

# Morningside College

## SPEECH/FORENSICS TALENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

### ***What We Do for Fun, Most People Fear More than Death Itself.***

Collegiate speech is a great way to improve upon the skills you've developed in high school and take them to the next level, competing with students from across the country at meets in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

#### **Morningside Speech Team**

Were you in individual speech, group speech, or debate in high school? Did you participate in communications events in 4-H? Do you want to expand your public speaking skills? Are you serious about improving your speech skills but don't have much experience? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Morningside Speech Team might be for you!

The Morningside Speech Team travels to various speech tournaments in four different states throughout the year, competing in individual events like Prose, Poetry, Dramatic Duo, Informative Speaking, Impromptu Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, and more. The team meets as a group twice a month to prepare for events and practice with each other. Additionally, members schedule rehearsal sessions with Dr. Leslie Werden, speech advisor, to further prepare for competitions. While competing is not necessary to be part of the team, it sure is fun!

#### **Speech in the Classroom**

In addition to joining the Speech Team, Morningside students have the opportunity to show off their skills in various classroom settings. Composition & Communication (MORN 102) opens the door to public speaking for college freshmen while Mastering Public Speaking (MORN 301) encourages upper classmen to hone their skills, investigate and practice various rhetorical strategies, research controversial topics, develop and support ideas and arguments, refine organizational skills, and present ideas in public. Public speaking is not limited to these classrooms, however. Students work on public speaking in multiple departments including Communications, Business, Political Science, Biology, Psychology, and more.

#### **Talent Grant for Public Speaking**

Speech Talent Achievement Awards are up to \$4,000 per year and are renewable for up to four years while you are a full-time student at Morningside. All students wishing to apply for a Speech Talent Achievement Award should plan on presenting their best piece from high school speech or another well-developed speech of approximately 7-10 minutes. These pieces should be either almost memorized or completely memorized. In addition, students should bring a letter of recommendation from either the speech coach or another instructor who can attest to your public speaking skills. Contact the admissions office if you are unable to provide a recommendation letter and they will advise you appropriately.