

*Las Positas College
cordially invites you to our*

Valentine Extravaganza

AKA: The 10th annual Talk Hawk Invitational

February 9-11, 2018

Greetings to all!

In preparation for the various championship tournaments that are fast approaching, the 2018 Talk Hawk Invitational will feature a full weekend of *Individual Events, Parliamentary Debate, LD and IPDA Debate*. We will have 3 (**THREE!**) preliminary rounds of IE competition, festival finals (Bronze & Gold Rounds) for LD & IPDA and traditional out-rounds for Parli participants. When able to do so, we will offer *Novice and Open Divisions* while following NCFCA guidelines for novice eligibility. We reserve the right to collapse divisions due to limited entry. Any event that has less than 8 competitors entered may be collapsed.

As always, the 1st Place Open Winner in each event will win a **CASH PRIZE**. The amount for each event will be dependent upon total tournament and entry size. In some years winners have received \$120! Are you sure you want to “rest” your best events??? (We encourage tournament entry payments to be made in cash to facilitate ease of payments to our 1st Place winners.)

You will find the usual events lined up for your pleasure with the same interesting twists that make the Talk Hawk Invitational unique.

- First and foremost, **ALL INTERPRETATION EVENTS WILL BE BOOK OPTIONAL** where judges are not to penalize students for performing without a script in hand.
- Contestants in the **final round of Duo Interpretation** will be permitted to adorn any thematic attire **desirable** (Translation: costumes allowed!).

- This year's **Supplemental Event: Will You Be Mine?** This improvisational event will give contestants a series of props and/or scenarios relating to a Valentine's Day scenario. A total time of 5 minutes will be allotted (for prep and speaking) for contestants to develop and present their response. See Event Descriptions for specific details.
- Las Positas College is equipped with smart classrooms. Competitors in Informative, Communication Analysis, After Dinner, and Persuasive Speaking are allowed to use PowerPoint for their visual aids. (As in all situations that require technology for visual aids, **have a backup plan, just in case**)
- For additional variations please read the entire invite carefully, paying special attention to the *Event Descriptions* for some minor twists and turns like those mentioned above.
- We have to use two different registration systems for this year's tournament. Debate entries will be registering on tabroom.com and IE entries will be using speechwire.com We're sorry for the inconvenience and we thank you in advance for your patience.
- We are using Tabroom.com for debate. That means ballots for NPDA and NFA-LD will be online. If you have never used online ballots with tabroom.com before I would ask that you take a couple of minutes (7 actually) and watch this video. https://youtu.be/S_0-QHikCBg It shows the process and gives some tips. You will need an internet connected device (phone, tablet, or laptop) to complete your ballots. And finally, here is a Cheat Sheet for online balloting. It will clearly explain all the steps: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/c1446zr678lzam0/Online%20Ballots%20Cheat%20Sheet.docx?dl=0>

While these small changes are meant to create a fun and exciting atmosphere it will not deter from the competitive nature of Forensics competition, nor will it prohibit students from earning legs for AFA nationals.

Child Care: We also will be able to provide day care for any little ones that need looking after while mommy or daddy are busy at the tournament. Two Talk Hawk students will be the babysitters and will be active with the kids doing crafts and fun activities. **Please let us know by the registration deadline if you'll be taking advantage of this service.** You can reach out to us using any of the contact information below.

We look forward to seeing you at the tournament.
Sincerely,

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 Co-Hosts of the Talk Hawk Invitational
 Las Positas College



Friday - February 9, 2018

LD DEBATE

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| 11:00 pm | Registration |
| 12:30 pm | Round 1 |
| 1:30 pm | Round 2 |
| 2:45 pm | Round 3 |
| 4:00 pm | Round 4 |
| 5:30 pm | Bronze Round |
| 6:30 pm | Gold Round |

IPDA DEBATE

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| 11:00 am | Registration |
| 12:00 pm | Prep – Room 2420 |
| 12:30 pm | Round 1 |
| 1:15 pm | Prep – Room 2420 |
| 1:45 pm | Round 2 |
| 2:30 pm | Prep – Room 2420 |
| 3:00pm | Round 3 |
| 3:45 pm | Prep – Room 2420 |
| 4:15 pm | Round 4 |
| 5:15 pm | Prep for Bronze Round – Room 2420 |
| 5:45 pm | Bronze Round |
| 6:30 pm | Prep for Gold Round – Room 2420 |
| 7:00 pm | Gold Round |

Saturday, February 10

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

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| 9:00 | Registration |
| 10:00 | Round 1 – A Pattern |
| 11:30 | Round 2 – A Pattern |
| 1:00 | Round 3 – A Pattern |
| (late lunch break) | |
| 3:30 | Finals – A Pattern |

