

WOODCREEK SPEECH & DEBATE

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Welcome to the 2020-21 Season!

While we know that this digital space is certainly not what any of us hoped for, we are still excited to welcome both new and returning families and competitors alike. Despite the challenges that an online season brings, our leadership and Boosters team is working hard to ensure that everyone has the resources at their disposal in order to make this transition to competing online as comfortable as possible.

This newsletter will cover essential team details and tournament information. We'll be sending this out before and after every tournament or event, or whenever necessary. Newsletters will be available via our Instagram and Facebook, or through occasional emails. We hope you find this newsletter beneficial to becoming connected with the team and learning more about what we do. We look forward to an amazing season.

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TEAM ROSTER

Melisa Elko | Coach

Marianne Platt | Assistant Coach

Dylan Hall | Captain 2021

Abbie Goetzel | Captain 2021

Erik Bowen	2021	Everett Adams	2023
Gregory Crawford	2021	Abigail Botwinik	2023
Bhoojaa Jawahar	2021	Ella Bredwell	2023
Nathan Solano	2022	Mandi Carlsen	2023
Riya Tapadiya	2022	Brooke Catich	2023
Feizah Teope	2022	Andrew Gordan	2023
Frances Van Slyke	2022	Ella Johnson	2023
Josie DeMartino	2023	Ellie Larson	2023
		Autumn Lavin	2023
Antonio Agosto	2021	Myri Lewis	2023
Bekah Brown	2021	Trinity McEwen	2023
Doina Midrigan	2021	Emilee Rosenbaum	2023
Julia Most	2021	Nia Sanders	2023
Jake Nishita	2021	Kaci Thornton	2023
Alina Yakovenko	2021	Gavin Watson	2023
Jacob Betgeorge	2022	Bailey Burke	2024
Dana Hall	2022	Chloe Van Leerdam	2024
Manny Kang	2022		
Maxim Korablev	2022		
La'a Nishihara	2022		
Lauren Palmer	2022		
Abby Schwartz	2022		
Katelyn Seivert	2022		
Sophia Strohmeier	2022		
Corey Wilson	2022		

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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Tournament Schedule

Judges' training – 8:00 AM **sharp in Judges' Lounge**

Round 1 – 8:30 AM

Round 2 – 10:30 AM

Round 3 – 12:30 PM

Round 4 – 3:00 PM

Awards – 5:30 PM

Competitors and judges should enter their assigned rooms 30 minutes before the round begins.

Where To Go (Judges)

1. Go to your Tabroom account on <https://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml>
2. You will find Saturday's event in the "Tournaments" tab. (You may have to click on Woodcreek first.)
3. Then, click on "CVFL 1 Debate".
4. Find a link to the Judges' Lounge.
5. You may enter the lounge as early as 7:30 AM, but please, no later than 7:45 AM.
6. Wait for instructions.

USEFUL RESOURCES

California High School Speech Association

<http://www.chssa.org/>



Woodcreek Speech and Debate

<https://www.rjuhsd.us/domain/363>



Speech and Debate Tabroom

<https://www.tabroom.com/index/index.mhtml>



Judging Speech and Debate

<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/adjudicating-speech-and-debate>



Guide to Virtual Tournaments

<https://bit.ly/2SugBhb>



Newsletter Suggestions Form

<https://bit.ly/2GE2pQd>



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TEAM SPOTLIGHT

A Word From Your Coaches:

"I'm eager to face the challenge of a virtual season. When school started, I was nervous, but our team is already showing so much resiliency. I'm confident we're going to continue to be as competitive as always. I'm also excited to add the Berkeley invitational to our schedule. We've wanted to compete at Cal every year, but time or money prevented it. And, probably most exciting for me is continuing to watch the kids grow as competitors. Distance learning has robbed us of so much, but it hasn't diminished our growth mindset. The kids continue to work hard as a team and, even more so as individuals." - **Coach Melissa Elko**

"As the assistant coach, I am excited to learn more about the different categories and styles of Speech & Debate. I am looking forward to finding out what topics the competitors choose. More than anything, I am looking forward to getting to know the team. Speech & Debate is so full of creative, hard working students." - **Assistant Coach Marianne Platt**

A Word From Your Captains:

"The last few years of competing with Woodcreek Speech and Debate has really groomed me into who I am today. The people that I was able to surround myself with on the team have shown me who I want to be after high school, someone who is able to display confidence through everyone I meet. This family of Speech and Debate whom I've spent the last few years with has taught me so much about myself that I wouldn't be able to see without this wonderful program. I'm sending good luck to our team and our to all our competitors this year through virtual tournaments!" - **Abbie Goetzel**

"This year is going to be a lot different from other years. And while it's easy to look at the negatives of the situation, this pandemic has given us the opportunity to do and try new things that we've never done before on the team. It's going to be rough, but I believe we will come out better in future seasons." - **Dylan Hall**

A Word From Our Newcomers:

"I'm looking forward to improving my public speaking skills, building new friendships and challenging my capacities. Although this class isn't easy, it's helping me enhance my work ethic and it's an overall friendly and open environment that's fun to be in." - **Doina Midrigan**

"With this upcoming tournament, I am excited to continue workshopping my case. I am also excited to bond with the rest of the team over zoom!" - **Chloe Van Leerdam**