



TEXAS FORENSICS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER—SPRING 2003

WE'RE DONE!!!

It has been a few weeks, but the 2003 edition of the TFA state tournament has been put to rest and we have crowned new state champions in all of our events. The tournament staff overcame technical and weather problems and were able to (after the first day) keep the tournament on time for most of the tournament. Hosting the state tournament is a huge task, and the folks at Highland Park did a pretty darn good job. We have the executive council and a fantastic collection of tab room personnel, administration, and parents and students to thank for that.

SO, WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

Once we are finished discussing some other issues, you will find at the end of this newsletter a listing of all of the finalists and state champions in IE's and the participants in the elimination rounds for debate. You will also find those persons who have won the Congress events as well and a list of the individual speakers for the debate events. These persons are to be congratulated for their efforts and the outstanding tournaments that they had.

Enjoy reading the list. If you have not done so already, you are welcome to congratulate those individuals from your area who did well.

Also, if you are really curious about how some teams did but they are not listed, you may do the following. For the first time, all of the events are posted on the web. As you did to enter the tournament, go to **joyoftournaments.com**. Once you get to that website, you will see a place for TFA State (results). You may then click on that, and it will take you to links that will give you full results for all of the events.

WE'RE DONE, RIGHT?

Oh, we wish it were so. There are a few things that need to be taken care of this spring that will make next year a much better one. Continue to read on to discover what those things might be.

IQT APPLICATION FOR THE 2003-04 TOURNAMENT SEASON

If you have hosted an IQT (Individual Qualifying Tournament) in the past or are interested in hosting one this next school year, you must take the following steps.

First, after April 1, we will have posted on the website an update of the IQT Application form. If you download a copy prior to that, you will need to send the form to some place else besides what is listed. Currently, the form says to mail or fax to Randy Ellis. Randy is no longer the President. Randy has promised that he will do some very interesting things with the applications if they come to him. He muttered something about choosing any date that he wanted, especially those that conflict with the SAT/ACT dates and that you would be offering lip synching as a main event to see if we wanted to make it one of the TFA qualifying events. Please don't send your forms to Randy.

Please **do** send your forms to Keith Townsend. He is our new president. Keith is a very responsible and serious individual. He doesn't even like lip synching. He will do great things with your application form. Make sure that you use the form or the e-mail address to send your application to him. Please make sure that it is complete, has all the appropriate signatures and information, and includes the necessary fees.

As an update, you will find the new form with this newsletter. If you have received this newsletter electronically, you may cut, paste, and

send the form to Keith via e-mail. Isn't that special?

You must return the form to Keith by May 1.

The executive board will meet in May to discuss and decide the dates for the calendar. The calendar will then be released to TFA members within a week of the conclusion of that meeting. Any changes or petitions for change must be submitted to the executive board by August 1. The tentative calendar will be finalized and distributed in August.

The more accurate your application and the more flexible you are on dates, the more we can do to make sure that this application process is a positive one. Please meet all deadlines and help us establish a comprehensive and accurate calendar for next year.

WHAT ELSE ARE YOU GOING TO DISCUSS AT THE MEETING?

Quite frankly, that will be up to you. Some issues have been brought to our attention, but the executive board will certainly address issues which will concern the membership at large.

Some of the issues to which some closure needs to be given or some serious study needs to be given are as follows:

--Student Congress—finalizing and approving procedures for the conducting of this event at not only the state tournament, but also IQT's as well. Tentative language has been placed in the constitution with the approval of the motion that was made at the state convention last fall. However, that language needs to be given final approval by the executive board.

--Extemporaneous Speaking—Issues were raised at the state tournament about the use of files and online sources. Study will be done over the spring and summer months to suggest changes and/or clarifications about those issues. Expect to discuss those issues at the state convention this coming fall

--Tournament conduct and procedures—It came to the attention of the executive board this past year that some tournaments may not have been conducted in manners that adhered strictly to the spirit of the TFA Constitution. The executive board will be discussing the issues of tournament

ethics and what ought to be done to guarantee that the means and methods of tournament administration are adhering to TFA guidelines and principles.

There has also been some discussion among the members of the board of re-examining the point system used for state tournament qualification. The board may entertain thoughts and plans which may include a varying system of points awarded dependent on the number of individuals entered in an event. For example, the present system currently awards the same points for a person (or team) who wins a tournament including 15 entries (debate) and those who win a tournament with over 100 entries. The challenge becomes how we reward the second individual or team without "punishing" the first. The challenge also will be what that might do to the size of the state tournament.

