



PI KAPPA DELTA

To our Pi Kappa Delta Community,

It will be good to be back. In person. *Together.*

Obviously the last year has been [pick your yucky adjective]; but we're making plans to celebrate the old traditions—and hopefully make news ones—at our Biennial Tournament & Convention in 2022! We are excited to pair with the incredible squad at the **University of Central Florida** (new student councilmember Jessica Timm & DoF Jonathan Conway) and the Director of the Nicholson School of Communication (who *just so happens* to be a PKD Hall of Fame member, Dr. Robert Littlefield). We hope you will join us **March 9-12, 2022 in Orlando!**

The school features 4500 students in four departments—offering five Master's degrees, one MFA and a PhD program. Pi Kappa Delta is grateful for the generous financial support that the Nicholson School and its Foundation is providing to make the tournament possible!

It was heartbreaking to cancel in 2020. PKD hadn't missed a Biennial since World War II. So many in our forensic, national and global communities experienced immense hardship, then as now. We will be paying tribute at our biennial Celebration of Life. It is important to recognize and do honor to our losses. We ask that if you have a name and picture to include, please email to jensen@webster.edu.

It is also important we integrate the lessons we learned as a virtual community. Last season taught us a lot about forensics and accessibility. It exposed many disparities in individual competitor experiences. The PKD Council, deliberating on how best to carry those lessons forward, intends to create new opportunities that make forensics more accessible and inclusive.

In this invitation, you will find typical information about logistics—hotels, schedules, events and rules. We are also including a *new* section detailing the traditions at the Biennial. So herein find both a Tournament Invitation *and* a Convention Invitation.

Every two years, in addition to a tournament, we host a series of development opportunities: job & graduate education expositions, vendors fairs, workshops/panels. We have business meetings, special events (mixers, dinners, showcases), elections and a *schmancy* banquet. There we'll have award traditional tournament trophies as well as All-American recognitions; awards for both alumnae and community members helping to fulfil our definitional motto, *The art of persuasion: beautiful and just.*

There is more information to come. For now, we hope this inspires you to come be a “Knight” with us for a few days at UCF in sunny Orlando.

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Tournament Invitation

Accommodations

Please book hotel reservations as soon as possible—information is available on the website (pikappadelta.net). PKD has secured special rates available until Feb 15th, but the blocks may sell out. This is high season for Spring Break travel in Florida, so a delay might result in dramatically increased prices. Use the links provided to get the PKD Discount.

1. The Celeste - \$189.00 [Book your group rate for Pi Kappa Delta 2022 Convention](#)
2. DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando East UCF Area - \$99.00 or \$109.00 with Breakfast
[Pi Kappa Delta- reservations Doubletree UCF March 8-14, 2022](#)
 - a. When the guest clicks on the above link the booking screen opens, the guests will enter their dates (arrival and departure as listed above), number of rooms and number of guests per room
 - b. Next they will select the Special Rates to the right, a small window will open and guest will enter
 - c. Code **PKD** in Group Code for \$99 w/o breakfast, or
 - d. Code **PKB** in Group Code for \$109 with breakfast
 - e. Then close small window and then select Check Rooms & Rates.
 - f. They will go to a screen that says Select a Room, they should see showing rates only for Pi Kappa Delta rooms.
 - g. Next, they can choose Quick Book to secure their rooms and that will take them to the information and payment guarantee screen to place their reservation.
3. Hilton Garden Inn Orlando East UCF Area - \$125.00 – Breakfast offered at \$8.95 (discounted from \$12.95) <https://bit.ly/3yrhWbG>
4. Home2 Suites by Hilton Orlando East UCF Area - \$159 King Suite or \$169 Two Queen Suite https://home2suites.hilton.com/en/ht/groups/personalized/M/MCOCFHT-PKD-20220308/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
5. Homewood Suites by Hilton Orlando East UCF Area – Queen Suite \$159.00 or King Suite or Two Queen Bed Suite \$169.00
https://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/M/MCOAFHW-PKD-20220308/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
6. Courtyard by Marriott Orlando East UCF Area - \$139.00 or \$149.00 with Breakfast
[Book your group rate for Pi Kappa Delta Courtyard No Breakfast](#)
[Book your group rate for Pi Kappa Delta Courtyard Breakfast](#)
7. Residence Inn by Marriott Orlando East UCF Area – Studio or One Bedroom Suite \$159.00 [Book your group rate for Pi Kappa Delta Residence Inn](#)

8. Towneplace Suites by Marriott Orlando East UCF Area – Studio Suite \$129.00
[Book your group rate for Pi Kappa Delta TownePlace Suites](#)

9. Days Inn by Wyndham Orlando East UCF Area - \$119.00
[Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham Orlando East UCF Area Rooms & Rates](#)
[\(wyndhamhotels.com\)](#)

Procedures, Policies, Practices

Tournament Structure – We will be using a combination of live in-person competition and asynchronous video performances to facilitate a shorter national tournament experience. **This approach is outlined below.**

ALL debate events (NPDA, IPDA, LD, PF) will run in person March 10-12th as per schedule provided below.

Extemp and Impromptu ALL run in person from March 10-12th as per the schedule.

Remaining Individual events (INF, DUO, INT, SLI, POI, PER, PRO, ADS, DI, CA, POE, BROJO) will run using a hybrid structure outlined below. Rounds 1 & 2 will be in person. Round 3 will take place asynchronously and must adhere to the guidelines provided below. Students in these events are expected to complete **BOTH** the in-person and asynchronous rounds.

