



REASONS TO JOIN **THE NSDA**

Speech and debate helps students discover the power of their voices. An NSDA membership offers the tools to expand your skills and celebrate your achievements.



EXPAND YOUR RÉSUMÉ: As a member, you join one of the oldest and most respected honor societies known to college admissions offices.

BUILD YOUR SKILLS: You can access more than 1,000 competitive resources to practice your events and hone your superpowers.

BE HEARD AND CELEBRATED: Join a community where student voices are given a platform to be heard and celebrated. Find a place to belong and a team that's like family.



FIND MOTIVATION: You can earn points and track your progress based on your competition and service activities.

UNLOCK AWARDS: Membership determines your eligibility for special NSDA awards for competitive success, academic achievement, or service.

EARN MONEY FOR COLLEGE:

Members are eligible to earn a portion of the \$150,000 in college scholarships we give annually.

ATTEND NATIONALS: Members have the opportunity to qualify to the **National Tournament** where our champions are crowned.

ACHIEVE STATE AND NATIONAL RANKS: Members are ranked based on points earned. Witness your growth and celebrate your achievements.



“NSDA membership gave me access to the resources that have allowed me to become better at speech and debate and keep a record of my progress.”

NSDA Member

READY TO JOIN?

Talk to your coach about purchasing your membership today!

STUDENT IMPACT

Speech and debate improves academic performance and school environments.



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IMPACT OF DEBATE PARTICIPATION

Debaters have:



Higher GPAs



Higher MATH SAT SCORES



Higher READING AND WRITING SAT SCORES

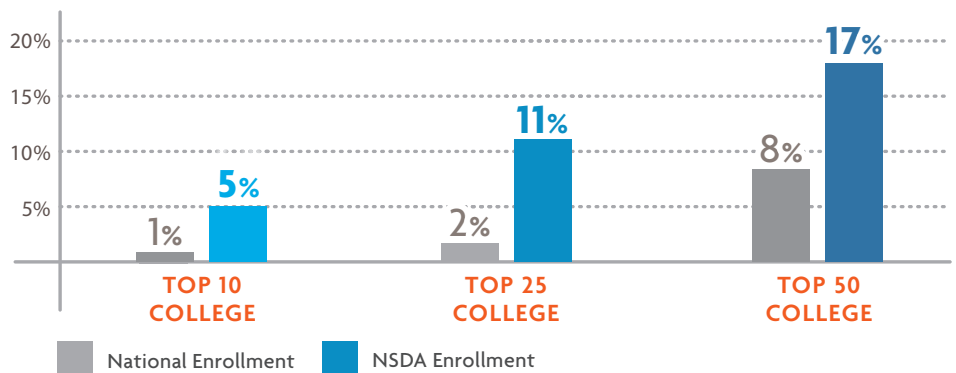


Greater Likelihood of MEETING COLLEGE READINESS BENCHMARKS

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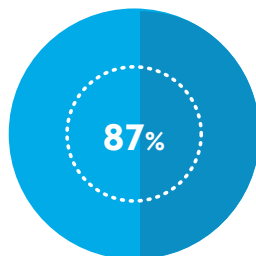
STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT TOP SCHOOLS



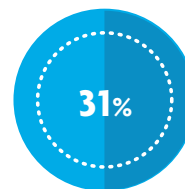
Based on 1,963 surveys collected from the NSDA class of 2019.



DEBATE AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



increase in ANALYTICAL SKILLS



increase in REGULAR ATTENDANCE



higher SELF-ESTEEM

Source: Snider, A. C. & Lawrence, E. W. (2011). DEBATE: Important for Everyone. Retrieved from <https://debate.uvm.edu/dcpdf/DEBATE-%20Important%20for%20Everyone.pdf>.

LEARN MORE AT: www.speechanddebate.org

STUDENT RECOGNITION

The National Speech & Debate Association recognizes middle and high school students for their participation in speech and debate activities. Students earn distinction and points through competition, community service, public speaking, and leadership. Students must earn 25 points (Degree of Merit) to acquire membership in the Honor Society. The more points you earn, the more degrees you obtain.

Earning points in the Honor Society empowers students to expand their knowledge, advance their skill set, and reflect on their progress. The skills learned in speech and debate greatly benefit students in the college application process and prepare them for life after high school.



How to Earn Points:

Winning a round of Policy Debate	6 points
Giving a speech to more than 25 people	5 points
Acting in a high school play	5 points



EXAMPLES OF STUDENT RECOGNITION:

- Academic All American Award
- All American Award
- Student of the Year Award
- Speaking and Service Award
- Graduation Honor Cords

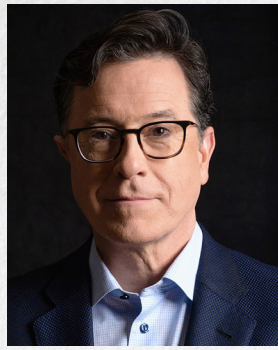
“The National Speech & Debate Association Honor Society gave me a chance to be a part of a community of like-minded people who were driven to make a difference in the world.”

Elena Cecil, 2018 NSDA Student of the Year





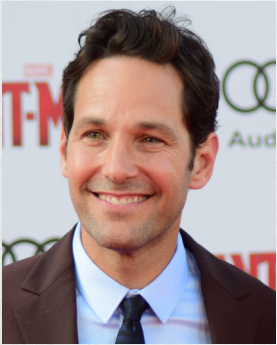
OPRAH WINFREY
MEDIA PERSONALITY
East Nashville High School
CLASS OF 1971



STEPHEN COLBERT
COMEDIAN
The Porter-Gaud School
CLASS OF 1982



JOSH GAD
ACTOR
NSU University School
CLASS OF 1999



PAUL RUDD
ACTOR
Shawnee Mission West High School
CLASS OF 1987



JUSTICE SONIA SOTOMAYOR
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE
Cardinal Spellman High School
CLASS OF 1972



CHADWICK BOSEMAN
ACTOR
T. L. Hanna High School
CLASS OF 1995



PRIYA KRISHNA
CHEF AND FOOD WRITER
Greenhill School
CLASS OF 2009



TOM LLAMAS
NEWS ANCHOR
Belen Jesuit Prep School
CLASS OF 1997



ELIZABETH WARREN
POLITICIAN
Northwest Classen High School
CLASS OF 1966



BILLY EICHNER
ACTOR
Stuyvesant High School
CLASS OF 1996



CELESTE NG
AUTHOR
Shaker Heights High School
CLASS OF 1998



ZAC EFRON
ACTOR
Arroyo Grande High School
CLASS OF 2006

JOIN SPEECH & DEBATE

THEY DID!



Since 1925, the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) has been the authority on public speaking and debate in the United States. The NSDA works to create a platform for youth voices from around the globe, culminating in the National Speech & Debate Tournament, the pinnacle of public speaking. Learn more at www.speechanddebate.org