If you have an issue that you would like to have discussed by the board at their meetings in May and August and you feel it necessary to contact us, please feel free to do so. Remember, these are also issues that can be brought up at the state coaches convention in October. Please examine your concerns and bring those to our attention.

HOW DID YOU GET THIS NEWSLETTER?

There is a reason that the question is being posed. The executive board has had discussions all year about the distribution of various TFA materials. Our goal is to distribute almost all of our materials electronically.

To that end, this will be the last time that the newsletter will be distributed on a widespread basis through the mail. The TFA Secretary has made a large e-mail group that includes all TFA members who have provided that information.

The e-mail group will be the method by which we will distribute future e-mails. That is our goal. Like many goals, however, that cannot be fully realized unless we have appropriate information.

If the only way that you have received this newsletter is through the mail, then we have had problems with your email. I would ask that you take the following action. **Please e-mail the TFA Secretary Dave Huston at one of the**

following addresses (hustond@hpsid.org or Davehuston@aol.com) He will then make changes to guarantee that you receive the newsletter electronically. If the e-mail continues to bounce back, Dave will make sure that you continue to get a printed copy of the newsletter sent to you.

Our goal is to keep all of our members informed about what the TFA is doing. Please help us by letting us know the best way to contact you with the newsletter.

Here are the results from the state tournament:

OFFICIAL RESULTS FROM THE 2003 TEXAS FORENSICS ASSOCIATION STATE TOURNAMENT

DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

1 st	Ashley Gay	Creekview High School
2 nd	Buddy Haardt	Foster High School
3 rd	Andy Bean	Newman Smith High School, Carrollton
4 th	Amanda Holcombe	Martin High School, Arlington
5 th	Hunter Lewis	Highland Park High School, Dallas
6 th	Alexis Linn	Plano Senior High School

HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION

1 st	Buddy Haardt	Foster High School
2 nd	Adam Hunter	Winston Churchill High School, San Antonio
3 rd	Anthony Wofford	Winston Churchill High School, San Antonio
4 th	Kristolyn Lloyd	Klein High School
5 th	Kamen Edwards	Klein High School
6 th	Alice Wiesner	Klein High School

ORIGINAL ORATORY

1 st	Melissa Messer	Winston Churchill High School, San Antonio
2 nd	Justin Clark	Klein High School
3 rd	Sam SamJama	A & M Consolidated High School, College Station
4 th	Josh Harris	Winston Churchill High School, San Antonio
5 th	Carter Hudson	Newman Smith High School, Carrollton
6 th	Fernando Berdion	St. Michael's High School

DUET ACTING

1 st	Maggie Hope & Dylan VanDam	Westlake High School, Austin
2 nd	Brad Davidson & Bianca Anderson	Duncanville High School
3 rd	Shivali Goudar & Sonia Moghe	Plano Senior High School
4 th	Jessica Glavin & Carlita Fielder	Lake Travis High School
5 th	Carter Hudson & Andy Bean	Newman Smith High School, Carrollton
6 th	Jeff Petersen & Molly Ragle	Ryan High School, Denton

U.S. EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1 st	Weston Elkins	Lamar Consolidated High School
2 nd	Shelly Jain	Elsik High School, Alief
3 rd	Arnol Helekar	Bellaire High School, Houston
4 th	David Kidd	Reagan High School, San Antonio
5 th	Laura Braeutigam	Reagan High School, San Antonio
6 th	Saeed Jones	Lewisville High School

FOREIGN EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

1 st	Jeff Geels	Carroll High School, Southlake
2 nd	Utsav Mathur	Clements High School
3 rd	Jack Hsiao	Lamar Consolidated High School
4 th	Tanya Choudhury	Taylor High School, Katy
5 th	Stephen Kidd	Reagan High School, San Antonio
6 th	Eric Winmann	Elkins High School

POETRY INTERPRETATION

1 st	Nathan Barrientes	Bishop High School
2 nd	Evan Mann	Harlingen South High School
3 rd	Michelle Galdenzi	Klein High School
4 th	Natalie Baker	Harlingen South High School
5 th	Ardie Hodges	Gregory Portland High School
6 th	Tori Oman	Carroll High School, Southlake
7 th	Jason Sauter	Arlington High School
8 th	Vanessa Leal	Gregory Portland High School

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

1 st	Zach Summers	Monsignor Kelly High School
2 nd	Belia Pinon	Hanks High School, El Paso
3 rd	Solomon Stein	Plano East Senior High School
4 th	Cara Van Meter	Tascosa High School
5 th	Jason Kerr	Bryan High School
6 th	Teresa Ayala	Lubbock High School
7 th	Nick Hausman	The Woodlands High School
8 th	Rupak Gandhi	Kempner High School

