

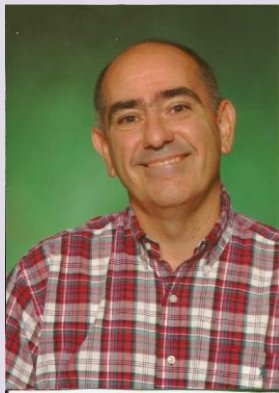
SPEAK CONFERENCE 2014

EPISODE IV: A New Hope

Mark Etherton's address rocked the conference.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Mark Etherton

Murray/Rowan County retired coach

Mark Etherton is a four-diamond coach in the National Speech and Debate Association and served as a coach at Murray and Rowan County Senior High Schools for over 30 years. During this time period, he was the NSDA Kentucky District Chair nine times and served on the District Committee for over thirty years. He has coached dozens of individual state champions and multiple state champion teams at KHSSL, KESDA, KYNFL, and KYCFL with well over 100 of his students qualifying to NFL Nats alone; his students were named National Champions at NSDA in Prose (1990) and Prose/Poetry (1980), and his team placed in the top ten twice in the national sweepstakes (back when those existed). Mark is arguably the most respected coach in the history of Kentucky Forensics and is a charming fellow; his words to us on Kentucky Speech and Debate: Past and Future gave us a new hope as we began a new year.