



## KINGSWOOD OXFORD

December 15, 2023

Dear Members and Friends of DANEIS,

We cordially invite you to attend the 2023 Kingswood Oxford Public Speaking Tournament on **Sunday, January 28** in West Hartford, Connecticut. This is a **World's qualifying tournament**, and participation is required in 3 events. **Each school may register up to six speakers, and every speaker must compete in one round of all three events:**

- I) After Dinner Speaking **or** Persuasive Speaking (choose one)
  - please note the DANEIS league maximum time of 10 minutes for Persuasive outlined in the [Event Guidelines](#).
- II) Impromptu Speaking **or** Ethical Dilemmas (choose one)
- III) Interpretive Reading (all, mandatory)

[Guidelines](#) and ballots for all of the events are attached. If you require further information about any of the events, please do not hesitate to contact us. We ask that each school entering bring at least one adult judge for its first four entrants and one additional judge for any additional entrants. Also please note: *No student judges will be allowed at this tournament as there may be novice to advanced speakers in the same room.*

Although there will not be separate advanced and novice divisions, we will award distinguished younger speakers competing in their first public speaking tournament. Awards will be given to the top three speakers in each individual category, the top three overall speakers, and the top three schools. In order to be eligible for a school award, a team must consist of at least four speakers.

Please RSVP as soon as possible by completing the form [linked here](#). At that time, please let us know how many speakers you plan to bring, the names of your speakers, their individual event choices, and email addresses for all competitors and judges. Any and all questions should be directed to Carolina Croes at [croes.c@kingswoodoxford.org](mailto:croes.c@kingswoodoxford.org) or Lisa Loeb at [loeb.l@kingswoodoxford.org](mailto:loeb.l@kingswoodoxford.org). **The cost for this tournament is \$80 for a team of 4, and an additional \$20 for each competitor after.**

By 9:00 on the morning of the tournament, please email Carolina Croes at [croes.c@kingswoodoxford.org](mailto:croes.c@kingswoodoxford.org) to confirm your team names or to notify us of any changes. All relevant ballots and other materials will be shared during the judges' meeting at the start of the tournament.

The deadline for entering is **Monday, January 15, 2024**. We look forward to seeing you on January 28!

Sincerely,

Steph Sperber, Carolina Croes, and Michelle Caswell - Kingswood Oxford School Organizers



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## Tournament Schedule

- 9:00 Confirmation of participants emailed to Carolina Croes  
(croes.c@kingswoodoxford.org)
- 10:00-11:00 Breakfast served in the Mead Dining Hall
- 11:00-11:30 Meeting for Judges and Competitors
- 11:30-12:30 Round 1: After Dinner Speaking and Persuasive Speaking
- 12:45-1:45 Round 2: Impromptu Speaking and Ethical Dilemmas
- 2:00-3:00 Round 3: Interpretive Reading
- 3:30 Awards in Tomasso