Asynchronous Prelim Round 2 Guidelines

(INF, DUO, INT, SLI, POI, PER, PRO, ADS, DI, CA, POE, BROJO)

- Video submissions will *open* on speechwire.com on March 1, 2022 at 12:00pm EST.
- Videos submissions will *close* at 5:00pm PST / 8:00pm EST on March 8, 2022.
- Failure to submit a video by 5:00pm PST / 8:00pm EST on March 8, 2022 will result in the following procedure for tabulation purposes.
 - Scores from Round 1 and Round 3 will be averaged to create a Round 2 score. This process will be used for both ranks and rates. Because the system does not allow fractional ranks/rates scores will be rounded up. (i.e. synchronous scores = 1, 4 so asynchronous score given if no video submitted = 3)
- Given the lengthy time period available for submission, late videos **WILL NOT** be accepted under any circumstances.
- Special rules for Round 3, Broadcast Journalism identified below in “Event Rules.”

Eligibility

As a reminder, PKD does not use a season-long qualification process making this an excellent opportunity for all students to compete at a national tournament regardless of what their 2021-2022 season has looked like thus far.

Current Students: Each student delegate/participant must be an undergraduate student in good standing who has not completed eight semesters of forensic participation, or attended any collegiate national forensic tournament in four different years prior to the current year.

Each delegate/participant must be a PKD member or have filed an application for membership with the national office prior to the start of the NCT. To become a member, click “join now” on the PKD website (www.pikappadelta.net), select “undergraduate member” from the drop-down menu, and then follow the steps.

Each individual member should complete their membership application online because they will be asked to select a user name and designate a password. At the end of the process, they select a payment option on the payment screen. Students whose memberships are paid by coach in one payment should select “pay by check” on the payment screen. Coaches can pay for a number of memberships in one payment, (by check/credit), by selecting “pay by check” on the payment screen and requesting a payment link via email at pvoight@gustavus.edu or 651-492-8449.

Discrimination Policy, Title IX Training, and Compliance Officer

Creating an inclusive and safe space for all participants in a top priority for Pi Kappa Delta and has long been an important part of our Constitution. As such, the following statements from our constitution will be in full effect at the 2022 Biennial:

Article II.201 Pi Kappa Delta is committed to assuring equal opportunity to all persons, regardless of race, color, religious creed, national origin, physical ability status, age, economic status, gender, sex or sexual orientation. Pi Kappa Delta is opposed to all forms of discrimination and seeks to establish a tolerant atmosphere in which every individual is accorded respect. Mindful of the importance of First Amendment freedoms, Pi Kappa Delta reminds its members of their ethical obligations to audience members and encourages members to refrain from disrespectful or derogatory speech. As an organization dedicated to fostering the development of functional leadership skills, Pi Kappa Delta encourages the participation of individuals from traditionally under-represented groups. Pi Kappa Delta is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Article VI.601 Practices and Procedures Committee. It shall be the function of this committee to uphold Pi Kappa Delta's Statement on Discrimination. The Compliance Officer appointed by the President of Pi Kappa Delta and approved by the National Council will chair this committee. This committee will be responsible for investigating charges of discrimination and recommending appropriate action, if necessary, to the National Council. This committee must maintain the confidentiality of all involved to the maximum extent possible in order to conduct a fair and thorough investigation.

Each team must submit verification from their institution that all participants have completed their institution’s Title IX training.

We recognize this looks different across institutions; please contact your Title IX office to determine which training method fits best. **Verification provided at registration.**

PKD COVID-19 Procedures

PKD understands the inconsistency of local, state and national orders. As an organization, we are excited to host you at the University of Central Florida and are dedicated to ensuring 1) the wellbeing of our members; 2) the equitable and reliable distribution of accurate scientific information; and 3) ethical modes of gathering. To do this, the Council knows that effective procedures must be in place to have a safe, productive and educational in-person experience.

The Council has, thus, adopted the following procedures for its 2022 Biennial Tournament and Convention (the CDC recommendations issued as of January 1, 2022 will be the basis of our procedures *through* the Biennial):

Vaccinations:

- (1) All participants (e.g. students, coaches, judges, alumni, distinguished guests) must be fully vaccinated at the time of the tournament (March 9, 2022).
 - a. The CDC identifies “fully vaccinated” as two weeks *after* the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after a single dose in a single-dose series.
- (2) Similar to the Title IX requirements, individual chapters must affirm in writing team-vaccination status *before* registration. (We will not accept at in-person registration, March 8.)
 - a. A hold will be placed on chapters until they do so.
- (3) It is up to individual chapters to relay this information to participants and plan accordingly.

Masks:

PKD finds the wearing of masks essential for maintaining a safe and productive tournament and convention. Thus, at all times, participants should wear them; this includes:

- (1) All indoor activities unless actively eating or drinking. No food or drink will be permitted in competition rooms.
- (3) Participants (judges/competitors) will not ask for or encourage the removal of masks—even if appropriately social-distancing while performing. Violators of this policy (competitors or judges) will be subject to dismissal from the tournament and convention. (Responsibility for enforcement lies with the tournament ombuds.)
- (4) Participants are encouraged to watch rounds, but judges *must provide* flexibility to students who wish to leave a competition room for any reason. Judges may also dismiss students if they are not wearing a mask. (Responsibility for enforcement lies with the tournament ombuds.)

- (5) The tournament staff will provide replacement masks for any lost, forgotten or destroyed.
- (6) Banquet procedures will be the same—unless actively eating/drinking. Masks keep everyone safe while participants receive awards.

We maintain that an in-person experience is important for the educational and competitive goals of PKD. We are dedicated to hosting a safe and meaningful tournament/convention experience. Thank you for your participation and support of forensics and PKD!

