

7 January, 2010

Dear Members and Friends of DANEIS,

We cordially invite you to attend the 2010 Kingswood-Oxford Speaking Tournament on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Each school may register up to eight speakers (we are hoping that increasing the number makes travel to the Land of Steady Habits more attractive to those who are coming from a distance!). Every speaker must compete in three events:

- I) Interpretive Reading
- II) After Dinner Speaking **or** Persuasive Speaking
- III) Impromptu Speaking **or** Ethical Dilemmas

Guidelines for all of the events are attached. Also attached are copies of all the ballots we will be using along with sample ethical dilemmas. Please note that the time for Interpretive Reading (4-6 minutes) is shorter than the norm to encourage judicious editing. If you require further information about any of the events, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We ask that each school entering bring at least one adult judge for its first four entrants and one additional judge who may be either an adult or a senior with public speaking experience for any additional entrants. Again, we hope that permitting senior judges will increase the number of students who can participate. Student and adult judges will work together; neither will judge any speakers from their own schools.

Although there will not be separate advanced and novice divisions, we will award distinguished speakers competing in their first public speaking tournament. Awards will be given to the top three speakers in each individual category, the top three overall speakers, and the top three schools. In order to be eligible for a school award, a team must consist of at least four speakers.

Please RSVP by February 1, preferably by email ([lynch.k@k-o.org](mailto:lynch.k@k-o.org)). At that time, please let us know how many speakers you plan to bring, whether they will be entering After Dinner Speaking or Persuasive Speaking, Impromptu Speaking or Ethical Dilemmas. Please also indicate if any are competing in their first public speaking tournament.

The registration fee of \$15 per competitor (payable to Kingswood-Oxford School) should be paid by check at the door.

On the morning of the tournament, we ask that you call (860-558-5761) before your departure to confirm your entries and the day's schedule. We look forward to seeing you on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Michael Coulom, Forensic Union President  
Kathy Lynch and Heidi Hojnicky, Forensic Union Coaches

## **Tournament Schedule**

- 10:00-11:00 Registration and Brunch
- 11:00-11:30 Meeting for competitors in Tomasso Arena  
Meeting for judges in Commons.
- 11:30-12:15 Interpretive Reading
- 12:30-1:30 After Dinner Speaking and Persuasive Speaking
- 1:45-2:45 Impromptu Speaking and Ethical Dilemmas
- 3:00- 4:00 Final Rounds for selected events.
- 4:30 Awards

Drinks and snack will be available all day between rounds.

## **Directions**

Pick up 84 West in Hartford.

Proceed to Exit 43 (Park Road).

Take a right off the exit and then a quick left onto Trout Brook Drive.

After the first traffic light, a sign indicating the entrance to the school will be on your right. Registration will be in the library/cafeteria building.