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January 7th 2020

Dear Colleagues:

The Eastern Michigan University Forensics Program and the School of Communication, Media and Theatre Arts cordially invite you and your team to attend the 46th Annual Tower Swing Invitational taking place on Saturday, February 8th, and Sunday, February 9th, 2020.

Both tournaments will offer all 11 NFA Individual Events. Awards will be given to the top six I.E. finalists and to all elimination round participants if needed. We will also be acknowledging the top novice for each individual event. Finally, we will recognize the top 5 competitors entered in I.E. individual sweepstakes as well as the top three schools in I.E. team sweepstakes.

Please find attached information regarding the projected schedule, entries, as well as options for lodging and food. We are very excited to announce that this year the theme of our tournament will be "Tower Inc." We are so excited to see all of you here. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Timothy Ward by either email tward12@emich.edu or phone 850-556-3091

Entries are due by 5 p.m. EST, Tuesday, February 4th, 2020. We look forward to seeing you in Ypsilanti!

Sincerely,

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Director of Forensics

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2020 TOWER INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE (SATURDAY)

- 9:00 AM Extemp Prep
- 9:30 AM Round 1 of Flight A (ADS, DUO, EXT, PER, POI, PRO)
- 10:45 AM Round 1 of Flight B (RC, DI, IMP, INF, POE)
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:30 PM Extemp Prep
- 1:00 PM Round 2 of Flight A
- 2:15 PM Round 2 of Flight B
- 3:30 PM Extemp Prep for Finals
- 4:00 PM Final Round of Flight A
- 5:30 PM Final Round of Flight B
- 7:00PM AWARDS CEREMONY

EMU ALUMNI INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE (SUNDAY)

- 8:00 AM Extemp Prep
- 8:15 AM Round 1 of Flight A (ADS, DUO, EXT, PER, POI, PRO)
- 9:30 AM Round 1 of Flight B (DI, IMP, INF, POE, RC)
- 10:45 AM Extemp Prep
- 11:00 PM Round 2 of Flight A
- 12:15 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Round 2 of Flight B
- 2:15: PM Extemp Prep for Finals
- 2:30 PM Final Round of Flight A **
- 4:00 PM Final Round of Flight B
- 5:30PM AWARDS CEREMONY

(We will attempt to collapse finals if possible)

Tournament Notes

Entries:

**All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST,
Tuesday, February 4th 2020 through <http://www.speechwire.com>**

Any adjustments made to the entry after the deadline but prior to the tournament will be subject to a \$10.00 nuisance fee, as well as a \$15.00 fee per dropped judge. Any changes at registration will be subject to a \$25.00 nuisance fee and \$100 per dropped judge.

Entry Limitations:

Students may enter three events per pattern in both tournaments. Overall school entry is unlimited. Judges will be instructed to allow double/triple entered contestants to perform first.

Patterns:

Tower Invitational and EMU Alumni Invitational Tournaments

Flight A

After Dinner Speaking

Duo Interpretation

Extemporaneous Speaking

Persuasive Speaking

Programmed Oral Interpretation

Prose Interpretation

Flight B

Dramatic Interpretation

Impromptu Speaking

Informative Speaking

Poetry Interpretation

Rhetorical Criticism

Judges:

We want competitors to feel safe at all times during our tournament. Please feel free to contact the tournament director if judges need to be blocked from a specific competitor. One judge is obligated to cover six I.E. slots. We appreciate every effort to cover your slots.

Fees:

\$10.00 for each I.E. slot

\$12.00 for each uncovered I.E. slot

\$12.00 per drop prior to registration/\$15.00 per dropped judge

\$25.00 per dropped slot at registration

\$100.00 per dropped judge at registration

Scoring:

IE: Final team sweepstakes placement will be based on team points accumulated according to the table below. Each school's top three speakers in each event will be used for tabulating prelims sweepstakes. Half of the total prelim points will be added to points based on finals placement. Team sweepstakes will recognize the top three IE programs. Individual sweepstakes awards will be given to the top five students entered in at least five individual events.

