

Strictly Speaking

Ridge High School
Forensic Team
Newsletter

2002-2017 NJSDL STATE CHAMPIONS

January 7, 2018

HUNTERDON-CENTRAL INVITATIONAL

1ST PLACE TEAM SWEEPSTAKES!

- Anjini Mathur, CHAMPION - *Oral Interpretation*
 Kyle Watkins, CHAMPION - *Humorous Interpretation*
 Libah Farooqi, CHAMPION - *Declamation*
 Vikram Agrawal, CHAMPION -
Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate
 Allen Wang, 2nd Place - *Dramatic Interpretation*
 Allen Wang, 2nd Place - *Improvisational Acting*
 Anjini Mathur and Kyle Watkins, 2nd Place -
Duo Interpretation
 Charlize Chen, 2nd Place - *Impromptu Speaking*
 Kevin Tang, 2nd Place - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*
 Siddarth Sasane, 2nd Place - *Program Oral Interpretation*
 Sonali Pai, 2nd Place - *Oral Interpretation*
 Camille Furst and Siddarth Sasane, 3rd Place -
Duo Interpretation
 Camille Furst, 3rd Place - *Program Oral Interpretation*
 Caroline Lidz, 3rd Place - *Improvisational Acting*
 James Gao, 3rd Place - *Extemporaneous Speaking*
 John Tondora, 3rd Place - *Humorous Interpretation*
 Varun Gongireddy, 3rd Place - *Impromptu Speaking*
 Jerry Yang, 4th Place - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*
 John Tondora, 4th Place - *Improvisational Acting*
 Emma Reilly and Rajvi Shah, 4th Place - *Duo Interpretation*
 Vanshika Bhatia, 4th Place - *Program Oral Interpretation*
 Caroline Lidz, 5th Place - *Informative Speaking*
 Daphne Tang, 5th Place - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*
 Miah Vesotsky, 5th Place - *Oral Interpretation*
 Nick Casey, 5th Place - *Humorous Interpretation*
 Sonali Pai, 5th Place - *Program Oral Interpretation*
 Divya Krishnan and Juliet Nolt, 6th Place - *Duo Interpretation*
 Kent Hairston, 6th Place - *Improvisational Acting*
 Jawad Mamun and Kruthik Ravishankar, 6th Place -
Varsity Public Forum Debate



NEWARK INVITATIONAL

Nurah Kutty & Julie Wang, CHAMPION - *Novice Public Forum*

Aman Singh, Semi-finalist - *Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate*

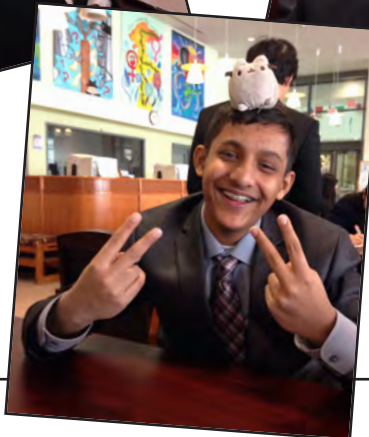
Albert Wu & Albert Wen, Semi-finalist - *Varsity Public Forum*

Gargi Koul, Quarter-finalist - *Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate*

Benny Sun & Sanjana Sharma, Quarter-finalist - *Novice Public Forum*

Alan Liu, Octafinalist - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*

Alexander Smyth, Octafinalist - *Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate*



CHAMINADE INVITATIONAL

**3RD PLACE
TEAM SWEEPSTAKES!**

Omar Bekdash, 2nd Place -
Extemporaneous Speaking

Malaika Ravindran, 4th Place -
Congressional Debate

Lucy Wei, 4th Place - *Oral Interpretation*

Kathy Wei, 5th Place - *Declamation*

Aashita Dixit, 7th Place - *Dramatic Performance*

Aditi Sharma, 8th Place - *Declamation*

Sri Guttikonda, 8th Place -
Dramatic Performance

Anvitha Prasad, 9th Place - *Original Oratory*

Injae Lee, Finalist - *Congressional Debate*

Arnav Gupta, Finalist - *Congressional Debate*

Raheel Abubakar, Finalist -
Congressional Debate

Congratulations to everyone who participated at this weekend's events.

As mentioned at Wednesday's meeting, our heavy season begins in January. We have a series that helps us prepare for the crucial February and March season. I hope this weekend allowed us to see what we need to work on as a team.

Next weekend will be a good indicator of what we can expect at the state and national debate circuit levels. Let's ensure we capitalize on our opportunities to 'raise the standard'

...it's our calling!

— **Mr. Yastremski**

RIDGE INVITATIONAL

January 27, 2018

Ridge Invitational concessions obligations/signups will be sent out within the week.

A few items for consideration:

1. Even if you're taking a bye, you're still obligated for your donations.
2. Our baked goods have not been selling as well as in the past. Please keep in mind that home-baked cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and other treats sell significantly better than store-bought items bakery items or pre-wrapped (i.e., Entenmanns, Tasty-cake, etc.). To be honest, we have been typically left with a large amount of Costco products that do not sell and go to waste (especially when more 15-20 people are all bringing the Costco plain croissants or the x-large muffins). When we have home-made items, we sometimes can even sell them for double what we typically sell store-bought items.



If you have the time or talents and can help us maximize our concessions income, we appreciate any help you can provide in raising the bar of our home-made concessions offerings.

Parent Obligations: Mrs. Retzko will be sending out an updated 'parent obligation' form which gives an update on fulfillment of parent obligations. If you notice any errors when it arrives, please let us know so we can check our records.

Chaperoning: I received a significant amount of requests for chaperoning at UPenn. Preference will be given to those who can also judge for us. I will reach out to selected individuals and will update everyone this week.

Judging: We have many judging slots available for upcoming tournaments at Freehold Township, Millburn HS, and Lafayette College. Thanks to all the parents who have stepped in and helped beyond their required commitment.

RIDGE INVITATIONAL POSTER SIGNUP

We still have some openings for some of the events. Please visit the [signup sheet](#) if you're interesting in doing a poster (or adding another). Photos of past posters can be accessed [here](#).

PENN

I'm linking the [Penn Roster](#) as it is right now. Please verify. Please do not assume the entries/waitlists are correct. Right now, we just have names listed. Coaches will determine who will go in the end. In addition, I've placed Congress names and former members of the team in some spots that we currently have either confirmed spots or waitlists, particularly DI and Extemp, because I want to see how many come off the waitlists and don't want to lose our place in line. Several of you have offered to go to Harvard instead of Penn; I have not made those adjustments yet; however, some will likely be made (particularly in speech).

PENNSBURY

[Some names came off the waitlists.](#) I've been told more will follow. Please confirm everything is correct and STAY TUNED.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS



January 13th —

- Freehold Twp. HS.
- Buses leave at 7:30am.
- If you're a novice who is taking the weekend off because it is not required, please complete a [BYE Form](#) anyway.

January 12-15th —

- Lexington HS, Mass.
- Bus leaves at 3:00pm on Friday.
- Parents will pick you up at the airport on Monday at 1:30pm.
- [Flight Information](#)

January 21st —

- CFL at Union Catholic.
- Buses leave at 7:30am

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- Lafayette College, Easton PA –
- Bus leaves at 7:30

January 28th —

- The 2017 Ridge Invitational!!!!