STUDENT CONGRESS

1 st	Isaiah Broussard	Cypress Falls High School
2 nd	Teddy Tutson	Lamar High School, Houston
3 rd	Justin Smith	Garland High School
4 th	Brandon Farmahini	Mayde Creek High School
5 th	Sarah Rice	Plano Senior High School
6 th	Justin Pope	Sandra Day O'Connor High School, San Antonio
7 th	Brandon Lighton	Lewisville High School

Best Legislation—R.L. Turner High School, Carrollton

Presiding Officers

Equality House	Chris Perry, Caney Creek HS; David Liu, Jasper HS; Chintan Sutaria, Williams HS; Sujohn Das, Alief Hastings HS
Justice House	Anna Rupani, R.L. Turner HS; Matt Kennedy, Plano East Senior HS; Matthew Pacobit, Cinco Ranch HS; Nicholas Chu, Grapevine HS
Liberty House	My Trieu, Jersey Village HS; Steve Ktaili, Klein Forest HS; Teddy Tutson, Houston Lamar HS; Lauren Heller, Shepton HS
Freedom House	Logan Churchwell, Big Spring HS; Brandon Lighton, Lewisville HS; Jeremy Hans, Allen HS; Dana Hinjosa, Spring HS

LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE

TRIPLE OCTAFINALISTS

Justin Joseph	R.L. Turner High School, Carrollton, TX
Matt Jones	The Woodlands High School
Stephen Duque	Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School, Houston
Aaron O'Dell	Flower Mound High School
Christine Nguyen	Cypress Falls High School

DOUBLE OCTAFINALISTS

Megan Mullins	Garland High School
Ashley McMakin	Reagan High School, San Antonio
Connor Shepherd	Westlake High School, Austin
Bryan Cory	Jersey Village High School
Vipal Durkal	Dulles High School, Sugarland
Chris Kiniry	Dulles High School, Sugarland
Kushan Dasgupta	Mayde Creek High School
Emily Herbert	The Hockaday School, Dallas
Travis Shaffer	Gregory Portland High School
Nitesh Gandhi	The Woodlands High School
Emily Cadik	The Woodlands High School
Lauren Ford	Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin
Sam Duby	The Greenhill School, Addison
Melanie Carney	Martin High School, Arlington
Utsav Mathur	Clements High School
Daniel Menezes	Humble High School

OCTAFINALISTS

Laura De La Cruz	Mayde Creek High School
Michael Parrot	Martin High School, Arlington
Bianca Garcia	Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin
Felix Turton	Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin
Martin West	Arlington High School
Jessica Huynh	Clear Lake High School
Stephen Kidd	Reagan High School, San Antonio
Jim Varghese	Dulles High School, Sugarland

QUARTERFINALISTS

Tyler Bexley	Winston Churchill High School, San Antonio
Josh Hoptay	Plano Senior High School
A.J. Motgi	The Hockaday School, Dallas
Michael Collins	Grapevine High School

SEMIFINALISTS

Paul Schiano	Winston Churchill High School, San Antonio
Kelly Cataldo	The Hockaday School, Dallas

FINALISTS

1 st	Bryce Adams	R.L. Turner High School, Carrollton
2 nd	Elizabeth Hadaway	Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin

CROSS-EXAMINATION DEBATE

DOUBLE OCTAFINALISTS

Danny Hosein & Naweed Chowdhury
Victoria Joseph & Aditi Fruitwala
Janelle Bracken & Emily Marmol
Ingrid Goncalves & Rachel Haig
Bobby Jaklitsch & Roxanne Rangel
Sarah Heaton & Ryan Ouyoumjian
John Clifford & Jim Grant
Donna Xu & Serina Yu
Monika Singh & Aisha Ali
Hector Rocha & Kristin Esparza
Bonnie Rhoden & L.C. Wadle
Stephanie Johnson & Nicki Patel
David Qiao & Kuntel Cholera
Kavita Kannan & Jonathan Lewis
Steven Rice & Scott Armand
Gabby Rodriguez & Kyle Ray

Clear Brook High School
Plano East Senior High School
The Greenhill School, Addison
The Greenhill School, Addison
Sharyland High School, Mission
Marcus High School, Flower Mound
Marcus High School, Flower Mound
Dulles High School, Sugarland
Dulles High School, Sugarland
Mercedes High School
Lake Travis High School
Crowley High School
Clear Lake High School
Colleyville Heritage High School
Nacagdoches High School
Jersey Village High School