PKD Membership and Fees

All students participating in this tournament must be members of Pi Kappa Delta. Similarly, all schools participating must be members of Pi Kappa Delta in good standing. Membership fees are as follows, depending on when memberships are submitted and paid:

- Before Tuesday, February 9th \$35.00
- After February 9th \$50.00

Annual chapter dues are as follows, depending on when dues are paid:

- Before February 1st \$100.00
- Before February 15th \$125.00
- After February 15th \$150.00

All chapter dues and student memberships must be paid prior to a chapter registering for the tournament.

Payments may be processed via the website at www.pikappadelta.net through “Join PKD.”

Or: For credit card payments, send an email request directly to pvoight@gac.edu. You will receive a payment link to enter your credit card information securely.)

Or: Check payments should be received prior to the tournament and should be sent to:

Pi Kappa Delta National Office
1670 South Robert Street #370
West St Paul, MN 55118

Entry Fees

Participation Fee – Each person (including coaches & judges) attending the tournament pay a participation fee which subsidizes the banquet meal; it provides food and beverage costs for the receptions, pizza lunch, Hall of Fame reception, and both coach and student mixers.

- Participation Fee \$ 50.00

- Individual Event Entries (per slot) \$ 10.00
- Debate Teams (per team) \$ 60.00
- LD/IPDA (per debater) \$ 35.00

The following are in addition to above fees...

- Uncovered IE \$ 15.00
- Uncovered Debate Team \$ 120.00
- Uncovered LD/IPDA Entry (per entry) \$ 70.00

Late Drop Fees

- After February 21st—per drop \$ 10.00
- After February 28th—per drop \$ 20.00
- After March 4th—per drop \$ 30.00
- At Registration (March 9th)—per drop \$ 50.00
- Late Fee for Registrations \$100.00

Registration Period

Special circumstances will be recognized and not assessed a late drop fee penalty. There will also be no charge for name changes. Other uncovered and penalty fees will be assessed as a means of helping to ensure an efficient and accurate tournament.) Once fees are assessed, no refunds for any portion of fees will be provided.

Tournament Entry and Change Deadlines

Tournament entries are submitted via **Speechwire.com**. To enter go to **Speechwire.com** and find “**Pi Kappa Delta – Biennial.**” Instructions follow. Schools **must** enter in this manner.

Tournament entries must be received by Tuesday, February 8th. For problems, contact Dr. Jessica Furgerson by email at jessica.furgerson@uc.edu or by phone at (210) 854-7967.

All changes should be made by 5:00 pm Central Standard Time on February 21st to avoid drop fees. Changes can be made online. Any **changes on/after March 4th should be emailed to jessica.furgerson@uc.edu**.

A chapter cancelling their entry after March 4th will be obligated for full fees assessed as of their time of dropping from the tournament.

Judges

All competing chapters are expected to provide qualified judges to cover **a minimum of 50%** of their entries. A chapter must provide...

- *One judge for every **EIGHT** individual event entries*
- *One judge designated solely for asynchronous i.e. events (see description that follows)*
- *One judge for every **TWO** NPDA, PF, or LD entries*
- *One judge for every **THREE** IPDA*

A judge may cover both individual events and debate events in the following combinations:

- *Individual events, discussion, reader's theater, and half of any debate entry*
- *Individual events and both L-D/Public Forum and NPDA/IPDA/student congress entries*

Please note that teams utilizing judges to cover both debate and IE entries are consenting to a full day of judging – although we will do our best to give those judges rounds off in appreciation of their service we cannot make this guarantee.

Debate judges are obligated to be available for one round beyond the point which their students are eliminated. IE judges are obligated to be available for showcase rounds.

Judges should possess a baccalaureate degree or have experience as a forensic judge. Judges will be considered for judging any events within the category of entries in which they have students (any individual events if entered in individual events, any debate for the pattern in which one's students are entered). Undergraduate students may not judge at the PKD National Tournament unless they have maximized their eligibility to compete. Because of its organization's constitution, IPDA debate may utilize undergraduate judges. This will be the only event in which these rules on judges' qualifications will be exempted. Any undergraduate judge must be approved by the tournament director. *Undergraduate judges may not be entered as competitors in any tournament event, including individual events.*

A limited number of hired judges are available; however, requests for hired judges should be made through the tournament director. Hired judges will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Chapters relying heavily on hired judges will be allowed to enter students only insofar as hired judges are available. Chapters in this situation should contact the tournament director immediately.

Asynchronous Judging

Each school with entries in Individual Events must provide ONE designated asynchronous judge. The following guidelines will apply to the designated judge:

- Asynchronous judging will take place on March 9-10, 2022
- These judges will be assigned a slate of between 3-6 rounds to judge over the course of the day. They may complete the rounds on their own time but ALL ballots must be submitted no later than 2:00pm PST / 3:00pm EST on March 10th
- PLEASE NOTE: If you choose to use a judge attending the tournament in-person to judge these rounds we CANNOT guarantee they will not be assigned rounds during this time period. We highly recommend using alumni or coaches unable to travel to the tournament to fulfil this judging obligation

Cross Entering and Double Entry

Every effort has been made to include a wide variety of events within a schedule that is humane and limited to four days of competition. Because of our commitment to honor comprehensive forensics with an extensive slate of events, limitations have been placed on the degree to which a student can cross between individual events and debate.

Students may enter...