Placing	Prelims – IE	Finals – IE
1 st	3 pts	12 pts
2 nd	2 pts	10 pts
3 rd	1 pt	8 pts
4 th		6 pts
5 th		4 pts
6 th		2 pts

Event descriptions:

Event descriptions for all eleven NFA events can be found at

www.nationalforensics.org.

Limited Preparation Events:

Impromptu Speaking

In the spirit of topic areas at NFA, we will include prompts other than traditional quotations.

Extemporaneous Speaking

Free WIFI will be available through the universities guest login system. It will issue a temporary access. It does take a few minutes to set up an account so please factor this in when preparing for the event. Additionally, while we are confident that this service will be available, we cannot guarantee it.

*****Unlike other event rules, minimum and maximum time limits provided for ALL events are enforced at the discretion of the individual judge rather than the association*****

Content Warnings:

We are committed to providing a safe and edifying space for all. Therefore, we encourage the use of content and/or trigger warnings when possible for competitors who may be performing sensitive material. If you have questions or concerns about when such a warning may be appropriate please contact the tournament director.

Open Door Policy:

In an effort to ensure that our tournament is a safe and supportive environment there will be an open-door policy. Anyone can leave during a round to engage in selfcare at any point without fear of negative consequences. While we encourage competitors and audience members to support every performance, we also want everyone to feel free to engage in selfcare. Furthermore, we realize that leaving during a performance may not be possible. Therefore, we also encourage in-round selfcare. This includes, but is not limited to the acceptance of all forms of listening, including students who disengage from a performance (e.g., actively dissociate, put their head down, etc.) when they are uncomfortable. We will remind judges and competitors of this at the tournament.

Directions:

Quirk Hall, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

If you're on US-23, take exit 37A Washtenaw Avenue East. Continue on Washtenaw, and take a left onto Hewitt (there should be a Walgreen's on the corner). You should pass the football stadium on your right. Take a right onto Huron River Drive. Stay on Huron River, it will take you past a McDonald's and the North Campus Lots and will take a right curve and turn into a one-way street. Stay in the right-hand lane, and take a right at the light onto Jarvis. The Alexander Pay Lot will be on your left. Quirk is the building on the left with the circle drive.

If you're on 1-94, take exit 183, Huron River Drive (There should be signs indicating it as the EMU exit). Go north on Huron River Drive, and continue past Cross Street (Michigan Firehouse Museum) and past Forest Ave. Just after you pass Forest make the first left turn onto Jarvis. If you get to the gas station Kampus Korner than you have gone too far. Turn onto Jarvis and go through the light at Lowell St. to get onto campus. Your first left will be the Alexander Pay Lot. This is the best place to park and Quirk Hall and Pray Harold are the building right next to the Alexander Music Building. Quirk Hall is the building with the circle drive.

Parking:

This year the university has made a significant shift in its parking policy. The university has privatized parking on campus. Thus, while in the past parking was open on the weekends, this year the only options for parking are in the designated pay lots. The closest is the Alexander Pay Lot located right next to the Alexander Music Building. The daily max rate is \$12.00. Please also find the ParkEMU website where you will find more information <https://www.parkemu.com/visitors/parking-rates/>. If you have further questions or concerns please feel free to contact Timothy Ward.

Emergency Contact:

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Possible Lodging Options

3.2 miles from campus: **Ann Arbor Regent Hotel and Suites**, 2455 Carpenter Rd. Ann Arbor, MI, 48108; 734.973.6100.

3.3 miles from campus: **Days Inn**, 2380 Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108; 734.971.0700.

3.4 miles from campus: **Comfort Inn**, 2455 Carpenter Rd, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108; 734.973.6100.

8.9 miles from campus: **American Best Value Inn Suites**, 3505 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI, 48108; 734.665.3500.

8.9 miles from campus: **Residence Inn**, 800 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108; 734.996.5666.

9.1 miles from campus: **Holiday Inn Express**, 600 Hilton Blvd, Ann Arbor, MI, 48108; 734.761.2929.

9.1 miles from campus: **Marriot Courtyard**, 3205 Boardwalk Dr., Ann Arbor, MI, 48108; 734.995.5900.

