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NIETOC 2015 Promises to Be a Jaw-Dropping Experience!

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Registration is set to open in early February at SpeechWire, the official registration and tabulation software program for the 2015 NIETOC National Tournament. Participants will find additional registration information at the NIETOC website.

Complete results for NIETOC 2014 are available on



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- Any school registering entries after the initial deadline of 3/25/15 (but before 4/25/15) will be assessed a \$200 late fee.
- Any school not making the initial payment deadline of 4/15/15 will be assessed a \$200 late fee.
- Any incomplete or unpaid entries will be dropped (without refund) from the tournament on 5/1/15.

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2014-2015 Bid schools

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Greetings!

The NIETOC Executive Board is working hard to create another successful and enjoyable "Experience" for you at the 2015 Tournament.



Features of the 2015 Tournament:

- The coaches' breakfast, registration and an opening ceremony will take place at the Cornhusker Marriott.
- There will be three prelims on Friday, followed by round four and elimination rounds Saturday.
- Three workshop sessions will be available for students and coaches on Saturday.
- We will break 30 entries to the quarterfinal round.
- Preliminary ranks will be factored into elimination breaks and final placing.
- Schools must provide one judge for the tournament.
- Nine judges will be used in the final rounds.
- Three supplemental events are offered: Poetry, Prose, Expository Speaking.
- Schools will be able to preregister for open supplemental spots (those can be filled at reregistration, as the coach deems necessary -provided all event requirements are met).
- \$750 Scholarships will be awarded to Main Event Champions and \$500 to Supplemental Event Champions.

We look forward to the 2015 National Individual Events Tournament of Champions! Come enjoy "The Experience."

NIETOC using the bid system, students must receive two bids from this official NIETOC bid school list.

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If you would like to take the AP US History test offered at the host site, Lincoln Southwest High School, from 8 am-12 noon on Friday, May 8, 2015, you will need to:

- Register online <u>here</u> between February 2nd and April 3rd.
- Send payment of \$95.00 (cash or check) to:

Lincoln Southwest High School ATTN: LSW Bookkeeper 7001 S. 14th St. Lincoln, NE 68512

Or pay with a credit card by phone at: (402) 436-1306, ext. 66019

The \$95.00 fee covers the cost of test materials and administration. All registration AND payment must be received by April 3rd, 2015. Registration and payment will not be taken after this the You will need to make testing arrangements with your

For information, click here.

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The National Individual Events Tournament of Champions Executive Board invites your school to purchase ad space in the tournament program for the 2015 NIETOC tournament booklet. We do offer discounts for those who purchase ads early. Please click the link below for more information:

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One of the best ways to keep up with NIETOC and to connect with the new and old friends you see there is by liking our Facebook page! Demond Wilson,
President and Founding Member
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Coach's Corner:

Sarah French-Hahn Greeley Central High School -- Colorado

"The NIETOC in 2014 was truly the best tournament experience of my 18 years in coaching. I have nothing but praise for the entire experience, from the warm and welcoming atmosphere to how we were treated to the high level of competition and the tournament site -- everything was top notch. The tournament date was compact enough and fell so that



minimal school was missed, which made it much more affordable for my team that has seen our operations budget slashed to zero. I am even considering making this the culminating tournament for my interpers. I will most definitely continue to apply to be an official bid tournament and encourage any coach to give NIETOC a try."

We are now accepting nominations for the 2015 Josephine Dukes Teacher of the Year Award. A student must nominate the recipient. Details are posted on our website www.nietoc.com and forms can be found here. Josephine Dukes spent a majority of her life giving, loving and serving her community. She believed "first you have to love the student, then and only then, can you teach them." We are

seeking teachers who exemplify learning, love, community, optimism, generosity and respect for all. As a student, if you feel your teacher is deserving of this honor, please fill out and submit the forms on our website.

Bid Recipients

This link will provide you access to our database of bid recipients. You may search the database by school or student to make sure your student has earned the required two

bids. Please



note that the final column shows the level at which the bid was offered, not where your student finished.

To determine if your students are fully qualified to attend the NIETOC, <u>please read our qualification procedures</u> here.

Remember that we do offer bonus entries in duet acting. We realize that duet acting is not offered at a large number of tournaments across the country. Therefore, in an effort to help generate interest and encourage growth



of the event, we are offering the following incentive: If you have a single-entered NIETOC qualifier, that student may enter duet acting with a partner of their choice, as an at-large entry at the NIETOC. Each school is eligible for two of these at-large duet entries.

Tournament Hotel Information

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2500 Tamarin Ridge Road Lincoln, NE 68510

Call: (402) 474-7474 to make reservations. Please make reservations before April 10, 2015. Room rate of \$90. Breakfast not included

for this property.

Please Note: The major airports serving this tournament are Omaha (OMA) and Lincoln (LNK). Shuttle service from the Omaha Airport to Lincoln is available via Omalink, and the code "NIETOC" will get you a discounted rate. You will need to arrange transportation from the hotel(s) to the tournament site.

Competition will be held at Lincoln Southwest High School 7001 S 14th St, Lincoln, NE 68512.

We look forward to seeing you in Nebraska!