Two individual events in any flight

Two duos, with different partners and each duo counting as an event

Individual Events and Reader's Theatre and/or Discussion

Individual Events and any debate format

Discussion and Reader's Theatre but no debate in the first debate flight

Reader's Theatre & ONE flight of Debate w/ALL cast members must be in the same flight

Student Congress and Discussion

General Schedule of Competitive Events (See Convention Invitation Below for Biennial Events)

Competition Day One Thursday, March 10, 2021

- 7:30 DEBATE DRAW NPDA/IPDA
8:00 NPDA Preliminary Round 1
IPDA 1A
Discussion Round 1
8:30 IPDA 1B
9:15 LD & PF Preliminary Round 1
10:30 LD & PF Preliminary Round 2
Reader's Theater Round 1-A
11:45 IE A1 Draw – Broadcast Journalism
12:15 IE Flight A Round 1 - Impromptu, Informative, Prose, Broadcast Journalism
1:30 IE B1 Draw – Extemporaneous Speaking
1:45 IE Flight B Round 1 – Duo, Persuasion, Programed Oral Interpretation, Extemp
3:15 DEBATE DRAW NPDA/IPDA
Student Congress Round 1
Reader's Theater Round 1-B
3:45 NPDA Preliminary Round 2
IPDA Preliminary Round 2A
4:15 IPDA Preliminary Round 2B
5:00 IE Flight C Round 1 – After Dinner Speaking, Communication Analysis, Dramatic
Interpretation, Poetry, Interviewing
6:15 LD & PF Round 3
7:00 Impromptu Round 2 **This round is only impromptu and no other flight A events**

Competition Day Two Friday, March 11, 2021

- 7:30 IE A2 DRAW – Broadcast Journalism
7:45 IE Flight A Round 2
9:15 LD & PF Preliminary Round 4
10:30 DEBATE DRAW NPDA/IPDA
11:00 NPDA Preliminary Round 3
Discussion Round 2
IPDA Preliminary Round 3A

11:30	IPDA Preliminary Round 3B
12:15	IE Flight C Round 2
1:45	LD & PF Preliminary Round 5 Reader's Theater 2-A Student Congress Round 2
3:00	DEBATE DRAW NPDA/IPDA
3:30	NPDA Preliminary Round 4 IPDA Preliminary Round 4A Reader's Theater Round 2-B
4:00	IPDA Preliminary Round 4B
4:45	IE Flight B Round 2 Draw
5:00	IE Flight B Round 1 – Duo, Persuasion, Programed Oral Interpretation, Extemp
6:15	DEBATE DRAW NPDA/IPDA
6:45	NPDA Preliminary Round 5 IPDA Preliminary Round 5A
7:15	IPDA Preliminary Round 5B

Competition Day Three Saturday, March 12, 2021

7:30	Extemp Draw
8:00	Extemp Round 2 **This round is only extemp and no other flight A events**
8:45	LD & PF Elimination Round 1
9:45	DEBATE DRAW NPDA/IPDA
10:15	NPDA Elimination Round 1
10:15	IPDA Elimination Round 1
10:30	Individual Events Showcase
11:00	LD & PF Elimination Round 2
12:00	DEBATE DRAW NPDA/IPDA
12:30	NPDA Elimination Round 2
12:30	IPDA Elimination Round 2
12:45	Individual Events Showcase
1:45	LD & PF Elimination Round 3
3:00	DEBATE DRAW NPDA/IPDA
3:30	NPDA Elimination Round 3
3:30	IPDA Elimination Round 3
3:45	Individual Events Showcase

Event Rules and Requirements

The rules and requirements for each event will be determined by their home organization (NPDA, IPDA, NFA-LD, AFA, College Public Forum). PKD Statements on these events and general event descriptions for other events can be found below.

Flight Patterns:

- A. Impromptu, Prose, Informative, Spanish Language, Broadcast Journalism
- B. Duo, Persuasion, Extemp, Program Oral Interpretation

C. After Dinner, Communication Analysis, Dramatic, Poetry, Interviewing

Spanish Language Interpretation/Platform: A student will perform ANY selection of interpretation or platform in Spanish. The length of this event is 10 minutes with introduction. Contestants will be judged on their performance in Spanish. The aim of this event is to be able to allow competitors to compete in the language they prefer, and to celebrate the student's ability to speak in Spanish. As such, translated literature is acceptable. Use of a manuscript is required for interpretation. Manuscripts not encouraged in platform.

Spanish Language Impromptu: Similarly, students who wish to participate in a Spanish-language limited preparation event may do so this year. The 7-minute event follows traditional AFA rules; students receive a quotation in Spanish.

Interviewing: Rounds 1 and 2 will consist of an interview lasting no longer than 10 minutes conducted by the judge utilizing the same question set for each competitor. Round 3 will have judges evaluate and rank student resumes based on their resume-writing techniques and the overall strength of their resume. Competitors entered in interviewing must provide an accessible link to their resume (either google doc or dropbox link) of their resume during registration. Please double check the permissions settings on document links to ensure judges are permitted to view the document.

Broadcast Journalism: A contestant will present a well-organized, clearly communicated simulated radio broadcast. The focus of this event is to demonstrate skill in selection, organization, and presentation of a simulated broadcast news program. Source material for each round will be distributed 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the round. For two rounds, material will be a combination of newspaper and wire copy stories. Speakers will choose and edit the provided material to be exactly *five minutes in length*. For Round 3 (Asynchronous): Contestants will submit an *audio* recording that is exactly five minutes in length following the same procedures listed above regarding asynchronous uploads. If a student fails to post, their scores will be averaged. The recording should resemble an editorial. A significant portion of the recording should be the student's opinion about any topic. The recording should also include background information about the topic in order to provide explanation for the opinions being expressed. The student may create the recording for any platform for which an audio recording would be an appropriate format for content. Call letters or other platform identification, as well as brief references to a day, weather, or programming to follow the recording are acceptable but not required.