9.4 miles from campus: **Motel 6**, 3764 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI, 48108; 734.665.9900.

9.8 miles from campus: **Red Roof Inn**, 45501 N. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111;
734.697.2244

10.1 miles from campus: **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites**, 46194 N. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111: 734.857.6200.

10.2 miles from campus: **Hampton Inn**, 46280 N. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111; 734.669.2424

Food Options both on and off campus

Cross St.

Tower Inn Café

701 W Cross St,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.487.4000

Hours

Fri 11am-2am
Sat 11am-2am
Sun 10am-2am

The Wurst Bar

701 W Cross St,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.485.6720

Hours

Fri 11:30am-2am
Sat 11:30am-2am
Sun 12pm-12am

Got Burger!

301 W Cross St,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.219.7240

Hours

Fri 10am-3am
Sat 10am-3am
Sun CLOSED

STUFD

505 W. Cross St
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-340-6952

Hours

Fri 11am-3am
Sat 11am-3am
Sun 11am-12am

Carpenter Drive

Bob Evans

2411 Carpenter Rd,
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734.971.2220

Hours

Fri 6:30am-9pm
Sat 6:30am-9pm
Sun 7am-9pm

Red Robin

3797 Carpenter Rd,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.794.2000

Hours

Fri 11am-11pm
Sat 11am-11pm
Sun 11am-10pm

Applebee's Grill & Bar

3819 Carpenter Rd,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.973.7440

Hours

Fri 11am-1am
Sat 11am-1am
Sun 11am-12am

Downtown

Red Rock Downtown Barbecue

207 W. Michigan Ave,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.340.2381

Hours

Fri 11am-11pm
Sat 11am-11pm
Sun 12pm-9pm

Beezy's

20 N. Washington St,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.485.9625

Hours.

Fri 7am-4pm
Sat 7am-4pm
Sun 9am-4pm

GO! Ice Cream

10 N. Washington St,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.219.7484

Hours

Fri 12pm-9pm
Sat 12pm-9pm
Sun 12pm-9pm

Bobcat Bonnie's

200 W. Michigan Ave,
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734.879.0663

Hours

Fri. 11am-12am
Sat 10am-12am
Sun 10am-10pm

Depot Town

Sidetrack Bar & Grill

56 E Cross St,
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
734.487.1035

Hours

11am-2am

Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill

39 E. Cross St,
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
734.483.1870

Hours

11am-2am

MAIZ Mexican Cantina

36 E. Cross St,
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
734.340.6010

Hours

Fri 11am-1am
Sat 11am-12am
Sun 12am-10am

Ollie Food & Spirits

42 E. Cross St,
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
734.482.8050

Hours

Fri 11am-12am
Sat 8am-12am
Sun 8am-12am

Cultivate Coffee & Tap House

307 N. River St, Ypsilanti, MI 48198
734.249.8993

Hours

Fri 8am-12am
Sat 8am-12am
Sun 9am-10pm

Student Union Food Court

Sona Latin Cantina

734.487.3838

Hours

Sat 11am-4pm

Sun 3pm-9pm

Lobby Shop

734.487.2328

Hours Sat 9am-9pm

Sun 12pm-9pm

Starbucks

734.487.9612

Hours Sat 9am-10pm

Sun 12pm-10pm

Miscellaneous & Fun

Walgreens Pharmacy

2170 Washtenaw Ave,

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734.485.3899

CVS

2151 Washtenaw Ave,

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734.483.8900

Meijer

3825 Carpenter Rd,

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734.973.1200

Kroger

2010 Whittaker Rd,

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734.547.1790

Wal-Mart

2515 Ellsworth Rd,

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734.434.5620

Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum

100 E Cross St, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

734.482.5200

Michigan Firehouse Museum

110 W Cross St,

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734.547.0663

The Rocket Gifts, Toys and Candy

122 W Michigan Ave,

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

734.483.2291

Brick & Mortar Modern General Store

21 E Cross St,

Ypsilanti, MI 48198

734.340.2343

Rave Cinemas Ann Arbor 20 + IMAX

4100 Carpenter Rd,

Ann Arbor, MI 48197