

UIL SuperConference

University of Texas, Austin

Speech & Debate: Jana Riggins, UIL State Speech & Debate Director

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

- **Prose and Poetry: Starting at the Beginning.** For novice competitors. Acquaints beginning students with the UIL interpretation contests rules and procedures. Emily Houghton, Bandera HS. Welch 2.224
- **Oral Interpretation: Taking Your Performance to Another Level.** For advanced oral interpretation competitors. Discussion of various strategies to improve overall performance, including character work, literary analysis, and use of technology. Trends in how to improve introductions, select a theme and bookwork will also be addressed. Barbara Ixba, Lake Travis HS. WAG 201
- **An Introduction to Congress.** Learn about this new pilot contest for UIL. A discussion about rules, roles and parliamentary procedure. Jana Riggins, UIL Director of Speech & Debate. Welch 3.502
- **An Introduction to Extemporaneous Speaking.** For beginners. The basics to get started in persuasive and informative speaking. Student demonstration included. Charlene Strickland, Hardin-Simmons University and State Contest Director for Extemporaneous Speaking. Welch 2.308
- **The Basics of Lincoln-Douglas Debate.** Familiarizes beginning students with value debate. Learn LD Debate format, speaker responsibilities and case construction. Ron Hester, retired from Snyder HS. Welch 2.246
- **Advanced LD Debate: Theory and Strategy.** A discussion of advanced theory and strategies for varsity debaters. Includes how to incorporate these in debate rounds. Kyle V. Morris, Director of Lone Star Forensics. WAG 101
- **Getting Started in Cross-Examination Debate.** If you think CX policy debate is not for you, come listen to CX debate made user-friendly. Learn CX debate format, speaker responsibilities and basic terminology. Julian Erdmann. Welch 1.308.
- **Advanced CX Debate: Economic Engagement with Cuba, Mexico and Venezuela.** A discussion of economic issues surrounding the policy debate topic: international trade, investment and migration barriers. Greg Rehmke, Economic Thinking. WAG 214

10:45 – noon

- **Take a Journey Through the New Categories.** A thorough explanation of the 2013-14 prose and poetry categories for novice and varsity competitors. Brad Durio, Sabine Pass HS, State Advisory Committee member. Welch 2.224
- **Extemporaneous Speaking in the Age of Stewart & Colbert: How to stand Out in a Crowd.** For novice and advanced speakers. Competitors will be challenged to consider the importance of authenticity and accuracy of speech content along with presentational style. Donna Blevins, Attorney at Law, The Lanier Law Firm, P.C.; Charlene Strickland, Hardin-Simmons University. Welch 2.308
- **Extemporaneous Speaking and Economic Freedom.** For advanced speakers. From Detroit to the Arab Spring to economic turmoil and unemployment around the world, enterprise and job creation are central to economic liberalization and stability. Extemp competitors can draw from an economic toolbox to analyze a wide range of domestic and international extemporaneous speaking topics. Greg Rehmke, Economic Thinking. WAG 214
- **LD Debate Demonstration.** Watch a live round of value debate. Moderator - Kyle V. Morris, Director of Lone Star Forensics. Welch 2.246
- **CX Debate Topic Analysis.** Examining affirmative and negative positions on the 2013 2014 policy debate topic. Dr. Rich Edwards, Baylor University. Welch 1.308
- **Case Writing 101 for Debate.** For novice debaters. A discussion of some simple ideas for creating effective cases for both LD and CX Debate. Also included will be an introduction to structuring other forms of arguments such as topicality violations and disadvantages. Larry McCarty. WAG 101

- **Congress for Coaches.** A discussion of how Congress will be implemented this year and guidance on how to coach your students in this new pilot contest. Jana Riggins, UIL. Welch 3.502

12:15 – 1:30 p.m.

- **Prose and Poetry Performance Hour.** Performances by 2013 state medalists with oral critiques by experienced state meet judges/coaches. Marco Bazan, Austin: Bowie HS; Brad Durio, Sabine HS; Barbara Ixba, Lake Travis HS. Welch 2.224
- **It’s in the News. Is it in Your Speech?** A discussion of current events in the context of informative and persuasive speaking. The session includes a list of “nouns in the news”, identifying persons, places and things that are relevant to the event. Larry McCarty. WAG 101
- **How to Succeed in Congress.** Competitive strategies that can lead to success in the new UIL pilot Congress contest. Debby Haren, Killeen: Harker Heights HS. Welch 3.502
- **LD Debate Topic Analysis.** Examining the UIL fall Lincoln-Douglas debate resolution. Dr. Rich Edwards, Baylor University. Welch 1.308
- **Advanced LD Debate.** The economics and values of democracy in the U.S. and Middle East. Does the U.S. have a moral obligation to try to mitigate international conflicts? The economics and ethics of promoting democracy and economic freedom in the Middle East. Greg Rehmke, Economic Thinking. WAG 214
- **Cross-Examination Debate Demonstration.** Watch a live round of policy debate on this year’s CX Debate topic. Moderator – Kyle V. Morris, Director of Lone Star Forensics. Welch 2.246