Student Congress: Each session will be divided into chambers of no more than 18 students each. Sessions will be no longer than two hours each. Parliamentary procedures, as outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order*, will be followed. Speakers are ranked/rated by judges on their speaking and advocacy skills, as well as their understanding and use of parliamentary procedure. Additionally, a top legislator will be selected via peer voting for each chamber. Schools may submit ONLY ONE piece of legislation by March 1st. Submissions must be made to Dr. Jessica Furgerson at Jessica.furgerson@uc.edu.

Reader's Theatre: Reader's Theatre is defined as interpretation of literature by a group of oral readers who act as a medium of expression for an audience. While reader's theatre is both oral and visual, the emphasis is on the oral interpretation of the printed word and its resultant effects on the minds, emotions, and imaginations of the listeners/viewers. The audience should have the feeling of a unified whole in which each performer at all times contributes to the total effect desired. The time limitation for the performance is 25 minutes. An additional two minutes shall be allowed for both set-up and takedown of material. Reader's theatre entries must include a minimum of three and a maximum of 14 participants. Students may not enter more than one reader's theatre. Programs (handouts) are not allowed in this event.

Mechanics of presentation are limited as follows:

1. The audience must have a sense of production being interpreted from a manuscript. Director, performer, and judges should be allowed freedom to exercise artistic, interpretive judgment; however, manuscripts must be interpreted from during the presentation.
2. Suggestions in contemporary or ensemble dress may be used. The literature should determine the nature of this suggestion, although costuming should not be a focus of the presentation.
3. Reading stands, chairs, stools, ladders, platforms, steps, props, and/or lighting effects may be used. However, the limitation of facilities (space, time, equipment, etc.) should govern a director's concept.
4. Readers may sit, stand, or both and may move from one reading stand or locale to another so long as the movement is consistent with the ideas or moods of the literature and the director's concept.
5. Music/sound effects, recorded or live, are acceptable as background accompaniment and part of the context.
6. A performer whose sole function is to play a musical instrument on or off stage will be counted in the total number of performers.

PKD Note on Speeches and Debate:

It has long been the policy of the PKD national tournament staff to adopt the rules of an event's governing organization. And though we will continue that tradition, we feel it is necessary to also assert that, following the mission statement of our organization, we hope to inspire a *spirit* within each event that makes room for accessibility, inclusiveness and ethical forms of communication.

We encourage all participants to maintain a civic standpoint throughout the competition in which speakers practice invitational rhetoric—articulated in safe, open, free and valued spaces. Participants using conquest or conversion tactics with the general effects of demeaning or dominating other competitors neither enrich community nor advance the potential skills of a forensic education.

Persuasion Works

Pi Kappa Delta is committed to our motto (“The Art of Persuasion: Beautiful and Just”); we believe the consequences of competition reach far beyond the tournament. In a world where manipulative forces continually perpetuate injustice, our “Persuasion Works” program aims to support student advocacy and scholarship efforts that counteract those impulses. This year we are partnering with TWO nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations in attempts to affect *real change* outside competition—each with cash prizes supplied by those partners.

Discussion: Over the last year, PKD has pursued an on-going collaboration with Free the Facts (www.freefacts.org): a nonpartisan, non-profit organization focused on “getting America’s brightest minds working on our biggest problems.” In keeping with this mission, PKD and FtF want to provide opportunities for our members to tackle major policy challenges. During last year’s experimental Extemporaneous Commentary, PKD members proposed innovative solutions for problems facing Social Security. This year, we are collaborating on an event called “Discussion” to tackle Medicare.

Per PKD bylaws, the Top 10% of competitors receive Superior Awards at the banquet. Those students will split \$1500 in prize money, distributed by Free the Facts!

This year’s in-person discussion will be:

A Forum on Medicare:

How can we secure Medicare's financial future *while improving at least one of the following: health care access, cost control, or quality?*

About the Event

This year, the in-person Discussion event provides participants with two opportunities:

1. **Part I:** PKD members participate in the in-person (and eligible for sweepstakes) Discussion event at the PKD Biennial in March 2021 at the University of Central Florida, where they will consider the question above; and
2. **Part II:** Free the Facts will hold an asynchronous competition adjudicated by a professional panel of judges. Participants with the best submissions will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., where they will pitch their solution to congressional decision makers.

Note: PKD members can choose to participate in *only* Part I at the Biennial; but those who wish to compete in Part II *must also* participate in Part I.

Preparation Assistance

Given the complexity of the topic, informational materials will be provided in advance to all registered participants. These materials are not intended to replace the participant research that typically takes place before and during Discussion events; rather, the materials will help students become familiar enough with the topic to conduct their own research.

Free the Facts will provide all competitors with the following things to help them prepare:

- An explainer document that outlines the Medicare program, how it works, and its fiscal challenges.
- A one-pager outlining:
 - The definition of an “acceptable solution” for the purposes of the competition; and
 - A list of resources that participants can consult in order to estimate the fiscal impact of a given solution.
- A one-hour, virtual townhall with a Free the Facts expert that features an overview of the Medicare program and a Q&A.

About Medicare

Medicare is a federal health insurance program that covers basic services (hospital stays, doctors’ visits, and prescription drugs) for Americans over 65 years old and some disabled individuals. The program currently provides healthcare coverage to more than 60 million people.

According to the program’s trustees, Medicare will face **a funding crisis in 2026**, when the cost of benefits will officially exceed the amount of revenue that the program takes in. Congress is currently looking at ways to keep the program solvent. Among the proposals being considered are changes that would increase program revenue, reduce spending, or both. While Medicare’s funding crisis represents a substantial legislative challenge, leading experts actually think this may be an opportunity in disguise. They hope Congress will adopt **proposals that address program solvency** and (by virtue of the way they solve the fiscal problem) also improve access to care, lower the cost of procedures and services, and/or improve outcomes for patients.

