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Dear Colleagues:

You are cordially invited to the University of Wisconsin-Stout’s 48th annual Michael Nicolai Collegiate Forensics Tournament, to be held on Friday and Saturday, December 6 & 7, 2013. We will be offering **three** preliminary rounds of competition, with AFA patterns, semifinals for any event with over 50 entries, and finals in all eleven AFA events. In addition, we are offering our Oral Interpretation of Music Lyrics Event. ***This traditional tournament format will mirror the AFA-NIET with three preliminary rounds, plus finals****.*

Tournament registration will be from 10:30 a.m. to Noon Friday in the Memorial Student Union. Extemp draw will start at 11:30, and round one will begin at noon. At 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, a continental breakfast will be available. Awards are tentatively scheduled for 4:15 p.m. on Saturday. However, semifinals could alter that schedule. Awards will be presented to the top 6 speakers in each event, the top 5 individual sweepstakes participants, and the top 5 schools.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at noon. Fees will be assessed at noon on Wednesday. The fees are $8 per entry, and schools must provide one qualified judge per 6 entries. The fee for each uncovered slot is $10. Changes after 3 p.m. Thursday, December 5, will incur a nuisance fee of $5 per change. At Registration, drops will add $10/slot; dropped judge will be $50 per judge. All revenues will be used to pay tournament expenses. Any residuals will be used to defray costs of future tournaments and/or other expenses in support of the UW-Stout forensics team.

Please note that registration is in the Memorial Student Center and parking on Friday is in lot ???; parking permits & campus maps will be emailed to you. On Saturday, parking is allowed in any lot!

The tournament hotel is the Econolodge - 715 235-9651. We have reserved a block of rooms under “Stout Speech” and negotiated a price of $59 for Thursday, November 29th and Friday, November 30th. It has a continental breakfast; pool and whirlpool.

Others:

Country Inn & Suites 715 235-5664

Motel 6 715 235-6901

Super 8 715 235-8889

We look forward to seeing you at the University of Wisconsin – Stout Forensics Tournament!

Sincerely,

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TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

**ENTRIES:**  Each student may enter a maximum of two events per group. A student may enter two different duos—it is counted as two entries; there is no limit on the number of entries per school in any individual event. Please be reasonable – your judges cannot be used with a large entry. Bringing 17 prose slots will hurt the tournament! Only first-year UW-Stout students will compete.

Group A – Prose, Informative, Impromptu

Group B – Extemp, Persuasion, Duo, POI

Group C – Poetry, ADS, CA, DI, Music Interp

**INDIVIDUAL SWEEPS:** Students with three EVENTS or more are eligible for Individual Sweepstakes; only the top five events will count for tab purposes. Two duos will count as two entries/one event.

**TEAM SWEEPS:** Team sweeps will be computed using the following point scale:

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| Prelim Rounds: | Final Placing: |
| 3rd Place 1 point | Semi 2 points |
| 2nd Place 2 points | 5th-6th Place 3 points |
| 1st Place 3 points | 4th Place 4 points |
|  | 3rd Place 6 points |
|  | 2nd Place 8 points |
|  | 1st Place 10 points |

**JUDGES:** **PLEASE!!** Each school should try to provide their own judges if at all possible. One judge is needed for each six slots. We prefer your judges to your money; unless entry size dictates judges may not be used. We have a limited number of hired judges available this year.

**ENTRIES:**  Registration is on Speechwire: http://www.speechwire.com

**EVENTS:** **Materials for competition may not have been used in competition prior to September 1, 2013. The same cutting/speech may not be used in two different events.** Events will conform to AFA-NIET event rules with the following exceptions and/or additions:

 Oral Interpretation of Musical Lyrics: Contestants present an interpretation of the lyrics of a song or (program of) songs. NO musical accompaniment is allowed. This is NOT a singing event. The rules and standards for interpretation apply. Manuscript is required. Maximum time limit is seven minutes. (Literary merit is most definitely NOT a factor.)

#### Forensics is more than competition . . .

#### Forensics is more than trophies. . .

#### Forensics cares!

#### UW-Stout Tradition for over 25 years (and District IV Service Project)

####  We request each team member bring one non-perishable item to donate to our local food shelf, Stepping Stones of Dunn County. THANK YOU!

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT

**48th Annual Michael Nicolai Collegiate Forensics Tournament**

**December 6 & 7, 2013**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

# FRIDAY, December 6, 2013

10:30 a.m. - Noon Registration; Memorial Student Center

11:30 a.m. Extemp Draw

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Round I, B Events - Extemp, DUO, POI, Persuasion

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Round I, C Events – Drama, Poetry, CA, ADS, Music Interp

2:00 p.m. - Extemp Draw

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Round I, B Events - Extemp, DUO, POI, Persuasion

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Round I, A Events - Prose, Informative, Impromptu

5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Round II, C Events – Drama, Poetry, CA, ADS, Music Interp

6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Round II, A Events – Prose, Informative, Impromptu

# SATURDAY, December 7, 2013

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Extemp Draw

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Round III, B Events – Extemp, Duo, POI, Persuasion

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Round III, A Events – Prose, Informative, Impromptu

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Round III, C Events – Drama, Poetry, CA, ADS, Music Interp

12:15 p.m. - Extemp Draw; Speaking begins at 12:45

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Semi’s as necessary

 Finals in all B events, plus Informative

 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Finals in all C events, plus Prose and Impromptu

 4:15 p.m. or ASAP Awards