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

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| 7:15 | Registration |
| 8:00 am | Topic Announce; 8:20 Round 1 begins |
| 9:20-9:30 | Oral Critiquing (at Topic Announcement Site) |
| 9:30 am | Topic Announce; 9:50 Round 2 begins |
| 10:50-11:15 | Oral Critiquing (at Topic Announcement Site) |
| 11:15 am | Topic Announce; 11:35 Round 3 begins |
| (lunch break) | |
| 1:30-1:45 | Oral Critiquing (at Topic Announcement Site) |
| 1:45 | Topic Announce; 2:05 Round 4 begins |
| 3:05-3:30 | Oral Critiquing (at Topic Announcement Site) |
| 3:30 | Topic Announce; 3:50 Round 5 begins |
| 4:50-5:15 | Oral Critiquing (at Topic Announcement Site) |
| 5:15 | Topic Announce; 5:35 Elim 1 begins |

Sunday, February 11

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

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| 7:30 | Extemp Prep |
| 8:00 | Round 1 – B Pattern |
| 9:30 | Extemp Prep |
| 10:00 | Round 2 – B Pattern |
| 11:30 | Extemp Prep |
| 12:00 | Round 3 – B Pattern |
| (lunch break) | |
| 2:30 | Extemp Prep |
| 3:00 | Finals – B Pattern |
| 6:00 | Awards |

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

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| 1:30 | Topic Announce; 1:50 Elim 2 begins |
| 4:30 | Topic Announce; 4:50 Elim 3 begins |

IE Pattern A: After Dinner Speaking, Informative, Poetry, Prose, POI, CA
IE Pattern B: Extemp, Impromptu, Persuasive, DI, Duo, Will You Be Mine?

Important Locations

- Tournament Site: The tournament will be held on the Las Positas College campus. (3000 Campus Hill Dr. Livermore, CA. 94551)
- Registration: Building 2400, toward the top of the campus near the PE complex. Please check-in at the registration table in 2411 (found in the interior hallway of Building 2400). **All schools are required to check-in and verify their entries prior to the start of the first round of competition. All events.**
- Prep Rooms: IPDA on Friday – 2420, Parli on Saturday – Team Rooms tba, Extemp on Sunday – 2420
- Awards: 2420 (Please remove all Extemp materials from 2420 by 4:30 pm on Sunday)
- Tab Room: 2411
- Judge's room: 2411A
- Child Care Kiddie room: 2411U
- Student room: Cafeteria
- Food/snacks: Cafeteria (judges and students)
- Parking: Parking will be free (*with a parking pass*) in Lot E. For a map, go to <http://www.laspositascollege.edu/about/map.php>. **Make sure you receive a parking pass from us at the registration table in 2411 when you arrive. Students attending for extra credit will NOT be provided a parking pass.**



Entry Deadlines

- **DEBATE ENTRIES: please use the online site tabroom.com to register your students. talkhawk.tabroom.com or <https://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml>**
- **IE ENTRIES: please use the online site speechwire.com to register your students. <https://www.speechwire.com/c-tournindex.php>**
- The deadline for receiving entries is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6th.
- Drops will be allowed on-line until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7th.
- Any changes made after Wednesday night may be made without penalty if received via text before 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 8th.
 - Please text such changes to Jim Dobson (510) 384-9525 or Tim Heisler (209) 765-7260
 - When texting changes please identify school name, student name, and change needed.
- Fees will be assessed as of 5:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoon.

Double/Triple Entries and Event Conflicts

- Students may be entered in *either* LD *or* IPDA debate, not both.
- Students participating in Parliamentary Debate **may not** be entered in IE events in Pattern A.
- Students may triple-enter in IE Pattern A events.
- Students may triple-enter in IE Pattern B events. **EXCEPTION** – Extemp Entries (see below)
- **Student entered in Extemp in Patten B may only be double-entered in Pattern B.**

Judge & Entry Requirements

- We are using Tabroom.com for debate. That means ballots for NPDA and NFA-LD will be online. If you have never used online ballots with tabroom.com before I would ask that you take a couple of minutes (7 actually) and watch this video. https://youtu.be/S_0-QHikCBg It shows the process and gives some tips. You will need an internet connected device (phone, tablet, or laptop) to complete your ballots. And finally, here is a Cheat Sheet for online balloting. It will clearly explain all the steps: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/c1446zr678lzm0/Online%20Ballots%20Cheet%20Sheet.docx?dl=0>

