



## ***Munster HS Speech and Debate Team***

**21 X STATE CHAMPIONS  
11 X NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

**ACTING TEAM/ ADVOCACY /CREATIVE  
WRITING/CURRENT EVENTS**

### ***Who Joins the Speech and Debate Team?***

Oscar winning Actors, Broadway stars, Rock Stars, Writers, Politicians, Presidents of the United States, Attorneys, Accountants, Dentists, Doctors, Teachers, Businessmen, anyone who wants to take a leadership role or become a professional in society.

### ***Why join the Munster Speech and Debate Team?***

- You will form strong new friendships at Munster High School that could last a lifetime!
- A report in the *Wall Street Journal* cited forensics as the top extra-curricular activity according to college admissions counselors.
- You will meet “interesting” new people from other high schools across Indiana!
- Sharpened organization and writing skills.
- Increased Self-Esteem!

**Notable Alumni:** Supreme Court Justice, Kentanji Brown-Jackson, Paul Rudd (Ant Man), Jason Sudeikis (Ted Lasso), Chadwick Boseman (Black Panther), Joe Mansueto-CEO of Morningstar Inc.-Billionaire (Munster Alum); Zaria (Pretty Little Liars- Munster Alum) Zac Efron (*High School Musical*), Michael Urie (*Ugly Betty*) David Cook (*American Idol*), Jared Padelecki (*Supernatural*), Oprah Winfrey, and many more icons.

Speech and debate is an academic activity typically available to students in middle school, high school, and/or college. Similar to athletic sports, speech and debate activities are challenging, competitive in nature, and require regular practice, coaching, dedication, and hard work.

- ❖ **Speech** involves a presentation by one, two, or sometimes a group of students that is judged against a similar type of presentation by others in a round of competition. Speech events range from limited preparation events that require extensive knowledge of current events to dramatic and humorous interpretation, which challenge students to find powerful moments in literature and recreate them for an audience.
- ❖ **Debate** involves an individual or a team of debaters working to effectively convince a judge that his or her side of a resolution is, as a general principle, more valid. Students in debate come to thoroughly understand both sides of the resolution, having researched each extensively, and learn to think critically about every argument that could be made on each side

## TESTIMONIAL

*In Munster Speech & Debate I learned invaluable skills that I use every day. I learned how to think about my audience, what they need and what might persuade them, when constructing an argument or presentation. I learned how to think analytically about an argument, to identify its logical structure and the assumptions that really made it work. I learned the value of preparation -- that the success of a presentation lies in painstaking effort beforehand. And I learned the art of projecting confidence through both verbal and countless nonverbal cues. Munster Speech & Debate was the best high school training I had, or could possibly have had, to prepare me for success in the career I enjoy today.*

Dr. Sean Gailmard, Professor of Political Science at University of California, Berkeley

## COURSE OFFERINGS

- Competitive Speech (Advanced Speech) – students will earn college credit through Ivy Tech. There are no **mandatory** after school rehearsals or tournaments. The class will allow students to participate in acting, advocacy, or creative writing.
- Debate-general argumentation class
- Speech – general public speaking class

**Munster High  
School Speech  
and Debate  
Introduction**



**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR CALL-OUT MEETING ON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 11 AT MUNSTER HIGH SCHOOL AT 3:00 PM  
IN THE RESOURCE ROOM.**

If you have any questions, please e-mail the Director of Forensics,  
Mr. Jordan Mayer.



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