

WHY SHOULD I JOIN PSDA?

With all of the concerns educators and coaches face today, the last thing any of us needs is another group to join, or more obligations. But PSDA isn't your typical group – your participation is what you want it to be. So, what does PSDA offer?

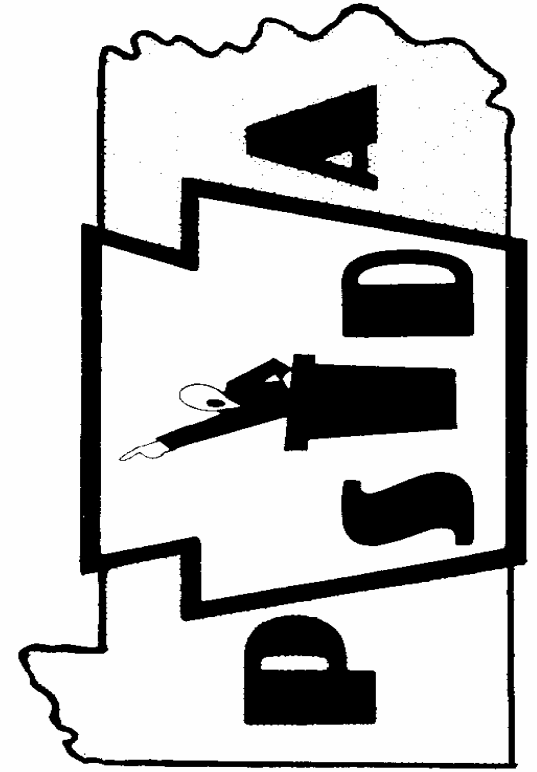
1. **ACT 48 Hours** for attending PSDA conference workshops
2. **IDEAS** that can be used by classroom educators, coaches, and anyone involved in communication instruction
3. **FRIENDS** who provide both a social and professional network

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE?

Come on! Give us a try! This is the ideal time to join PSDA. The number of benefits and professional growth opportunities available are increasing.

Whether you're interested in fresh approaches to teaching, information about forensic coaching and judging, or joining a network of speech educators, PSDA has services, opportunities, and programs for you.

I'M IN PSDA, ARE YOU?



**PENNSYLVANIA
SPEECH AND
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ASSOCIATION**

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organization for communication educators*

- Offers an insurance policy through NFSDA for forensic coaches
- Provides opportunities to share teaching techniques that work
- Provides opportunities to exchange information, ideas, coaching methods, and contest-management skills among forensic coaches
- Creates access to nationally recognized experts in speech and debate
- Provides leadership roles in speech education and forensics
- Holds a yearly conference filled with creative, educationally-based programs, and social gala
- Co-sponsors with PHSSL the Hospitality Room for coaches and judges at the State Tournament at Susquehanna University.

Speech is the Keystone of a free society. The exchange of ideas in the orderly process of Debate provides members of a democracy with the opportunity to make enlightened choices in the exercise of freedom.

WHAT IS PSDA?

The Pennsylvania Speech and Debate Association, founded in 1987, is the outgrowth of a need for an organization focused on elementary, secondary, and collegiate communication teachers, as well as forensic coaches and judges. Its goal is to provide practical application of current theory, research, and literature for use within curricular and co-curricular programs throughout Pennsylvania.

WHAT DOES PSDA DO?

As a member of PSDA, you will have a voice in addressing the issues and concerns that are most important in the teaching of communication, as well as the organizing, coaching, and judging of forensics. Through benefits of PSDA membership, your voice can be heard – and heeded – because PSDA:

- Creates a network of speech, drama, and debate educators
- Publishes a membership directory and newsletter for members
- Provides help in developing curriculum, or in establishing forensic programs
- Assists the non-speech teacher who serves as a forensic coach
- Serves as a liaison to PDE, PASSP, PA Council for the Arts, PHSSL, NFL, NCFL, and NFSDA
- Hosts speakers representing groups such as NFL and PHSSL

What are you waiting for? Fill out the form below and send it to the address at the bottom of the form. Someone from PSDA will contact you about becoming a member, and with information about attending our annual conference!

NAME _____	SCHOOL _____
STREET _____	STREET _____
CITY _____	CITY _____
STATE, ZIP _____	STATE, ZIP _____

I AM (Choose all that apply):

HIGH SCHOOL _____ speech teacher _____ a forensic coach COLLEGE _____ speech teacher _____ forensic coach

Please send to: PSDA, c/o 301 Johnson Street, Youngwood, PA 15697