OCTAFINALISTS

Jenny Davis & Adam Grunewald
Karen Tenenhaus & Connie Kim
Jeremy Martin & Frannie Hale
Bryan Bennett & Ryan Smith
Brad Temple & J.T. Kittrell
Dan Hoffman & Ryan Patterson
Matt Baldwin & Ryan Penner
Harrison Shih & Ben Reynolds

The Greenhill School, Addison
The Greenhill School, Addison
Hays High School, Buda
Georgetown High School
Coppell High School
St. Mark's School of Texas, Dallas
The Kinkaid School, Houston
Westwood High School, Austin

QUARTERFINALISTS

Garrett Hester & Jason Murray
Sam Ackels & Robert Foltz
Alex Kohlmann & Gram Sowa
Chris Thiele & Rex Douglass

Colleyville Heritage High School
Jesuit College Preparatory School, Dallas
Grapevine High School
Samuel Clemens High School

SEMIFINALISTS

Chipp Schwabb & Ajay Mody
Sam Iola & Andrea Reed

Clear Lake High School
Highland Park High School

FINALISTS

Co-champions	Aimi Hamraie & Justin Murray	Colleyville Heritage High School
Co-champions	Saad Hussain & Maggie Ahn	The Greenhill School, Addison

TOP 10 SPEAKERS—CROSS EXAMINATION DEBATE

1 st	Adam Wright	McNeil High School
2 nd	Bobby Jaklitsch	Sharyland High School, Mission
3 rd	Roxanne Rangel	Sharyland High School, Mission
4 th	Jeremy Martin	Hays High School, Buda
5 th	Jenny Davis	The Greenhill School, Addison
6 th	Jason Murray	Colleyville Heritage High School
7 th	Robert Foltz	Jesuit College Preparatory School, Dallas
8 th	Ingrid Goncalves	The Greenhill School, Addison
9 th	Aimi Hamraie	Colleyville Heritage High School
10 th	Brandi Villarreal	Highland Park High School, Dallas

TOP 10 SPEAKERS—LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE

1 st	Tyler Bexley	Winston Churchill High School, San Antonio
2 nd	Josh Hoptay	Plano Senior High School
3 rd	Kelly Cataldo	The Hockaday School, Dallas
4 th	David Wolfish	The Greenhill School, Addison
5 th	Elizabeth Hadaway	Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin
6 th	Jim Varghese	Dulles High School, Sugarland
7 th	Jehan Alladina	The Hockaday School, Dallas
8 th	Neeta Ramkumar	Westlake High School, Austin
9 th	Stephen Kidd	Reagan High School, San Antonio
10 th	Felix Turton	Stephen F. Austin High School, Austin

Application to Host a TFA IQT

School _____ TFA Region _____

Address _____

School Phone _____ Home Phone _____

FAX Number _____ E-Mail _____

Coach(es) _____

2002-2003 TFA Member? Yes ___ No ___ (If no, include Membership Fee)

Date Requested: You MUST name 3 possible dates you could host.

1st choice of date _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

We request to host a TFA Invitational Qualifying Tournament on one of these dates.
We have read and understand all TFA rules and regulations regarding TFA tournaments, and agree to comply with said rules and regulations (see constitution).

Coach	Date	School Administrator	Date
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Names of Mentor Coaches (if required because of inexperience in hosting a tournament or notification by the Executive Council; letters of acceptance of responsibility must be included with this application):

1) _____

2) _____

Please fill in the following as completely as possible:

Entry Fees:

CX _____ LD _____ IE's _____ Duet _____ Student Congress _____

Other: _____

Will schools be required to bring judges? _____ Pay judge fees? _____

Judge fees for:

CX _____ LD _____ IE's _____ Duet _____ Student Congress _____

Other _____

Events Offered (indicate divisions):

CX_____ LD_____ FX_____ USX_____
HI_____ DI_____ OO_____ Duet_____
PR_____ PO_____ IM_____ Student Congress _____
Other:_____

of Prelim Rounds Debate_____ Duet_____ IE's_____
Maximum entries per school: CX_____ LD_____ IE's_____ Duet_____
Debate breaking to: Quarters Octo's Double-octo's
Panels in debate beginning with:_____

First round of tournament begins at:_____
Awards given:_____

If you hosted a TFA IQT last year please answer the following:

Name of Mentor (if required):_____
Number of schools attending:_____
Number of entries in each event:
CX_____ LD_____ FX_____ USX_____
HI_____ DI_____ OO_____ Duet_____
PR_____ PO_____ IM_____
Other:_____

(If necessary, use an additional sheet to list other pertinent information.) Thanks!

A \$25 application fee must be included.

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Applications MUST be received before May 1, 2003.