



**ILLINOIS COMMUNICATION AND
THEATRE ASSOCIATION**

2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Illinois Communication and Theatre Association 2021 Convention



Hello!

Unpredicted except perhaps through science fiction, movie scripts, and novels, the Covid-19 pandemic has changed everyday life, caused wide-scale illness and death, and provoked preventive measures like social distancing, confinement, and school closures. We are in the midst of a revolution.

As states began to reopen, individuals were itching to return back to “normal.” The problem? Nobody knows what “normal” is anymore. Even with a vaccine for the coronavirus, human behavior and personal politics created confusion and stilted our progress.

During the Great Recession in 2009, Ian Morgan Davis, former managing partner at McKinsey and Company, a global management consulting firm, wrote, “The question is, ‘What will normal look like?’ While no one can say how long the crisis will last, what we find on the other side will not look like the normal of recent years.”

Now, 11 years later, those words still ring true. In this unprecedented new reality, we’re going to witness a shift in the way nearly everything has previously operated—healthcare, tourism and travel, restaurants and retail, and work. It’s our new normal.

The pandemic has reshuffled our needs, which are now based on a new order. Whether of short or medium duration, will it end in a return to the “normal” or move us into an unknown future? What is the impact of this longing for a return to simpler times?

In a complex and unequal world, the well-being of students requires diverse and even conflicting visions of the world, its problems, and the forms of knowledge we study to address them. Our lives will be forever changed by COVID-19—and some of the experiences we’ve had will not go away. I think we’re about to experience what we’ll start calling our “new normal.”

Because we have been away from our campuses, our departments, our classrooms and our coworkers, I am so excited to be back in the midst of colleagues! This parallels our past lives of in-person workplace conversations, lunches (and happy hours) and reduced interruptions during the workday.

So on behalf of the ICTA board and the planning committee, I would like to welcome you to the 2021 Illinois Communication and Theater Association Convention. Our theme this year teetered with the changes in the country and was slow in coming. Join us in what we hope will be an offering of ideas that will prepare us all to approach new challenges in a meaningful way!

Janine Stroemer
ICTA First Vice President
Chair, Conference Planning Committee

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Convention Highlights

Spotlight Panel – Mental Health: Picking Up the Pieces after COVID-19 (Friday, 10:45 - 12:10)

You are invited to join us for a powerful special session. This is an excellent, timely opportunity to hear from respected experts when it comes to our young population. Whether you work in education or live with/care for a child or teen, this conference has real potential to change outlooks and improve lives.

Public health emergencies such as COVID-19 have a significant impact on students and their families, educators and the school mental health workforce, as well as the school mental health system. Addressing the mental health impact on students, parents, teachers and school personnel has become more important and necessary than ever before.

Attending to mental health needs is as important for educators as it is for students. We are role models, we are caregivers, we are first responders (much too often, lately). If we are to establish environments that are healthy, safe, and supportive for students, we must be working to address our own health and well-being.

It is important to understand that the COVID-19 pandemic has and will likely continue to magnify and exacerbate social and economic inequities for many. We ask our friends and colleagues to keep a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion at heart as we continue to adjust and reimagine the work ahead of all of us.

Panelists include:

- Dr. Dorcas Adaramola, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, SIU
- Dr. Vidhya Prakash, MD, Infectious Disease Professor, SIU
- Dr. David Rosen, MD, Washington School of Medicine
- Catherine Cook, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator, Homewood-Flossmoor High School
- Tarsha Wiggins, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Founder of Speak Wellness Behavioral Health Consulting

Emerging Leaders Cohort (Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 pm)

Join other ICTA members in exploring your leadership potential! Lauren Morgan, College of DuPage, will lead this interactive workshop to help participants understand how to "lead from where you are" and develop a foundation for achieving your personal and professional goals. No previous leadership experience necessary. A box lunch will be provided for participants. Indicate your desire to participate when you register.

