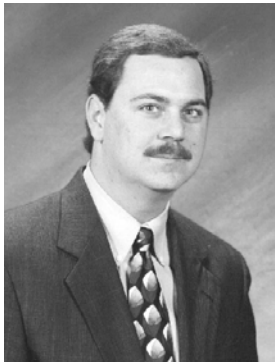
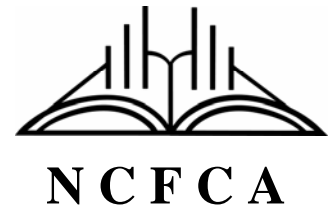


**National Christian Forensics & Communications Association**  
**President's Letter ♦ October 2005**



Dear NCFCA Affiliate Families,


Autumn continues to be a very busy time for all of us involved in promoting home school speech and debate within NCFCA. The planning of tournaments and club events can consume a lot of energy and resources, and we should keep before us the reason we pursue this activity. Colossians 4:6 reminds us about godly communication, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." This is our purpose and vision. We are training our youth to be godly, effective communicators as they mature in the faith, and hopefully being involved in this training will have a positive effect on everyone involved in this activity.

This month brings a more thorough implementation of online services to NCFCA affiliate families. The transition from the previous website provider to the new provider, Etelos, was completed in September, 2005, followed by the opening of online affiliate registration. With this new implementation families can log into a secure area to pay the affiliate registration fee, update their family record, update e-mail addresses, and in the near future register for select tournaments. The affiliate fees have not increased this year (in fact families with multiple competitors will see a \$5 decrease), but the late fees have increased to encourage early registration. If you miss the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, you have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid the next rate increase of \$15. Affiliate families in the Gulf Coast who were affected by the hurricanes have until November 15<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the early registration (please contact your State Representative for details). Early affiliate registration allows the NCFCA leaders in your state and region to adequately prepare for the upcoming tournament season. Any family experiencing difficulties with the online services should send an e-mail to [office@NCFCA.org](mailto:office@NCFCA.org).

NCFCA league competitive events for the 2005-2006 season will be the same as in previous years except for the decision to drop the wildcard individual event for this year. The Team Policy and Lincoln Douglas Value resolutions have been published since June and can be found on the debate page. The ten Individual Events being offered this season are listed on the speech page separately for easy downloading of documents. Apologetics is being offered this year as a permanent league event with hopes for some additional questions plus an additional topic before the end of the year.

Next month, we'll have more league news and more information about the NCFCA State Representatives and Regional Coordinators.

Grace & Peace,



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