

MASSACHUSETTS SPEECH & DEBATE LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

October 2017

LOGO CONTEST!

The MSDL needs a new logo, and we want YOU to design it!

It is time for us to freshen up the logo for the Massachusetts Speech & Debate League, and we are looking to our students, alumni, judges, coaches, and friends for help.

Logo designs should be high resolution files that work in full color or black & white.

Files can be submitted through our website until **Friday, December 15, 2017**.

The MSDL Board will then review all submitted designs and our newly selected logo will be announced on our website and social media channels in early January 2018. The winner will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card, as well as online recognition.

Our newly selected logo will help represent our league online, in print, and on other promotional materials.

Submit your designs at:
msdlonline.org/newlogo

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a terrific summer, and that this first month back to school hasn't been too chaotic! I am looking forward to another great speech & debate season, starting this Saturday, October 14 with our Novice Tournament at Arlington High School! Registration closes this Thursday, October 12 at 5:00PM, so be sure to sign up those novices before then, as this tournament is always a great way for them to get started. Also, if you have any judges planning to attend the Speech Judge Training session that day, be sure to register them as well.

Additionally, we will be holding a couple of sessions for coaches in the afternoon. For our newer coaches, we will offer a Q&A session to offer advice and tips for getting your program started or taking it to the next level. At the same time, we invite any coaches who are interested to join me for an open forum to talk about trends, issues, and suggestions for Group Discussion. We hope to see you there.

Communication is at the core of what we teach our students. It is also something we as a league are not always great at. We hope to improve that this season, but we need your help! I'd like to ask you and your students to follow us on Facebook & Twitter. These social media channels help us communicate to the masses in a quick and efficient manner. We will continue to post updates on our website, and send emails out to coaches as necessary. If you have other ideas of ways we can improve our communication efforts, please send me a quick email at amandajane527@me.com or find me at a tournament. I'm looking forward to another great season with all of you!

Amanda Parker, MSDL President

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14

The Novice Tournament
Arlington High School

October 21

The Fall Kick Off Tournament
Revere High School

October 27-28

The Tim Averill Invitational
Manchester By The Sea

October 28

The DR Tournament
Dighton Rehoboth Regional

November 11

The Gracia Burkill Memorial
Natick High School

December 9

The LS Tournament
Lincoln Sudbury Regional

December 9

Annual Dues Deadline!

December 16

The Holly Festival
Natick High School

GETTING INVOLVED

At our 2017 State Tournaments, our Executive Board was elected to serve the MSDL for the 2017-2019 term:

- President: Amanda Parker, Natick
- VP/Clerk: Lisa Honeyman, Newton South
- Chair of Congress: Paul Wexler, Needham
- Chair of Debate: Josh Cohen, Newton South
- Chair of Speech: Joyce Albert, Natick
- Treasurer: Jim Honeyman, Newton South

In addition, the following six coaches were selected to serve as At-Large Board Members:

- Greg Cunningham, Needham
- Sue Hennessey, Acton-Boxboro
- Sheryl Kaczmarek, Lexington
- Adam Nir, Needham
- Marc Rischitelli, Shrewsbury
- Chris Sheldon, Bancroft

The MSDL is a wonderful community, and this board is committed to doing everything we can to help speech & debate programs in our state thrive. We are here for you. If you have questions, are looking for advice, or have suggestions for ways our league can improve - we want to hear from you.

We would also like to invite you to become more involved, if you would like to be. We have topic writing committees, and are looking to form a grant committee and a committee to help compile the MSDL's history. Are you interested in serving on one of these committees? Come talk to us! Are you interested in learning more about our board positions, or thinking about running for a position in the future? Come talk to us! Are you interested in learning more about how tournaments are run, or how to host a tournament at your school? Come talk to us!

We look forward to talking with you!

MSDL ONLINE UPDATES

MSDLOnline.org

Have you see our newly designed website? We encourage you to check it out, read our annual meeting minutes, and visit often to see the newest updates for our league.

Facebook

Like our page on
Facebook.com/SpeechDebateMA

Online Suggestion Box

Our online suggestion box is now live on our website, under the Contact Us menu. If you have questions, suggestions, feedback, or ideas you would like to share, this is a great place to do that!

Twitter

Follow us @SpeechDebateMA