Past Presidents' Reception (Thursday, 8:30 - 10:00)

This relatively new ICTA tradition is a good way to begin the 2021 Convention; you won't want to miss it! Join us on Thursday evening starting at 8:30 p.m. to kick off the Convention with a meet and greet hosted by ICTA Past Presidents including BJ Lawrence, Jan Heiteen, Adam Jenkins, Judy Santacaterina, and Jeff Przybylo. This reception will take place in River A-D. **All attendees are invited.** Meet colleagues - old and new! Snacks and raffle prizes will be included!

President's Reception (Friday, 8:00 - 10:30)

Friday evening, this year's President will welcome you with desserts and Team Trivia! The reception will begin at 8 p.m. (after dinner on your own).

Electronic Script Exchange (Forensics)

For many years, ICTA has sponsored a script exchange as one of our key services at convention. For the past several years, we have collected scripts electronically to share with interested members. All those who would like to participate need to send an electronic copy of a performance ready script for PR, POET, OD, HI, HDA, DI, or DDA. Be sure to include specific publication information as well. If you are interested in participating, please send your script to Justin Matkovich at jmatkovich@csd99.org between NOW and October 3. The collected scripts will then be e-mailed to all who contributed.

Electronic Lesson Plan Exchange (Communication)

The Swap Shop has been a highlight of ICTA for many years. Swap shop participants email a lesson plan, article, activity, etc. for the communication classroom. Classroom or extracurricular activities. Members who would like to participate should email an activity, lesson plan, article, etc. to Justin Matkovich at jmatkovich@csd99.org between NOW and October 3. The collected lessons will then be e-mailed to all who contributed a lesson.

Book and Materials Exchange

Bring books or materials related to your discipline that you would like to contribute to the exchange table; take books that interest you. This is a fantastic way to pass along materials and books and to find some new gems.

Food and Conversation

If you stay at the hotel, breakfast is included with your hotel room. If you don't stay at the hotel, your convention fee includes a light breakfast on both Friday and Saturday morning, 7:30–8:30 a.m. or so. For everyone attending Friday, your convention registration includes the luncheon (reservation requested).

Professional Development Units

ICTA is a registered Professional Development Provider for Illinois K-12 teachers. PD hours are earned 1 per eligible session. Please use the "Conference-at-a-Glance" as your checklist. You will also need to fill out an evaluation form (77-21A), available at the registration table. Return this to the registration table and provide your IEIN number. You will receive the completion form (77-21B). If you have any questions, please talk to Ed Schwarz.

Illinois Communication and Theatre Association
2021 Convention at a Glance

Time	Session	Room
THURSDAY		
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Hilton
8:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m.	Convention Registration	Hotel Lobby
8:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	Past Presidents' Reception – Everyone welcome! Greet new and old members. Snacks & Raffle	Hilton Room and Hotel Bar
FRIDAY		
7:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m. 1:45 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	Registration	Convention Center
7:30 a.m.–8:45 a.m.	Light Breakfast (coffee, etc.) New Member Orientation (8:15 a.m.) Opening Session (8:30 a.m.)	River A-D
9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Session 1	
Forensics Track 1	IHSA – Proof of Publication/Rule Changes	Fon du Lac EF
Forensics Track 2	IIFA Meeting	River A-D
Post-Pandemic-monium Track	Pedagogies of Positivity and Fun	Fon du Lac C
Communication Contexts Track: Journalism	From “Research” to “Investigative Journalism”: Gathering Information in a Post-Truth Society	Fon du Lac B
Diversity & Advocacy Track	Understanding the Indigenous From Past to Present: Championing the Voice of Oglala Sioux (Lakota)	Fon du Lac D
10:45 a.m.–12:10 p.m.	Session 2	
SPOTLIGHT PANEL	Mental Health: Picking Up the Pieces after COVID-19	River A-D
12:20 p.m.–1:45 p.m.	Luncheon, Business Meeting, & Awards	Hotel Atrium & Grandview

2:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.	Session 3	
Forensics Track	New Coach G.I.F.T.S.	River A-D
Post-Pandemic-monium Track	Putting Pandemic Lessons Learned into Practice	Fon du Lac C
Communication Contexts Track: Theatre	Oh, the Places You Can Go: Theatre Programs and Degree Options	Fon du Lac B
Diversity & Advocacy Track	New Adventures for Advocacy, Part I: ELA Teacher Licensure	Fon du Lac D
4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	New Member Reception – All are welcome! Hors d'oeuvres	Grandview Room
5:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own	
8:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m.	President's Reception – All are welcome! Dessert, Drinks, Awards, Trivia, etc.	Grandview Room
SATURDAY		
7:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	Registration	Convention Center
7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast; Orientation for New Members arriving on Saturday; Announcements	River A-D
9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.	Session 4	
Forensics	Engaging Your Team Online and In Person	Fon du Lac EF
Post-Pandemic-monium	Well-Being (Taking Care of the Community - In Person)	Fon du Lac C
Communication Contexts Track: Theater	Virtual Theatre – Here to Stay	Fon du Lac B
Diversity & Advocacy Track	New Adventures for Advocacy, Part II: Speak Up for Speech	Fon du Lac D
10:30 a.m.– 11:45 a.m.	Session 5	
Forensics Track	New Normal for Tournaments	Fon du Lac EF
Post-Pandemic-monium Track	New Ways of Doing Old (Workshop)	Fon du Lac C
Communication Contexts Track: Film	Ways of Seeing: Visual Literacy through Film	Fon du Lac B

Diversity & Advocacy Track	Breaking the Invisible Barrier: A Model for Addressing Gender-Based Violence at the City Colleges	Fon du Lac D
12:00 – 12:45	Session 6	
11:30 – 12:45	Back to the beginning – with Raffle, Silent Auction results; Closing	River A-D
1:00 – 4:00	Emerging Leaders Cohort (includes box lunch)	Grandview
1:00 – 4:00	Board Meeting	Hilton



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ICTA CONFERENCE 2021

Thursday, September 23, 2021

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - ICTA Board Meeting and Dinner

Room: Hilton

8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – Registration (in Hotel Lobby)

Room: Hotel Lobby

Attendees may pick up a their convention badge. Participants may also register for professional development credits.

8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. - Past Presidents' Reception

Room: Grandview Room

Join ICTA Past Presidents including BJ Lawrence, Jan Heiteen, Adam Jenkins, Judy Santacaterina, and Jeff Przybylo, for a meet and greet with colleagues old and new. You definitely don't want to miss this fantastic way to kick-off convention - raffle prizes included! Snacks, too!

Friday, September 24, 2021

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Registration in the Conference Center

Room: Conference Center

Attendees may pick up their convention badge. Also, participants may drop off material for the book and materials exchange, and register for professional development credits.

7:30 am to 8:45 am – Light Breakfast; New Member Orientation (8:15); Opening Session and Announcements (8:30)

Room: River A-D

Coffee and light breakfast items for attendees not staying at the hotel. A buffet breakfast (in the Embassy Suites) is complimentary for guests staying at the hotel. At 8:15 a.m. a brief orientation will be held for new members. Following the New Member Orientation, at 8:30 a.m. a Convention Planner will provide all members with information about the Convention.

9:00 – 10:30 am**Session 1****Friday****Forensics Track (1) IHSA – Proof of Publication/Rule Changes****Room: Fon du Lac EF**

Sponsor: Secondary Forensics

Presenters: Jan Heiteen, IHSA State Speech Chair
Susie Knoblauch, IHSA Assistant Executive Director

This Session will address rule changes in Individual Events, Drama/Group Interp and Debate for the 2021-22 Season. Hot Topics and Procedural Items from the Advisory Meeting, Coaches Roundtables will be discussed. Subjects such as Virtual Tournament Design, Event Maintenance/Changes, Hosting and Tournament Management, State and National Trends and more to be shared. Share your ideas live and offer your recommendations on a coaches' survey!

