

NSCTA 2024 Convention Event Schedule

Thur
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5:00 pm - NSCTA Exec. Committee Meeting - Bronze Room
6:00 pm - 8:45 pm Registration - CC Lobby
7:00 pm - Welcome Remarks & Kickoff - Gold 7, 8, 9
9:00 pm - President's Reception/Mixer at Big Apple Fun Center

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7:15 pm - Starting A Jr. High Speech Program - Gold 7, 8, 9
Want to grow your program? Give your students a head start on competition? Katie Davis & Kate Millington share their experience and best practices for kickstarting your own program.

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7:15 pm - Successful One-Act In Small Schools - Gold 3
Lana Cool, AJ Johnson, and Kristen Wilton talk about some of the challenges facing small schools, how to assess interest, resources, and develop a vision for your team.

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7:50 pm - New Speech Coach Bootcamp - Gold 7, 8, 9
Jodi Meyer & Kris Simon lead a session on developing program interest, involvement, and putting a focus on student development.

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7:50 pm - Be The Host With The Most - Gold 3
Join Lori Long and Alison Finn for an immersive workshop designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to successfully host your own speech tournament or theater festival.

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8:25 pm - Find Your Brand & Create Program Identity - Gold 3
Brittany McDaniel and Nicole Cepel lead this dynamic session focused on building your team's brand. Learn how to define your mission and create the kind of program your community will take pride in.

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8:25 pm - New Play Prod. Coach Bootcamp - Gold 7, 8, 9

Step into the world of Play Production with this session designed for new directors. Gain skills in staging, script analysis, and actor coaching Stephenie Bippes & Chase King

**Fri
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8:00 am - Registration - Younes Center Lobby

8:00 am - Breakfast - Gold 7, 8, 9

8:45 am - Welcome - Gold 7, 8, 9

**Fri
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9:00 am - District Meetings

Dist. 1 - Gold 7/8/9

Dist. 2 - Gold 10

Dist. 3 - Gold 11

Dist. 4 - Gold 12

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Dist. 6 - Silver 6

**Fri
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9:45 am - Play Prod. Performance & Tech Judging - Gold 10

Join Carole Carraher and Jena Ockander for an insightful session on theatrical performance and technical judging. This workshop will cover the criteria for evaluating performances and technical execution.

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9:45 am - All About That Blocking: Making the Most Impact - Gold 11

In this sessions Trey Perry and Clare Bierbaum breakdown how effective blocking and staging can elevate your speaker's next round

**Fri
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9:45 am - Get Your Judge On: Writing A Better Ballot - Gold 12

What's the BFD about RFD? Learn the answer to that question and more with Tommy Bender & Tyler Thompson in this session designed to help you write a better speech ballot.

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9:40 am - Coaching & Judging Students w/ Disabilities - Gold 3

This session aims to equip educators, coaches, & judges with the knowledge & skills necessary to create inclusive environments that empower students with diverse abilities. With Sheelagh Lucas, and Jessica Schlichtemeier

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9:40 am - Penning Powerful Persuasives - Silver 6

Join Dashiell Rohan & Kate Millington & unlock the art of persuasion. Participants will explore the essential elements of persuasive writing, including understanding audience psychology, crafting compelling arguments, and utilizing rhetorical techniques effectively.

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10:20 am - Entertainment: Playing It For Laughs - Gold 12

Participants will learn how to help students infuse personality into their writing and structure their speeches for maximum entertainment value. With Jenn Dillinger & Brett Baker

Fri
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10:20 am - Adventures in Set Building - Silver 6

Join Kyle Vincent, Mercedes Guerra, and Nick Auwerda for an exciting session on set building, including a hands-on demonstration to give participants an in-depth understanding of design principles, construction techniques, and the creative process behind bringing a stage to life.

Fri
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11:00am - Dress For Success: Creative Costuming - Gold 10

Join us for an informative session on the art of costuming for theatrical productions. Cheryl O'Curran will guide participants through the essential principles of costume selection and the importance of visual storytelling.

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11:00 am - VA Tips And Tricks: Show'em and Tell'em - Gold 11

An engaging workshop led by Keli Margritz focused on creating effective visual aids for Entertainment and Informative speeches. Learn how to design impactful VAs that enhance any speaker's entry.



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11:00 am - Speech Advocacy - Gold 12

Join fellow speech coaches to discuss possible legislation and changes to competitive NSAA speech.

**Fri
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11:00 am - Assistant Coach Roundtable - Gold 3

The roundtable explores the vital role of assistant coaches. John Boyd, Elias Dallmann, and Dan Christie's insights underscore the role of the assistant coach in helping drive success and highlighting the importance of teamwork.

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12:00 pm - Awards Luncheon & Buffett - Gold 7, 8, 9

**Fri
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1:00 pm - Play Production Character Development - Gold 10

Join Carole Carraher for a focused session on character development in Play Production. This session will guide participants through techniques for creating authentic, dynamic characters that enhance storytelling.

**Fri
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1:00 pm - New Coaches, A Session With The Sages - Gold 11

Join an insightful panel featuring our Sages as they share invaluable advice and experiences. This interactive session will cover essential topics such as effective coaching strategies, building team dynamics, and navigating challenges.