Part I: PKD Event Rules

Each contestant participates in three rounds with the same group, sectioned randomly. Groups follow the decision-making process outlined here:

Round 1: Designate chairperson & recorder. Define the problem; limit & analyze it.

Round 2: Establish criteria for solution; suggest and consider other solutions.

Round 3: Select solution; discuss how to implement and assess its effectiveness.

Each group will have one Resident Judge (the same for all three rounds) and a Visiting Judge (different for each round) who evaluate and rank participants. Students will receive four rank/ratings, with the

Resident Judge evaluating the discussion across three rounds. Each round of discussion lasts no longer than 90 minutes.

Roles

Chairperson: helps facilitate the flow of discussion and keeps track of time.

Recorder: takes notes and will be responsible for turning them in as a report to the event coordinator, Dr. Ryan Louis (ryan.louis@ottawa.edu).

Part II: FtF Asynchronous (Recorded) Competition

All participants in Discussion are invited to use this experience as the basis for a persuasive pitch to Free the Facts. Participants who choose to do this should use their Discussion rounds to inform their approach, but are not limited to the solution that was selected by their group.

In a recorded speech not exceeding seven (7) minutes, participants use the research and (if relevant) results from their in-person deliberations to summarize and argue for a specific policy solution. Decisions about organizational structure, style and tone are the purview of each student.

Competitors should upload their speech (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo) and submit the related URL *no later than March 25* to thomas@freefacts.org.

Submissions will be judged by a panel of professional judges and experts. The panel will critique speeches and award participants with the top submissions:

- An all-expenses-paid* trip to Washington, D.C. to pitch their proposal to congressional decision makers.
- Promotion of their winning video submission on the FtF website (www.freefacts.org) and social media channels.
- An invitation to join the FtF Ambassador Program and become eligible for future conferences, workshops, and awards.

We look forward to, once again, taking the lessons we learn in Forensics into the “real world” to show that *Persuasion Works*.

** Expenses to include transportation from home location to Washington, D.C., transportation in Washington, D.C. to/from hotel accommodations, accommodations for participant and a guardian, a per diem for each day of travel. To be considered an “eligible expense” an expenditure must be approved in advance by FtF and conform with the organization’s expense and reimbursement policy.*

Extemporaneous Commentary (Asynchronous): In a speech not to exceed 7 minutes, participants conduct research and record a speech that proposes a method for long-term reform.

Once registered, PKD in collaboration with Up to Us, a nonpartisan movement of young people who care about their fiscal and economic futures (<https://www.itsuptous.org/>) will provide relevant information packets to help prepare for the event. The student then has until **March 9th** to upload their entry to speechwire.com.

Overview

The amount of student debt a person owes is deeply connected to their economic future. Student debt has doubled since 2008, totaling nearly \$1.6 trillion in 2020.¹ It is also the fastest growing source of personal debt, surpassing both auto loan and credit card debt in 2010. As a result, more young people than ever are burdened with student loan debt, with the average borrower taking 20 years to pay off their loans. The Federal Reserve has indicated that student loan debt could depress homeownership rates for young people, hamper growth of small businesses, limit retirement savings, and delay marriage and family formation. These impacts are felt more strongly by female and Black borrowers, who, on average, have higher debt burdens.

The impacts of student loan debt are not only felt by the borrower, however. The precipitous rise of federal student debt often overlooks an important question: What impact does rising federal student loan debt have on the federal budget and our nation's economic future? Young people are increasingly defaulting on the federal student loans or turning to new repayment programs the government is providing. Fundamentally, as federal student loan repayments falter, U.S. taxpayers increasingly shoulder much of the risk. The full impact of student loan debt on the federal budget is not fully understood, but economists warn that a mass default would have negative consequences.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been calls from various elected officials and advocacy groups to forgive federal student loan debt. At the same time, others argue that federal student loan forgiveness is not a fiscally responsible choice since it does not produce large economic benefits.² As the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget says, "Fiscal stimulus is most effective when it goes to those most likely to spend, such as individuals with low incomes or those who recently experienced a loss in income. Student debt cancellation does the exact opposite, distributing funds mainly to those most likely to save and least likely to spend."

Event Criteria There is no specific organizational structure participants must conform to in speech. Students are encouraged to think creatively about how *best* to represent their arguments and evidence.

Judges will be ranking based on:

- Substance of Proposal
- Viability – Proof of Solvency
- Feasibility of Plan
- Clarity in Explanations and Advocacy

The event will be assessed by a combination of PKD and Up to Us adjudicators. Up to Us will award the following:

- \$1,000 to the top placing entry
- \$500 to the second-place entry
- \$100 to all those who receive "Superior" accolades in the event

Up to Us is dedicated to building a sustainable economic and fiscal future for America's next generation. Up to Us doesn't just educate and engage - it empowers. Our unique program provides emerging leaders a platform for facilitating a collaborative dialogue on the country's most vexing challenges.

¹ Peter G. Peterson Foundation. "10 Key Facts about Student Debt in the United States." *Peterson Foundation*, 5 May 2021, <https://www.pgpf.org/blog/2021/05/10-key-facts-about-student-debt-in-the-united-states>.

² Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. "Partial Student Debt Cancellation is Poor Economic Stimulus." *Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget*, 3 June 2021, <https://www.crfb.org/blogs/partial-student-debt-cancellation-poor-economic-stimulus>.

