**The Linda Baas Memorial Tournament**

**Cedar Crest College**

**Allentown, Pennsylvania**

**October 10th, 2015**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The Cedar Crest College Forensic Speech Team and the Pennsylvania Psi Chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, along with the Cedar Crest College Community, would like to invite you to and your team to join us for the ninth annual **Linda Baas Memorial Forensics Tournament, to be held on Saturday, October 10th, 2015.**  Many of you joined us in years past for the tournament hosted at Cedar Crest College, and found it to be a wonderful tournament taking place on a beautiful campus – particularly in the fall.  We hope to add to last year’s experience with a focus on providing an efficiently-run tournament with lots of unique extras and lots of fun along the way!

In addition, we will be hosting a **SNAFU Tournament on Sunday, October 11th, 2015.**  SNAFU, or the Southern and North Atlantic Forensics Union, is a series of intercollegiate forensics competitions designed to provide colleges and universities a cheap and easy way to educate their students in a fun, educational environment.

The Linda Baas Memorial is open to all schools wishing to attend, and will feature all 11 AFA/NFA Events (Prose, Poetry, Duo, Dramatic Interp, POI, Persuasive, Informative, After Dinner, Comm. Analysis, Impromptu, and Extemporaneous). We look forward to hosting you again this year in Allentown. If there is anything we can do to make your experience a more pleasant one, please contact us at your convenience.

See you soon!!!

Sincerely,

Tim Brown

Director, Forensic Speech

Cedar Crest College

**Schedule of Events at the Linda Baas Memorial Tournament**

**Saturday October 10th, 2015**

8:00 am          Registration

8:30 am       Extemp Draw

9:00 am        Round IA

10:30 am        Round IB

12:00 pm Lunch Break

12:30 pm        Extemp Draw

1:00 pm        Round IIA

2:30 pm        Round IIB

3:45 pm  FINALS – Flight A

5:00pm  FINALS – Flight B

ASAP         AWARDS

Group A: EXT, POI, DUO, PER, INF, PRO

Group B: IMP, DI, ADS, CA, POE

**Each student may enter in up to THREE events per grouping.  Two duos count as two events.**  Questions?  Please feel free to call Tim Brown directly at (610) 606-4666 x3581 or e-mail at tbrown@cedarcrest.edu .

**JUDGING:**

As with most tournaments, we want your judges – not your money.  We will have a small judging pool available at the tournament, but please make every effort to cover your entries, so that the tournament will run smoothly. Each judge will cover eight entries, and uncovered entries will be charged a $15 fee.

**FEES:**

$8 per event slot.

$15 per uncovered slot for all events.

$15 for drop/adds after registration deadline.

$40 for drop/adds on the day of the Tournament.  While we will try to accommodate your needs, we reserve the right to restrict/deny “adds” after the entry deadline in the interest of tournament efficiency.

$100 for a dropped judge.

Checks should be made payable to **CEDAR CREST COLLEGE DEPT. OF PERFORMING ARTS**.

**REGISTRATION:**

Registration must be received by **Wednesday, October 7, 2015 @ 5:00pm(EST)**.  Registration must be made electronically via Speechwire (speechwire.com).  A confirmation e-mail will be sent to ensure your registration has been received.  If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, or if you experience any difficulties, please call Tim Brown at 610-606-4666 x3581.  Please enter judges with any restrictions, as well.  Unless otherwise indicated, judges will be considered as available for all events.

**RULES:**

1. The Linda Baas Memorial Tournament will offer two preliminary rounds, and one final round.
2. Contestants must be undergraduate students at the college or university they represent at the tournament and may not hold a baccalaureate degree.
3. Each school may enter an unlimited number of contestants per event, realizing that large entries may cause team members to compete in the same sections.
4. Students may enter in no more than three events per grouping.  A student may enter two duos with different partners in Group A.
5. All literature for interpretation must be presented from manuscripts.  Time limits will follow AFA/NFA guidelines.
6. While a distinct competitive advantage is obvious for memorized presentation of public address events, limited notes for these events are permitted.  Contestants should be aware (especially in close rounds) that the use of notes will likely be the judge’s deciding factor in rank and rating.
7. Novice division break-out finals will also be held in events with 12 or more total entries and 4 or more novices eligible for the break-out. The top 6 competitors in each event will advance to finals. The top 4 non-advancing novices will also clear to a separate novice final, judges and rooms permitting. Please indicate in your entry which students would be entered in the novice division. A novice shall be defined as a student who has never competed in an intercollegiate forensics tournament—individual events or debate—prior to Sept 1, 2015.
8. We will use AFA-style rules and tabulation.
9. Any school not present by the end of the registration period may be disqualified from competing in Round 1, Bracket A and thus ineligible to win awards in those events.
10. Separate registrations should be made for BOTH Tournaments if a team is competing on Saturday and Sunday.  Registration for both can be made via Speechwire.

**AWARDS AND SCORING:**

1. Awards will be given to the top six students in each Individual Event based on the results of the final round.  Each member of a duo will receive an award.
2. *Sweepstakes* awards will be given to the top three schools.
3. The top three individual sweeps winners will each receive an award (students must be entered in four or more events to be eligible – if an insufficient number of students with four or more entries is determined by the Tournament Director, the right is reserved at that point to lower qualifications to all students with three or more events, etc. until it is determined by the Tournament Director that a threshold for Individual Sweepstakes has been reached.).  Individual Sweepstakes results do not count toward team sweepstakes points.

**LODGING:**

If you have questions regarding travel logistics, tournament details, or anything else, feel free to contact Tim Brown at (610) 606-4666 x3581, or via e-mail at tbrown@cedarcrest.edu.

We’re looking forward to seeing you at Cedar Crest College!!!