Forensics Track (2) IIFA Fall Meeting**Room: River A-D**

Sponsor: Higher Ed Forensics

Presenters: Vance Pierce, University of Illinois Chicago
Kacy Stevens, College of DuPage
Jeff Przybylo, Harper College

The Illinois Intercollegiate Forensics Association's Fall Meeting will discuss college speech/individual events as well as debate.

Post-Pandemic-monium Pedagogies of Positivity and Fun**Room: Fon du Lac C**Presenters: Bryan Asbury, Illinois Central College (Panel Coordinator)
Shanita Baraka Akintonde, Columbia College
Yonty Friesem, Columbia College
Peg Murphy, Columbia College

During the pandemic, the educational atmosphere was often dour as many of us wished to be in the classroom helping our students as we always have. As we emerge, this group of panelists shares with us how they will pick up the pieces of the pandemic by infusing positivity into the classroom, with an emphasis on the fun! This panel will explore ways to improve the atmosphere of the classroom while benefiting from the documented benefits of positivity.

9:00 – 10:30 am**Session 1 (continued)****Friday****Communication Contexts: Journalism****From “Research” to “Investigative” Journalism:
Gathering Information in a Post Truth Society****Room: Fon du Lac B**

Presenters: Anthony Zoubek, Bartlett High School
 Rachael Kucharski, Homewood-Flossmoor High School

We want students to be "intellectually curious." But in the age of social media, falsehoods spread faster than facts. Students must be taught not only how to find accurate information, but also what "accuracy" means, and why "truth" is not merely a Google search away. This panel will demonstrate how to teach students investigative journalism skills as a means of research-based inquiry. To change the tenor of how students approach research, we must help them be adept at separating fact from fiction.

Diversity & Advocacy**Understanding the Indigenous from Past to Present:
Championing the Voice of Oglala Sioux (Lakota)****Room: Fon du Lac D**

Presenters: Doris Briggs
 Sunny Serres, Harold Washington College
 Reshmi Sen, College of DuPage

Doris's work with residents of the Pine Ridge Reservation has allowed her an opportunity to learn more about their culture, the whitewashing of their history, and understand their lives today.

10:45 a.m.–12:10 p.m.**Session 2****Friday****SPOTLIGHT PANEL****Mental Health:
Picking up the Pieces after COVID-19****Room: River A-D**

Presenters: Dr. Dorcas Adaramola, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, SIU
 Dr. Vidhya Prakash, MD, Infectious Disease Professor, SIU
 Dr. David Rosen, MD, Washington School of Medicine
 Catherine Ross-Cook, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator, Homewood-Flossmoor High School
 Tarsha Wiggins, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Founder of Speak Wellness Behavioral Health Consulting

This panel will explore the impact of public health emergencies such as COVID-19 on students and their families, educators and the school mental health workforce, as well as the school mental health system. The impact on students, parents, teachers and school personnel has been significant, and it's important to know how the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated social and economic inequities for many in our communities. This group of professionals will share their expertise and perspectives on what lies ahead in these challenging times.

12:20 p.m.–1:45 p.m.**Luncheon and Business Meeting****Friday****Room: Hotel Atrium and Grandview Room**

Be sure to register for the luncheon when you register for the convention. There will be a short business meeting during the luncheon, including reports about the convention and a vote on an proposed amendment to the ICTA Constitution. Awards will also be presented

2:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.**Session 3****Friday****Forensics Track****Coach Workshop****Room: River A-D**

Presenters: Justin Matkovich, Downers Grove South (Emcee)
 Vance Pierce, University of Illinois Chicago
 Andrew Eilola, Bradley University
 Tia Collins, Bradley University

This year, the Coach Workshop will take the form of an interactive group of mini-lessons. Attendees will move from table to table every ten minutes to discuss coaching tips and tricks of the trade from experienced coaches. Attendees will learn coaching strategies including: how to find and cut material, how to research, how to file in extemp, how to coach radio and so much more! The goal of this panel is to jumpstart your season with quick and easy strategies to make you a better coach, and your students more successful competitors.