Oral History: The purpose of this event is to document and preserve the long and rich history of Pi Kappa Delta. Each chapter may submit one discussion or presentation on some aspect of PKD history. Topics can include, but are not limited to an interview with an important person in the past or present of PKD, the history of a chapter or province, a review of norms/rules of the past, information about major events at a specific chapter. The presentation or discussion should include at least two people. **Entry must be uploaded to the PKD Vimeo page (directions to follow).** All entries become property of PKD and will be added to the Honorary's archives by the PKD Historian, Leslie Drake. ***No entry fee will be charged for this event.*** *Entries will earn the same sweepstakes points as a debate team, but will not count toward the six teams that may earn points toward debate or combined sweepstakes totals.* For more info, email either Historian Dr. Susan Millsap (smillsap@otterbein.edu) or Dr. Ryan Louis (ryan.louis@ottawa.edu).

Convention Invitation

We invite you to take advantage of the Convention portion of the 2022 Biennial Tournament and Convention. As Pi Kappa Delta members, one of the things that makes our experience unique within a diverse forensic community is our members have the opportunity to attend convention events in addition to competing at the national tournament. Pi Kappa Delta includes six provinces that geographically divide our chapters—the Lower Mississippi, the Northern Lights, the Southeast, the Heartland, The Great West, and the Northern Lights, all who come together at the National Tournament and Convention not only for friendly competition but also to do the business of our organization. We hope that you will spend time with us at these very important activities. Please see the descriptions below to learn more about the Convention.

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, March 9

- 2:30-6pm Registration
- 4-6pm Student Welcome Reception on Aurora Patio
- 4-6pm Coaches/Judges Welcome Reception on Zodiac Zen Lawn
- 6-7:30pm Opening Business Meeting with New Chapter Induction
- 7:30-8:30pm Province Meetings

Thursday, March 10

- 7:30am-8pm General Competition
- Time TBD Business Meeting #2
- Professional Development Workshop/Panel #1
- Alumni Showcase – Platform/Limited Prep

Friday, March 11

- 7:30am-7:30pm General Competition
- 5:30-7pm Past President's Dinner in Ballroom Salon 6/E
- 7:30-9pm Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception on Aurora Patio
- Time TBD Professional Development Workshop/Panel #2
- Meet the Candidates Forum
- Alumni Showcase – Interp

Saturday, March 12

- 8am-3:30pm General Competition
- Time TBD Student Caucus
- Alumni Caucus
- Meet the Candidates Forum – Voting
- 6pm-9pm Pi Kappa Delta Banquet Pegasus Ballroom, University of Central Florida Student Union

The Welcome Reception—We kick off our convention and tournament with a gathering of our members at the Welcome Reception sponsored by our local hosts. This event is a great place to see old friends and meet people from throughout the country. This reception features hors d'oeuvres and can be held on site or at one of the Convention Hotels. The Welcome Reception is immediately following registration Wednesday afternoon. Come casual; this is a particularly great time to wear your school or team brand.

Province Meetings—Each province meets Wednesday evening after the Welcome Reception. Provinces meet to do any business and to nominate and elect officers. Provinces can have any officers they choose but are asked to have a Province Governor at minimum. Other officers can include Lieutenant Governor, Student Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, or any other role the group would like have in place. Teams are encouraged to bring their coaches and students to the province meetings. Candidates running for National Council often visit the Province Meetings to introduce themselves, present their platforms, and answer questions.

Business Meetings—The business meetings are held twice each convention—Wednesday night after the province meetings and once on Friday. Teams are encouraged to become a part of what can only be described as a memorable part of the convention. The business meeting begins with roll call of the membership. Teams love to get involved in roll call by standing up and offering chants and dances when their team is called. Teams are encouraged to have fun with this. Alumni get involved too, as after the undergraduate chapters are called alumni chapters are also called. Responses should be brief but

enthusiastic, such as a Texas chapter singing a line or two from *Deep in the Heart of Texas*, or a chapter creating their own team cheer. In addition to receiving the reports and business of PKD, members will hear speeches from candidates for President-Elect and other offices that comprise the National Council. The elected positions include three at large positions that can be held by coaches/alumni, a community college position for coaches/alumni as well as a student and graduate student position. Other business includes approving bids for future National Comprehensive Tournaments and Biennial National Tournaments and Conventions, as well as other business that may be on agenda for that given year.

Professional Development Workshops/Panels—Just like at most conventions, we provide between 2-4 professional development opportunities, scheduled alongside competitive events. These generally focus on subjects of broad appeal and are open to all students, judges or coaches. PKD members may submit proposals and ideas for these sessions; they may also volunteer to present! The PKD Council will announce titles and summaries in advance; interested parties may register before the tournament so the Tournament Director can plan judging deferments. We encourage chapters to take advantage of these; as many instructors are eligible to use institutional developmental funds—potentially offsetting the costs of travel and tournament participation.

The Banquet—The Pi Kappa Delta Biennial Banquet is considered by many to be a formal affair. This event is the culmination of the Biennial Tournament and Convention. The banquet is the crossroads between the tournament and the convention. Many people will wear formal attire; a homecoming, prom or bride's maid dress for some and a three-piece suit or a tuxedo for others. While not everyone dresses quite as formally, this event is most often held in a hotel ballroom or a venue of similar stature. The evening begins with the introduction of special guests and remarks from the President. The Historian then presents the All-American Awards and Order of Attainment Awards. The President recognizes Presidential Recognition and Presidential Service Award winners. The President-Elect is inducted at the banquet and delivers their inaugural message. Once that is finished, the newly elected national council is inducted and then the evening ends with tournament awards. Awards at the Biennial Tournament and Convention are different from what is presented at most tournaments. Competitors who place in the top 30% of their event receive awards in two categories—*excellence* for the top 30-11% and *superior* for the top 10%. Awards are presented in a hierarchical order, meaning the last competitor announced is the winner of that event. This approach to acknowledging excellence not only recognizes more competitors for their efforts and talents, but also generates tremendous anticipation and energy with the announcements of each event.

