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Dear Forensic Colleagues & Friends,

On behalf of the University of Central Missouri's Department of Communication, the "Talking Mules" Speech & Debate Team, and our tournament and coaching staff, I am delighted to extend this invitation to you and your teams to attend the 2022 Missouri Mule Speech & Debate Tournament, hosted on the campus of Central Missouri on the weekend of **October 21-22, 2022**.

Changes for this year include: the addition of IPDA, an expanded 5 prelim schedule for LD, and reduced fees to help programs. In addition, we will not be offering a swing this year, so we are a Friday-Saturday only tournament. The "Mule" is a full-service tournament offering excellent competition in NPDA, NFA-LD, IPDA, and all 11 AFA-NIET Individual events.

We are committed to bringing you and your teams a quality, on-time, competitive experience. To that end, we have asked Jordan Compton and Nikki Freeman to tab.

The official tournament hotels are:

Comfort Inn, flat rate \$91.00, block expires October 1st, 660-429-4848;

Holiday Inn Express, Brand new, 660-656-2020, double queen \$99 block expires October 1st.

A word of caution – CALL EARLY – We are a small town, so once the rooms are released they will go quickly. Once they are gone, there aren't a lot of options.

Other hotels

Best Western Inn 660-747-3000, Formerly the Holiday Inn Express.

America's Best Value Inn (formerly the Econolodge, Knob Knoster, 9 miles down HWY 50), Newly refurbished. Decent, clean, basic accommodation \$75.00 rate, 660-563-3000.

Super 8 (Warrensburg), call for rates. 660-429-3611 or 660-429-2183

Day's Inn, 660-429-2400 (Warrensburg), won't set-up a block. Call for rates and reservations.

There are other options, but they are a bit of a drive (30 minutes). Call if you can't find rooms for your team.

This is a great chance to get your teams out in mid-fall, renew old acquaintances, and win some hardware! If you have comments, questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 600-543-8646 or rogers@ucmo.edu.

We look forward to hosting you,

Dr. Jack E. Rogers

Director of Forensics

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