- Each school should provide one judge for every six slots per pattern of Individual Events.
 - **We are very sorry but we cannot count “novice only” judges as part of commitment.**
- One debate judge covers two Parliamentary Debate teams per school.
- One debate judge covers two LD Debate entries per school
- One debate judge covers two IPDA Debate entries per school
- **We may need to use judges to assist with judging all forms of competition. While we understand certain judges may not feel qualified or simply don't want to judge other events, it may be necessary to keep the tournament on time. We will, of course, try to avoid this scenario if at all possible.**

Fees

- \$12 per Individual Event slot
- Uncovered IE slots will be charged *an additional* \$15 per entry.
- \$65 per Parliamentary Debate team.
- Uncovered Parliamentary Debate teams will be charged *an additional* \$100 per entry.
- \$35 per LD and IPDA entry.
- Uncovered LD and IPDA entry will be charged *an additional* \$45 per entry.
- \$25 School Fee that helps to fund Student Wellness elements.
- A nuisance fee of \$10 per slot will be assessed for each change (add, drop, event switch) received after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8th.
- EVERY change at registration will result in a \$20 nuisance fee. Therefore, “It shouldn't be Open Poetry, it should be Open Prose,” will result in a \$40 nuisance fee. Please call in your drops/changes in advance.
- “No Shows” will be penalized \$20 for each round missed.
- Each unexpired can of food that is brought in at registration will result in a reduction of \$2 for an IE entry or a reduction of \$5 for a debate entry. These canned goods will be donated to charity.
- (See Fee Calculation chart at end of invitation)



Event Description

PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE (governed by National Parliamentary Debate Association rules)

1. A different resolution will be used each round. For elimination rounds, brackets will be broken to prevent teams from the same school from debating their school. In the case of hybrid teams, a school shall have no more than one hybrid team. If the two schools' coaches can't decide who advances or if a debate occurs when hitting a “pure” team from their school in an elimination round, the tournament director will decide for them.
2. The Team Parliamentary format shall be: 7-8-8-8-4-5. FLEX time permitted.
3. There will be 5 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number elimination rounds, as permitted by NPDA.
4. There will be *at least* two divisions (Novice/Open). We will follow NPDA rules for eligibility. The student may not have more than one semester of competitive high school debate experience and must also be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate.
5. After topic announcement, teams will have twenty minutes to get to their respective rooms. Prepare as needed.
6. A strict 5 minute forfeit rule will be enforced. **Teams should be in their room, ready to debate 20 minutes after topic announced. Any team not ready to debate 5 minutes after that 20 minutes has elapsed will be forfeited.**
7. It is tournament policy that students should be prepared and willing to debate on either side of a topic. If a team refuses to debate a topic, it will be treated as a forfeit and the offending team will be given a loss and zero speaker points for that round.



8. Coaches, please instruct your judges as follows. It is expected that all parliamentary debates on Saturday and Sunday will be concluded in this time. That includes topic announce, the 20 minutes of prep, the debate itself and the completed ballot returned to the tab room. ONLY PROVIDE ORAL CRITIQUES AFTER THE COMPLETED BALLOT IS RETURNED!!! Then talk, if desired.

9. Special Parliamentary Debate Teams

- A. Three person Team: schools with an odd number of debaters may enter a single three person team. The coach may select which two debaters participate in each round. For purposes of speaker awards, points will not be averaged for rounds, if any, a speaker misses.
- B. Hybrid Teams: A school may enter a hybrid team. The hybrid will be treated as a team from each school, being protected from hitting either school in prelims. Elims handled in accord with NPDA custom.
- C. Maverick Debaters are NOT allowed. All debate teams must consist of two individuals. No 2-on-1.

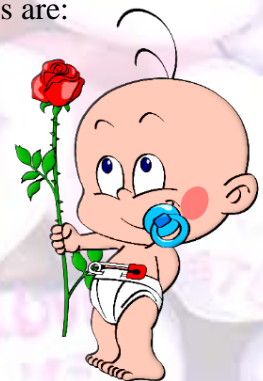
NFA-LD DEBATE (governed by NFA-LD rules)

1. The format shall be: 6-3-7-3-6-6-3 with 4 minutes running prep time per person.
2. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and then Bronze and Gold Medal out-rounds. NFA-LD competitors with a 3-1 record will be guaranteed advancement to an elimination round. The next highest ranking debater may be added to fill out a bracket, as long as no more than half the field advances to elimination rounds. No more than three teams may be added to fill out a bracket.
4. There will be two divisions (Novice and Open). We make every attempt to keep a Novice division, but we reserve the right to collapse if necessary.
5. To be classified as a novice: a) the student should have no high school debate experience, b) the student should be in the first two semesters of collegiate debate, c) the student has advanced to elimination rounds no more than once. All other students will be considered open competitors.
6. A 5 minute forfeit rule will be strictly enforced. Any competitor not ready to debate 5 minutes after the scheduled start time forfeits unless the delay has been created by the tournament.
7. Time blocks are for debating and returning the ballot. Any oral critique are only to be conducted AFTER returning the ballot. Please, observe these time requirements! We do not want the entire tournament to be late because of critics' lengthy oral critiques! Return the ballot BEFORE beginning the critique!