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1:00 pm - College Coach Roundtable - Silver 6

Join a dynamic roundtable discussion with college coaches as they share insights on how to help students get recruited for college speech programs & earn potential scholarships. This discussion aims to provide valuable guidance for a successful transition to collegiate speech programs.

**Fri
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2:20 pm - Cutting vs. Writing Your Own Scripts - Gold 11

Join Whitney Soper and Jenn Dillinger for an engaging session on the merits of cutting a script versus writing your own. This discussion will explore the creative and practical considerations involved in both approaches to play production.

**Fri
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2:20 pm - POI: How To Coach It, How To Judge It - Gold 12

An engaging workshop on Coaching and Judging POI, led by Becca Hier, Melanie Mimick, and Dan Christie. This session will cover essential techniques for effective coaching, insights into judging criteria, and strategies for fostering impactful performances.

**Fri
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2:20 pm - Putting The FUN in ~~Extemp~~, ~~Exempt~~, Extemp Fundamentals - Gold 3

Join Matt Rosenau, Kaitlyn Clark, and John Boyd in an engaging panel focused on the fundamentals of Extemporaneous Speaking. They will share essential techniques, strategies for quick thinking, and tips for effective delivery, empowering participants to enhance their skills.

**Fri
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2:20 pm - Working With Admin So You All Win - Silver 6

This interactive discussion will focus on fostering collaboration between coaches and school administrators. Attendees will explore strategies to balance the needs and expectations of both parties, ensuring a harmonious collaboration.

With AJ Johnson and Jessica Schlictemeier.

**Fri
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3:10 pm - When Time Is Tight: Competing For Practice - Silver 6

Join Kris Simon and Stephanie Bippes for an insightful session on navigating the challenges of competing for practice time with colleagues who share the same students.

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3:40 pm - The Art of The Ensemble - Gold 10

Becky Stahr and Elias Dallmann lead this dynamic session focused on creating effective ensembles for your play productions. Explore techniques for fostering collaboration, enhancing character development, and building strong group dynamics among cast members.

**Fri
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3:40 pm - Getting Your Team To Nationals - Gold 12

Discover essential strategies for coaches aiming to guide their teams to the NIETOC or NSDA national speech tournaments. In this informative session with Tommy Bender and Matt Heimes, participants will gain insights on navigating the qualifying process and ensuring their teams are well-equipped for success at the national level.

**Fri
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3:40 pm - Coaching And Judging With Compassion - Gold 3

This session will provide insights into fostering an inclusive environment, promoting understanding, and ensuring respectful engagement. Join Tyler Thompson, Alison Fin, and Grace Ellis for a crucial session on coaching and judging LGBTQIA+ and transgender students with compassion.

**Fri
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3:40 pm - Putting Your Poetry In Motion - Silver 6

An inspiring session on coaching students to craft impressive poetry programs. Led by Jaron Ockander, participants will explore techniques for enhancing creativity, refining poetic skills, and showcasing student work, equipping educators with the tools to nurture and elevate their students' poetic voices.

**Fri
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4:30 pm - Mixer and Happy Hour at Fyre Modern Grill

6:30 pm - Banquet and Keynote Speaker - Gold 7, 8, 9

8:00 pm - Bingo & Husker Watch Party - Gold 7, 8, 9

9:30 pm - President's Reception/Mixer at Fyre Modern Grille

**Sat
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7:00 am - Breakfast - Gold 7, 8, 9

7:30 am - Welcome &

NSAA Rule Changes w/ Taryn Retzlaff - Gold 7, 8, 9

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8:00 am - Script Selection in Speech & Play Prod. - Bronze 3

In this session, we will explore practical strategies for selecting impactful Speech and Play Production scripts. Kris Simon and Chase King will discuss the criteria for choosing pieces that resonate with audiences, showcase talent, and enhance performance quality.

**Sat
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8:00 am - Building Team Culture & Establishing Your Reputation - Gold 3

Join us for an engaging session focused on the essential elements of building a positive team culture and establishing a strong reputation. Aaron Leibel and Grace Ellis will explore strategies for fostering collaboration, trust, and open communication within teams.

**Sat
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8:00 am - Streamlining Rules - Gold 12

Ever dig through the rulebook and wonder why there are differences in rules in events that seem similar? Notecards or manuscripts? Published or not published? Scripts required or not required? And - have you ever kept track of costuming rules? In this discussion session, let's explore the notion of streamlining the rulebook!

**Sat
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8:40 am - Level Up Your Music Theatre Song Interpretation - Bronze 3

An session designed to elevate your students' music theatre song interpretation skills. Participants will explore techniques for conveying emotion and storytelling through performance, helping to bring songs to life with Dr. Melissa Derechailo.

**Sat
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8:40 am - Curriculum Share For Speech & Theatre - Gold 12

We've all experienced the challenge of teaching a class without adequate resources. Join educators Brittany McDaniel and Tyler Thompson as they present an abundance of supplies and creative ideas that are sure to bring a smile to even the most overwhelmed teacher.

**Sat
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10:00 am - Avoiding Occupational Burnout: Taking Care of You - Gold 3

Join Jeffrey Horner and AJ Johnson for a session aimed at helping coaches and teachers recognize and prevent burnout. Participants will learn practical strategies for managing stress, maintaining work-life balance, and fostering resilience.

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Thank you for attending!!!
See you all in 2025!!!

