

Greetings KYNSDA folks:

This is the longest email you will receive from me about District Tournament. If you are coming, please read it so you know what's up. If you're not coming, read it anyway. I promise the rest of my forthcoming emails will be short and to the point.

Just a few updates for you as we approach some deadlines for the District tournament in Danville March 17 and 18 (next Thursday and Friday).

1. Reminder that Congress legislation must be turned in by Wednesday at 5 PM Eastern to my email as .doc or .docx files (no .pdf or .pages, please). Legislation packets will come your way Wednesday night. No more than four per school please. Designate one for House Supers.

2. Also, please REGISTER FOR CONGRESS by Wednesday so I can see if we have the proper numbers to actually have the House and the Senate. Right now, the Senate is good as we have 8+ schools, the requirement to send 2 to Nationals. The House is at 24 and must be at 30 to send 2 entries to Nationals. Hopefully this will be taken care of by schools who just haven't entered yet.

3. We need CONGRESS JUDGES. If you know neutral people who are not affiliated with teams who could come judge Friday (morning or afternoon or both), please contact them and me. We will pay them if they want that. If you are not bringing Congress kids but would be willing to help, please let me know. Remember that if your entry numbers mean we can't use your judges and you don't have a neutral one, you'll have to pay the judge fee so we can pay the replacement judges. Until Nationals stops making us use completely unaffiliated judges for the chambers, that's just the reality we face.

4. Reminder that FRIDAY is the deadline to have the following items online and/or in my hands:

*All entries in all events you are bringing to the tournament registered online.

*All judges in all events you are bringing to the tournament registered online.

*All Informative and Oratory titles typed into the online registration.

*All Duo, HI, and DI title/author/ISBN information typed into the online registration. For POI, just type in the Program name (e.g. Doughnuts: A

Program Full of Holes) online, leave the author blank, and then type up a Works Cited page for each POI you turn in at registration with

the Printed Oratory and Informative scripts. Use MLA style for the Works Cited pages.
PLEASE REMEMBER THE RULES FOR ALL INTERP

EVENTS, including POI. If it is not PRINTED AND PUBLISHED on PAPER PROFESSIONALLY and you can't prove that it is, you can't use it.

The only exceptions for works published online can be found by going to this page and scrolling all the way to the bottom for the list.

*Student of the Year nominations. They must be submitted here online and will then be forwarded to me by National Office.

*Coach of the Year nominations. You simply write up a letter and send it to me by email.

*Congress House Scenario Forms. You do these online as part of submitting your Congress registration.

*All Green Sheets with Signatures (Speech/Debate and Congress – two separate forms) on paper to me by Friday at 5 PM.

Find me at KHSSL or mail to Danville High School to arrive by Friday. Or fax to 859-936-8401 and then turn in the originals at registration.

Or scan them in and email them to me and then turn in the originals at registration.

NOTE: When you print out the Speech/Debate Green Sheets (Registration), you can IGNORE the last two pages that print – the Interpretation Biography form and the

“I have a highlighted copy of the original pages plus a typed-up version of my cutting” page. Those are what our NATIONAL entries will have to submit, but I have

Emails from Scott Wunn and Steve Schappaugh at National office stating that those are mistakenly attaching to the District registration sheets and can be ignored. Whew.

5. For what else must be turned in NO LATER THAN Registration, browse to the checklist [HERE](#). If you have any questions about what any of the “stuff” in Step Six is, just shoot me an email.

6. Reminder that you must owe the NSDA no money before I can let your kids start competing. If you owe the national office money, you will have to pay it online or bring me a check to send to them before I can let your kids compete. Ditto for District Tournament entry and drop fees. NO PURCHASE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED NOR WILL EXCUSES ABOUT BOOKKEEPERS. You'll have to write a personal check I can hold if you don't have the school check. No kidding, no exceptions, no matter how much I love you personally. ☹

7. We are still accepting nominations for the Alumnus/Alumna of the Year (either a former Kentucky District kid who is doing great things in Communications or a Kentuckian who was a member elsewhere) and also a STATE COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR. Please email me by Friday if you have ideas.

8. As many of you are aware, Lexington put in a bid to be the National Host City for NSDA Nationals 2020. We recently found out that we were one of two finalists. However, we found out today that the bid has gone to the other city, Albuquerque. Part of me is sad. Part of me is not! ☹️ It was fun to dream, though. And scary.

Here's the rundown of upcoming nationals:

2017	Birmingham	2018	Ft. Lauderdale
2019	Dallas	2020	Albuquerque

9. Reminder that we are all stressed out about all the stuff that has to be done for KYNSDA Districts at the same time as State Tournament. Me too, and I am a coach coaching for both weeks just like you are. I will help you all I can, but remember that I don't get paid to run KYNSDA but was chosen by you to do so, so please be kind and patient and thoughtful with me, especially if I'm stressing out! I endeavor to do the same in this, my last year running this event. ☹️

10. On Friday, I was able to participate on your behalf at the Kentucky House of Representatives as they passed a Resolution for National Speech and Debate Education Day. We shared this exercise with legislative bodies in states around the country (and the US Senate). Here is our Resolution: <https://openstates.org/ky/bills/2017RS/HR83/>. It was co-sponsored by a Democrat (my own Rep from Lexington, where I live) and the Rep from Danville (where I work), a Republican – it had bipartisan support (the only thing in Frankfort that does these days . . .).

I invited the other leaders of the SPEAK Alliance organizations to join me, and while Katy Cecil (KCFL) and Ed and Betsy Smith (KESDA) could not come along, Woody Zorn (Wyatt Debate) and William Cooper (KHSSL) came with me. We got to sit through a two-hour Education Committee meeting (the one about charter schools – very crowded and very dramatic with speeches by the Governor, the head of KEA, etc.) and then go to the House when it convened, stand at the front of the House (very cool to see them all at their little desks like something out of Mr. Smith Goes to Washington), and listen as the Clerk read the resolution in his movie-trailer-announcer voice and hear it be declared Speech and Debate Education Day in Kentucky. Pictures were taken, but they haven't made their way to me yet. But I was so so proud to be there on behalf of all of us. And it was surreal to coach Student Congress kids for KCFL the afternoon before and be in the middle of the real thing the next day. Talk about Career Ready!

What you do, what we do, MATTERS. The House just made it official on Friday. And it is. Wilbur, stand proudly on the Wall. And stay up there!

See you soon!!!!

Steve