IPDA DEBATE (International Public Debate Association)

IPDA is a one-on-one debate format in which one debater takes the side of the affirmative and the other debater takes the side of the negative. For each round, the two debaters are given five possible resolutions. The negative begins the topic selection by striking one resolution and proceeds in the back-and-forth fashion until one resolution is left. After the topic has been selected, both debaters have thirty minutes to prepare a case. IPDA debates encourages the use of lay judges to adjudicate the round and emphasizes conversational rhetoric. Visit ipdadebate.info to learn more. We hope to offer two divisions for IPDA (Novice/Open). IPDA rules state that a student is no longer a novice if they have competed in any form of debate (NPDA/L-D, college/high school, etc.) for 8 or more tournaments. We will have Bronze and Gold Medal out-rounds for IPDA. Competitors with a 3-1 record will be guaranteed advancement to an elimination round. The next highest ranking debater may be added to fill out a bracket, as long as no more than half the field advances to elimination rounds. No more than three teams may be added to fill out a bracket. The speech times are:

- 1st Affirmative – 5 minutes
- Cross Examination – 2 minutes
- 1st Negative – 6 minutes
- Cross Examination – 2 minutes
- Affirmative Rebuttal – 3 minutes
- Negative Rebuttal – 5 minutes
- Affirmative Summary – 3 minutes



IE Pattern A:

- **After Dinner Speaking:** An original speech whose primary purpose is to entertain while exhibiting sound speech composition. The speech should not resemble a nightclub act, an impersonation, or a comic dialogue. Rather, it should be designed around a central topic or theme and demonstrating good taste. Audio-visual aids may be used. 10 minute time limit. **Students are allowed to use PowerPoint for their visual aids.**
- **Informative Speaking:** An original speech designed to describe, clarify, or explain an object, idea, concept, or process. Audio/visual aids may be used as long as they do not interfere with the speaker's ability to communicate. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is ten minutes. **Students are allowed to use PowerPoint for their informative presentations.**
- **Poetry Interpretation:** Poetry shall include one or more selections written in rhymed or unrhymed meter or cadence of some regularity, excluding drama. If more than one selection is used, the selections must be thematically linked. An introduction is required. **Book Optional.** 10 minute time limit.
- **Prose Interpretation:** Prose shall consist of single or multiple selections of literature printed mainly in paragraph form, excluding drama. If more than one selection is used, these selections should be thematically linked. All programs must include an introduction. **Book optional.** 10 minute time limit.
- **Program Oral Interpretation (POI):** This event is to consist of a unified presentation made up of at least two selections of different genres (i.e., prose, poetry, dramatic literature, plays). A contestant may use the works of one or more authors. The selections should develop a theme. Maximum time limit is ten minutes, including introduction. **Book Optional.**
- **Communication Analysis:** An original speech by the student designed to offer an examination and/or evaluation of a communication event such as a speech, speaker, movement, poem, poster, film, campaign, etc., through the use of rhetorical principles. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Manuscripts are permitted. Maximum time limit is ten minutes. **Judges have the option/opportunity to discuss the artifact and speech with the contestants for a maximum of five minutes following their presentation. Students are also permitted to use PowerPoint for their visual aids.**

IE Pattern B:

- **Extemporaneous Speaking:** Each contestant will be given a choice of 3 topics drawn 30 minute to speaking. Topics will concern national and international events. Judges must provide time signals. 7 minute time limit. **Extemp competitors are expected to remain in the room after they finish speaking unless they are double entered!**
- **Impromptu Speaking:** Each speaker presents a spontaneous oration based upon a choice of 3 topics (words, phrases, or quotations). Each speaker has a total of 7 minutes to divide between preparing and speaking. Judges must provide oral time signals during preparation and nonverbal signals once the oration begins. **Audience members are permitted and encouraged to be lively and active, much like a debate audience.**
- **Persuasive Speaking:** An original speech by the student designed to inspire, reinforce, or change the beliefs, attitudes, values, or actions of the audience. Audio-visual aids may or may not be used to supplement and reinforce the message. Multiple sources should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Notes are permitted. **Final round of Open competition may include one or more judges who are area community leaders. Students are allowed to use PowerPoint for their visual aids.** Maximum time limit is ten minutes.
- **Dramatic Interpretation:** This event consists of a cutting from a play, teleplay, or screenplay featuring monologue or dialogue. If more than one selection is used, these selections should be linked thematically. All programs must include an introduction. **Book optional.** 10-minute maximum time.



