ​**Campion Student Center**  Registration Ends  |
| 8:00 AM 8:30 AM  | Opening Assembly: ​**Doyle Banquet Hall, Campion Student Center** Student Congress Agenda Setting Session Convenes, CX Assembly PFD Assembly, LD Assembly  |
| 8:45 AM  | Speech Time Slot 1 |
| 9:00 AM  | Round One: CX, LD, PF Debate  |

 Student Congress Session One Convenes

10:00 AM Extemp Prep Round One

10:30 AM Speech Time Slot 2

10:45 AM Round Two: CX, LD, PF Debate

12:00 PM Student Congress Session One Adjourns

**\*\*Tournament Meal Break: Campion Cafeteria\*\* (12:30­1:30 for CX)**

1:00 PM Speech Time Slot 3

 Student Congress Session Two Convenes

1:30 PM Round Three: LD, PF, and CX Debate

2:45 PM Speech Time Slot 4

4:00 PM Student Congress Session Two Adjourns

 Round Four: LD, PF, and CX Debate

4:30 PM Speech time slot 5

Student Congress Session Three Convenes

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| 6:15 PM  | Speech time slot 6  |
| 6:30 PM  | Round Five: CX, LD, and PF Debate  |
| 7:30 PM  | Student Congress Session Three Adjourns  |
| 9:00 PM  | **Posting of Elimination Round Participants Online**  |
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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

7:30 AM Postings for 8am rounds

8:00 AM Octo­final Round: PF Debate, LD Debate (if necessary)

8:30 AM Quarter­Final Round: CX (if necessary)

9:00 AM Student Congress Super Session Convenes

 Extemp Draw

 Speech Quarter-Final Round

10:00AM Quarter­Final Round: PF Debate, LD Debate

10:45AM Semi­Final Round: CX

11:30AM Speech Semi­final Round

12:00PM Semi­Final Round: PF Debate, LD Debate

1:00 PM Student Congress Super Session Adjourns

 Final Round: CX

1:30 PM Final Round: PF Debate, LD Debate

2:00 PM Speech Final Round

4:00 PM Roman Catholic Mass:

5:00 PM Awards Assembly: Doyle Banquet Hall, Campion Student Center

HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATION TO SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY

REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT THE 2017 VILLIGER TOURNAMENT I certify

that I am the Principal or the official moderator of the speech and debate program of the high school listed below. I am authorized to make this certification on that high school’s behalf. Students from our high school will be traveling to participate in speech and debate competition at the 2017 VILLIGER TOURNAMENT in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the campus of Saint Joseph’s University. Our high school has specially designated various adults to accompany our students to the TOURNAMENT in the capacity of coaches, moderators, judges, parents, and other chaperones. The official representative(s) from our high school in charge of our traveling team is/are:

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I certify to Saint Joseph’s University that our high school has received criminal background checks and/or clearances required by our State and our school on that/those representative(s). I also certify and represent to Saint Joseph’s University that all other adults accompanying our team as judges, parents, and other chaperones are fit and safe to be in the presence of minors. It is our high school’s responsibility to ensure that all adults accompanying our team to the Saint Joseph’s campus are fit and safe to be in the presence of minors, and our high school accepts full legal responsibility for their actions.

Saint Joseph’s University is entitled to rely on this Certification in extending a

TOURNAMENT invitation to our high school.

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DATE THIS CERTIFICATION IS MADE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 2017