



NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

Speech and Debate Honor Society

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Educators Receive National Coaching Awards

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The National Forensic League (NFL) is proud to recognize the following diamond coach award winners for excellence in coaching speech and debate activities:

| Coach Name | School | State | Degree |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Brad Ablin | Thornton Township High School | IL | 1 st Diamond |
| Tiffany Croom | Kearney High School | MO | 1 st Diamond |
| Mierka C. Drucker | Seminold Ridge Community HS | FL | 1 st Diamond |
| Kasey Harrison | Norman High School | OK | 1 st Diamond |
| Jennifer Hobbs | Andover Central High School | KS | 1 st Diamond |
| Jennifer Kindred | Foothill Technology High School | CA | 1 st Diamond |
| Mary A. Krauland | Shady Side Academy | PA | 1 st Diamond |
| Cynthia Lawrence | Bullard High School | CA | 1 st Diamond |
| Mark Maranto | Glenbrook South High School | IL | 1 st Diamond |
| Cheryl B. Neidt | River Valley High School | MN | 1 st Diamond |
| Katy Olienyk | Prattville High School | AL | 1 st Diamond |
| Lisa Shadrick | Green River High School | WY | 1 st Diamond |
| Patricia L. Smith | Laramie High School | WY | 1 st Diamond |
| Chuck Brandon | Berkner High School | TX | 2 nd Diamond |
| Chad Bruton | Independence Chrisman | MO | 2 nd Diamond |
| Jennifer Heidt | Westminster Schools | GA | 2 nd Diamond |
| Kip B. McKee | Harrisburg High School | SD | 2 nd Diamond |
| Pamela Pesa | Columbiana High School | OH | 2 nd Diamond |
| Dutch Fichthorn | Lincoln East High School | NE | 3 rd Diamond |
| Gail L. Nicholas | Bob Jones Academy | SC | 3 rd Diamond |
| Tammie Peters | Golden High School | CO | 3 rd Diamond |
| Robert Speirs | Spearfish High School | SD | 3 rd Diamond |
| Tracy L. Weaver | Mountain View High School | AZ | 3 rd Diamond |
| Richard Bracknell | Carrollton High School | GA | 4 th Diamond |
| Joseph Wycoff | Apple Valley High School | MN | 4 th Diamond |
| Randy Pierce | Pattonville High School | MO | 7 th Diamond |



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Diamond awards recognize excellence from member coaches over time. The NFL provides diamond awards based on the results of students coached and the number of students during a career. Each diamond represents more than 2,000 speech performances or debates over five or more years.

On June 17, 2011, these coaches will receive special recognition at the Lincoln Financial Group/NFL National Speech and Debate Tournament in Dallas, Texas. Each year, the tournament draws more than 5,000 students, coaches, and parents from across the nation. Top students will receive more than \$200,000 in college scholarships at the conclusion of the tournament, which has been held continuously since 1931 and has appeared on the approved National Association of Secondary School Principals National Advisory List of Contests and Activities since the origination of the list.

About the NFL

The National Forensic League (NFL) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit honorary society whose mission is to promote high school and middle school speech and debate activities as a means to develop a student's essential life skills and values. More than 112,000 high school and middle school students, representing more than 2,800 high schools and nearly 100 middle schools, are currently building their communication, leadership, cognitive, and presentational skills as members. Since 1925, more than 1.3 million students have found their voice in the NFL.

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