- **Duo Interpretation:** A cutting from a single source or multiple sources of literature involving the portrayal of two or more characters presented by two individuals. **Books are optional and costumes are permitted for final round contestants. If anyone chooses to use costumes, dressing for this event should not delay the tournament. Please perform costume changes in a timely fashion. 10 minute time limit.**
- **Will You Be Mine?:** A supplemental event intended to provide some fun. Contestants will be given props and prompts that force them to deal with a Valentine’s Day scenario. *(For Example: Your partner is trying to break up with you on Valentine’s Day dinner. Using the words on the Heart Candy you’ve just drawn find a way to talk them out of it, but you must end with the exact wording of the Valentine’s Day card that you’ve also drawn).* A total time of 5 minutes will be allotted, for prep and speaking. The “response” should contain all elements expressed in the prompt. This event will NOT earn team points. 5 minute time limit. **This event is open to everyone; students, coaches, and judges.**

Awards

Awards will be given to all final round participants and will include cash payouts for the winner of each open event final. The cash prize amount will vary based on tournament entry size. Team sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools in both Debate and Individual Events. We will also be recognizing the tournament’s top Debate speaker and top Individual Event speaker with an award. The Top Speaker Awards will be given to the individual who earns the most points for his/her school *in open level competition*. LPC will not be eligible for team sweepstakes awards. The point breakdown for sweepstakes is as follows:

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Open | Novice |
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| 1st = 12 Pts. | 6 Pts. |
| 2nd = 10 Pts. | 5 Pts. |
| 3rd = 8 Pts. | 4 Pts. |
| 4th = 6 Pts. | 3 Pts. |
| 5th = 4 Pts. | 2 Pts. |
| 6th = 2 Pts. | 1 Pt. |

PARLI DEBATE

| Open | Jr. | Nov |
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| 1 st = 40 | 30 | 20 |
| 2 nd = 30 | 22.5 | 15 |
| Semi = 20 | 15 | 10 |
| Qrts = 10 | 7.5 | 5 |

LD & IPDA

| Open | Jr. | Nov |
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| Gold = 20 | 15 | 10 |
| Silver = 15 | 11 | 7.5 |
| Bronze = 10 | 7.5 | 5 |



Lodging

We have not been able to secure a group rate at any of our neighboring hotels. Experience has shown that hotels.com expedia.com bookings.com orbitz.com trivago.com and all of the other hotel sights have very competitive bids with similar rates.

The hotels closest to the campus are: Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Residence Inn by Marriott, Hampton Inn Livermore, Courtyard by Marriott, Hilton Garden Inn and Home 2 Suites by Hilton.

Year in and year out the cheapest hotels near the campus have been: Extended Stay America, Motel 6 and Springtown Inn. As is usually the case, you typically get what you pay for.



Fee Calculation:

We would be absolutely thrilled if you can pay your **entry fees in cash**. This will make it much easier for us to turn around and provide cash awards to the first-place open competitors. We understand if your school policy prohibits you from being able to do so. If you need to write a check, please make it out to **Las Positas College – Forensics**.

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| School Fee | \$ 25.00 |
| Individual Events entries _____ x \$12.00 | \$ _____ |
| Uncovered slots of IE _____ x \$15.00 | \$ _____ |
| Will You Be Mine? entries _____ x \$6.00 | \$ _____ |
| Parli Team entries _____ x \$65.00 | \$ _____ |
| Uncovered Parli Team _____ x \$100.00 | \$ _____ |
| LD entry _____ x \$35.00 | \$ _____ |
| Uncovered LD entry _____ x \$45.00 | \$ _____ |
| IPDA entry _____ x \$35.00 | \$ _____ |
| Uncovered IPDA entry _____ x \$45.00 | \$ _____ |
| Drops/changes after 5:00 p.m. Feb 8 th _____ x \$10.00 | \$ _____ |
| Drops/changes at Registration _____ x \$20.00 | \$ _____ |
| I.E. No Shows _____ x \$20.00 (Per Round) | \$ _____ |
| Subtotal | \$ _____ |
| Reduction for canned food donations | - \$ _____ |
| Total | \$ _____ |

