

**INVITATION TO THE**



**2012 MARDI GRAS/ALUMNI CLASSIC**

Dear Colleagues,

The Louisiana State University Speech and Debate program cordially invites you to the **2012 Mardi Gras Alumni Classic (Swing)** in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, from February 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Alumni Mardi Gras Swing offers NPDA, IPDA and Team IPDA debate as well as the standard 11 AFA-NIET events. The debate tab room will be run by representatives of McNeese State University. The individual events tab room will be run by representatives of William Carey University and the University of Alabama. There will be an opportunity in the tournament's schedule on Saturday to give competitors a chance to experience some of the Mardi Gras festivities taking place in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and surrounding areas.

Below you will find information about the tournament, accommodations, and fees. *Please email ([cmcd014@tigers.lsu.edu](mailto:cmcd014@tigers.lsu.edu)) your entries for both halves to Austin McDonald. Due to the tournament staff working from multiple universities, we request all entries by 5 pm Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, each change after noon on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> will result in an additional \$15 charge.* Information is also available on our web site at [www.lsu.edu/debate](http://www.lsu.edu/debate). Please contact us if we can provide you with any additional help. We look forward to seeing you. *Laissez les bon temps roulez!*

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## **HOTEL INFORMATION**

### **La Quinta Inn Baton Rouge University Area**

2333 S. Acadian Thruway  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808-2304  
Phone: 1-225-924-9600  
Fax: 1-225-924-2609

They're offering a rate of \$62 + tax a night starting the night of February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This includes High Speed Wireless and Breakfast (starting at 6AM). Be sure to mention "LSU Mardi Gras Debate" when you make reservations. The cut-off is February 2<sup>nd</sup> and there are a limited number of rooms. (10 rooms on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 20 additional rooms the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>) \*\*\**Note: Hotel offer is tentative and subject to change. We will update you as we get closer to the tournament date.*

#### **Directions from the Hotel:**

Take a left out of the hotel parking lot onto Acadian Thruway (going underneath the interstate). Drive for a couple of miles. Eventually you will see one of the university lakes on your right. When you see the lake and a little parking area, stay in the right lane and turn right at the light. This will be Stadium Drive. Follow this road until you get to Highland Avenue and take a right onto Highland. Go through several lights on campus until you see our big lawn on the left. At the next light (you'll see the Episcopal Church on your right and the visitors' center across the street on the left), take a left onto Dalrymple Drive. Take your first left (before the booth/gate) towards the big Chimes Tower. Coates Hall is just beyond the barrier (that will be closed off on Friday until 4:30 PM).

## **EVENT INFORMATION**

1. All American Forensics Association individual events, as well as appropriate divisions of parliamentary debate, IPDA and Team IPDA shall be offered.
2. Schools shall not be limited in entries per event, however only the top 4 entries in each event / division will count for sweepstakes awards.
  - A. All parliamentary debate rounds shall follow the time limits and rules established under the National Parliamentary Debate Association. Divisions offered will be Varsity and Novice (divisions may be collapsed into one open division if necessary due to limited entries). 6 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered.
  - B. All IPDA debate rounds shall follow the 5-2-6-2 format. Divisions offered will be Novice, Varsity and Professional. 6 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds will be offered. Team IPDA will occur concurrently with the 1<sup>st</sup> half of IE's with 4 preliminary rounds and the appropriate number of elimination rounds. Competitors in TIPDA will not be able to compete in Individual Events. We will offer the same divisions as NPDA.
  - C. Rules and descriptions for individual events that are established and followed by the American Forensics Association will be used at the tournament.

FLIGHT A – Ext, Prose, Per, Poe, CA, DI

FLIGHT B – Info, Imp, POI, Duo, ADS

3. Awards shall be presented to all elimination round participants in all events. Awards shall be presented to the top three pentathlon participants and top three speakers in each debate division. An award shall also be presented to the top community college. Additionally, the top three schools in debate, individual events, and overall sweepstakes competitions will receive awards for each half as well as the overall weekend.

### **General information**

- A. No minimum number of entries is required for schools to count toward debate or individual events sweepstakes awards.
- B. Schools must be entered in both debate and individual events in order to be eligible for the overall sweepstakes competition.
- C. To be eligible for Individual Sweepstakes, students must compete in a minimum of four events.
- D. PILOT AWARD: We will also be awarding the top three individuals competing in at least one form of debate and three individual events. (these students have a loong Friday!)

### **JUDGES**

**We really need your judges!** One judge during individual events patterns covers six entries per flight in IEs or two TIPDA teams. One judge during debate rounds covers 4 IPDA debaters or 2 NPDA debate teams.

**Readers' Theatre: We will incorporate this event into our Saturday afternoon schedule if there is sufficient interest. This event will count towards the Alumni (2<sup>nd</sup> Half) sweepstakes point total.**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Registration begins at 7 and continues all day!**

8:00 IPDA 1, NPDA 1  
9:45 IPDA 2, NPDA 2  
11:30 IPDA 3, NPDA 3  
1:15 IPDA 4, NPDA 4  
3:00 IPDA 5, NPDA 5  
4:45 IPDA 6, NPDA 6  
6:30 Coaches' Review  
6:45 IPDA/NPDA Elim 1  
8:00 IPDA/NPDA Elim 2

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> (I.E. Regist. begins at 8)**

8:00 IPDA/NPDA Elim 3  
9:30 Ext Draw (TIPDA 1 Draw)  
10:00 Flight A 1  
11:15 Ext Draw (TIPDA 2 Draw)  
11:45 Flight A 2  
1:00 Flight B 1 (TIPDA 3 Draw)  
2:15 Flight B 2  
2:30 (TIPDA 4 Draw)  
3:30 Ext Draw  
4:00 Flight A Finals (TIPDA Coaches' Review)  
4:30 TIPDA Elim 1  
5:15 Flight B Finals  
6:00 TIPDA Elim 2  
7:00 Awards (Start with IE's to allow TIPDA Elim 2 to finish)  
After Awards ASAP TIPDA Elim 3

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> (Alumni Classic)**

7:30 Extemp Draw  
8:00-9:15 Rd 1 Flight A (same)  
9:15-10:30 Rd 1 Flight B (same)  
10:30 Extemp Draw  
11:00-12:15 Rd 2 Flight A  
12:15-1:30 Rd 2 Flight B  
1:30 Extemp Draw  
2:00-3:15 Finals Flight A  
3:15-4:30 Finals Flight B  
5:00 Awards

**Entry forms begin on next page**







NPDA Judges (please note any restrictions):

IPDA Judges (please note any restrictions):

**1<sup>st</sup> Half Fees**

# Covered Individual Event slots	x	\$10 =
# Uncovered	x	\$15 =
# Covered NPDA slots	x	\$40 =
# Uncovered	x	\$75 =
# Covered IPDA slots	x	\$25 =
# Uncovered	x	\$40 =
# Covered TIPDA slots	x	\$25 =
# Uncovered	x	\$40 =

**Total =**

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