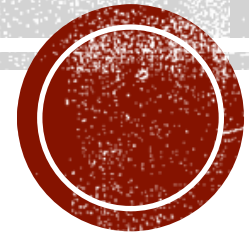


SFHS SPEECH & DEBATE

Re: NCFL Nationals in Ft. Lauderdale, Funding Request
May 22-25, 2015





WHAT IS SPEECH & DEBATE?

- 10 Events
 - 5 Public Speaking
 - 5 Debate
- Specific Time Requirements: 10-60 mins.
- Formal attire
- Year-long competition
- Competition Range: North Central Florida
- Tournament Size:
 - Between 4 and 50 schools, depending on the event



DOES NATIONALS MATTER?

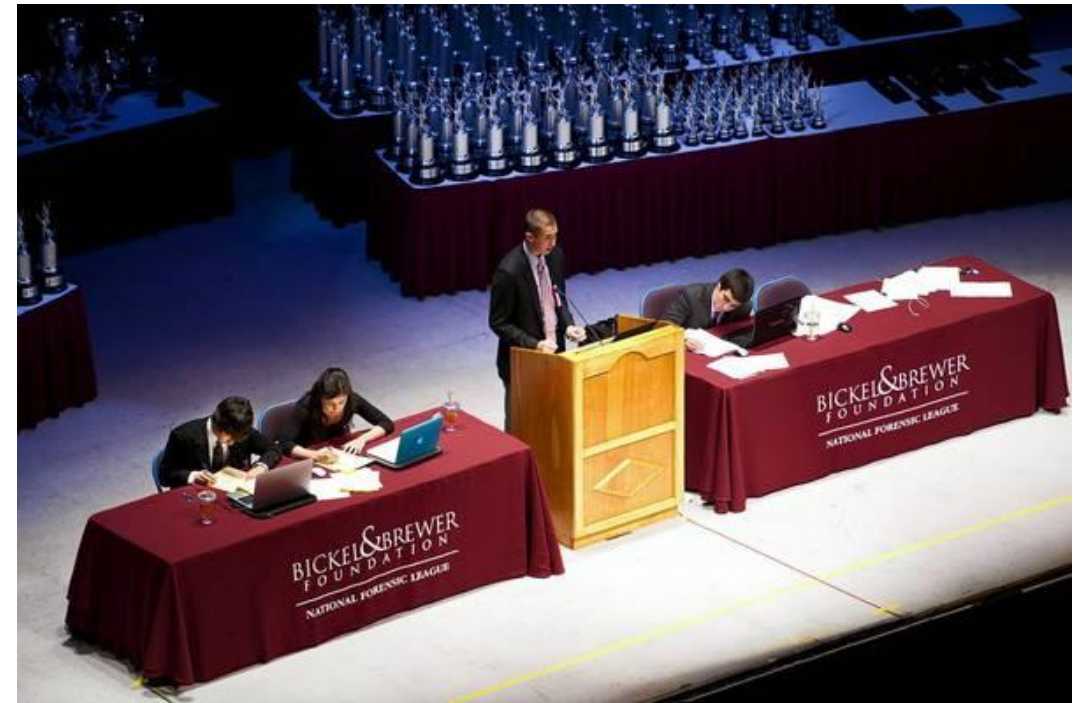
- NCFL Nationals is the most prestigious event in High School Speech & Debate
 - Also, the most difficult to win
- Student experience:
 - **Scholarship opportunities**
 - **Incredible talent, broadening personal experiences**
 - **The most ambitious students in the country**
 - Exposure to knowledge, ideas and self-confidence
 - Ft. Lauderdale



FT. LAUDERDALE



...SHOULD ALACHUA SUPPORT OUR CLUB??



WHY S&D IS DIFFERENT, FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE:

- Unlike Sports Teams and Drama, S&D cannot as easily:
 - Host popular events which may generate thousands of dollars
 - Request funds from local supporters in community
 - Engage parents in a large-scale fundraising event (e.g. breakfast)
 - Fewer parents, lesser name recognition
- Unlike other clubs, S&D is not:
 - Raising money for a morally-engaging charitable cause



OUR CONTRIBUTION:

■ Indirect Benefits

- Just by competing, we improve:
 - The reading, writing, speaking and listening skills of our community
 - As well as:
 - Critical thinking
 - Motivation
 - School spirit
 - Student engagement

■ Direct Benefits

- SFHS Publicity → Academic Prowess!!
- Scholarship opportunities
- Trophies (aka...swag?)
- Common Core alignment:
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PARTING WORD