The Banquet will be simulcast in ballrooms on all three levels of the UCF Student Union. Tickets will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis in order of entry, beginning with seating in the Pegasus Ballroom. Each seat will be assigned, so coaches do not have to save seats.

Student Caucus-Students are invited to talk with the student National Council members during the student caucus and raise issues that they would like to see addressed by Pi Kappa Delta. Students offer suggestions for the tournament and convention as well issues to be addressed in the forensic community they would like to see discussed and/or changed. This event takes place during a competition day. Hosts often provide pizza or something similar to encourage students to attend and participate. Student National Council member will bring the issues discussed to the National Council meetings.

Meet the Candidates—This is your chance to get to know the people running for National Council. There will be Meet the Candidates sessions during competition days. The first session gives the membership an opportunity to meet the candidates running for President-Elect and ask them questions. The second Meet the Candidates session allows teams to get to know the students and professionals

running for National Council. This is a great opportunity to ask the questions you may have of the candidates and to get to know them better.

Past Presidents' Dinner—The Immediate Past President oversees this event. They will order the food and send handwritten notes to all the living past presidents inviting them to attend the dinner. Each past president is invited to bring one guest. Since the Centennial, the current President has also been invited. There are time honored traditions that happen in the Past Presidents' Dinner. These rituals are kept a secret and only learned as a person becomes a Past President.

Hall of Fame Induction—Inducting members into its Hall of Fame is Pi Kappa Delta's highest honor. Members who have served the organization in exemplary ways are considered for this award. Pi Kappa Delta honors recipients from its earliest years, throughout its history to contemporary days. To become a member of the Pi Kappa Delta Hall of Fame, a person must be nominated with a letter to the Historian and the National Council. The nominating person may request letters of support for the nominee if they desire. To be elected to the Hall of Fame, a person must receive 100% approval if they are contemporary and if the nominee is from Pi Kappa Delta's early days, they must receive 50% of the vote to enter the Hall of Fame. Those individuals selected will be inducted and honored at the Biennial National Tournament and Convention during a public ceremony that follows the Past Presidents' Dinner.

Order of Attainment—The Order of Attainment was established in 2007 and honors the societal contributions of Pi Kappa Delta Alumni. This special award honors the contributions of the nominees at a global, national, or local level and reflect the role of forensics and Pi Kappa Delta in building life-long citizens. Honorees are named at the banquet.

Celebration of Life Ceremony—The Celebration of Life Ceremony celebrates lives of Pi Kappa Delta members who have died. This ceremony takes a moment to reflect on the contributions of our members who have passed since the last convention.

Student Reception—The Student Reception is hosted by the student members of the National Council. This reception is open to all students. Receptions in the past have featured casino nights, carnival games, and dances. Students love to be a part of this event as a good time is had by all. Students and teams advancing to debate elimination rounds and showcase rounds are often announced at this reception. Drinks and snacks are usually served.

Coaches/Judges Reception—The Coaches'/Judges' reception invites all coaches and judges to spend time with colleagues enjoying beverages and snacks. This event is often hosted concurrently with the Student Reception but in a different space, allowing teams to travel together to these events.

We are very excited about these events and hope that you will take time to enjoy them and really get to know Pi Kappa Delta. It is the convention portion of our Nationals experience that makes us stand out from other organizations. Please come enjoy being a part of these great events as we continue to promote the Art of Persuasion, Beautiful and Just. Feel free to reach out to our Convention Coordinator, Gina Jensen at jensen@webster.edu or by phone at 314-223-6141 with any questions. You can also ask any National Council member. See you in sunny Florida!!

Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Honorary
Is proud to request nominations for the

Pi Kappa Delta All-American Awards

For active student members of Pi Kappa Delta who exemplify “the art of persuasion, beautiful and just.”
Description of the Award and Qualifications:

The Pi Kappa Delta All-American Award goes to **ten student members of the Honorary and will be announced at the 2022 Pi Kappa Delta National Convention at UCF.**

A Pi Kappa Delta All-American meets the following criteria:

- Is an outstanding student as evidenced by grades, academic achievements and recommendations of professors.
- Is a good citizen, as evidenced by the applicant’s community service and contributions to the world outside the classroom and forensics competition.
- Is a successful competitor, as evidenced by their record in forensics competition.
- Is a committed squad member, as evidenced by their contributions to their program and to forensics and Pi Kappa Delta.
- Is a special person, as evidenced by the recommendations of individuals outside the applicant’s school and chapter.

Application Process:

Each applicant should submit a complete application packet which contains:

1. A current resume.
2. A letter from the applicant discussing their qualifications for receiving All-American recognition.
3. A current transcript from each college the applicant has attended (may be unofficial).
4. A listing of awards or other appropriate documentation of their forensics record; their community service activities; and their squad and chapter activities; if such documentation is not found in their resume.
5. A letter of recommendation from the applicant’s Forensic Director or PKD Chapter Sponsor.
6. Letters of recommendation from at least two individuals outside of the applicant’s chapter and school who are familiar with the applicant’s qualifications and attributes.

The deadline for application is February 1, 2022. Complete applications mailed/emailed as pdfs to:

Susan Millsap smillsap@otterbein.edu
Department of Communication
Otterbein University
Westerville, OH 43081

*All application materials will become the property of Pi Kappa Delta and will not be returned