Post-Pandemic-monium Putting Pandemic Lessons Learned into Practice

Room: Fon du Lac C

Presenters: Dana Trunnell, Prairie State College (Panel Coordinator)
 Alexandra Herd, Prairie State College
 Bill Lucio, Harper College
 Jeff Przybylo, Harper College

If there's one thing we've learned from the pandemic, it's that we've learned a lot. And, we are all different. This panel will explore the lessons we've learned from the pandemic and how our educational and personal practices will forever be altered as a result.

Communication Contexts: Theatre Oh, the Places You Can Go

Room: Fon du Lac B

Presenter: Richard Arnold, Jr., Elmhurst University
 Steven House, Western Illinois University

This panel of college and university faculty discuss the many types of theatre programs and degree options available to college-bound students.

Diversity & Advocacy New Adventures in Advocacy, Part I Reforms Put Communication at the Forefront

Room: Fon du Lac D

Presenters: Anthony Zoubek, Bartlett High School
 Heather Danek, Minooka Community High School
 Lauren Morgan, College of DuPage

With our collective attention diverted by a global pandemic, the Illinois State Board of Education authorized several surprising (and unpublicized) changes in English Language Arts (9-12) teacher licensure. The Advocacy Committee will update panel attendees on these changes and the subsequent challenges and opportunities they provide for our discipline. Learn what you and ICTA can (and cannot) do as we seek to improve teacher preparation and the skills of our students.

4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. New Member Reception Friday

Room: River A-D

All are welcome! This is an opportunity for new and continuing members to get to know each other a little more. Join us for hors d'oeuvres before you head out for dinner on your own.

5:30 p.m.– 8:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

If you need suggestions for a place to dine in the Peoria area, ask a Board Member.

8:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m.**President's Reception****Friday****Room: River A-D**

All are welcome! Join us for desserts, drinks, and fellowship. Each member will receive one drink ticket; after that, drinks will be available at a cash bar. Events include Team Trivia, Raffles, and great conversations. Get your teams ready!



Saturday, September 25, 2021

7:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. Registration in the Conference Center**Room: Conference Center**

Attendees may pick up their convention badge. Also, participants may drop off material for the book and materials exchange, and register for professional development credits.

**7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. – Light Breakfast; New Member (Saturday arrivals) Orientation (8:15);
Opening Session and Announcements (8:30)**

Room: River A-D

Coffee and very light breakfast items for attendees not staying at the hotel. A buffet breakfast (in the Embassy Suites) is complimentary for guests staying at the hotel. An orientation for new members who arrive on Saturday will be held at 8:15 a.m. At 8:30, a Convention Planner will provide information.

9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.**Session 4****Saturday****Forensics Track****Room: Fon du Lac EF Engaging Your Team Online and In Person**

Presenters: Andrew Eilola, Bradley University
Tia Collins, Bradley University

While many words have become ingrained in our vocabulary over the past year (PPE, Metrics, and contract-tracing are a few that come to mind), few strike fear into a speech coach's heart as "new normal". As the competition season is about to begin, there are many uncertainties about what the "New Normal" will look like for speech tournaments. This panel is designed to prepare coaches for the various formats tournaments will take this year, as well as discuss how to navigate various district, state, and national restrictions in order to have a successful season.

Post-Pandemic-monium Well-Being
(Taking Care of the Community – In-person)

Room: Fon du Lac C

Presenters: Lindsay Thomas, Illinois State University (Panel Coordinator)
Nathan Carpenter, Illinois State University
Byron Craig, Illinois State University
Kathleen Craven, Illinois State University
Lee Anne Hale, Illinois State University
Stephen Hunt, Illinois State University
Abbie Paul, Illinois State University

The COVID-19 pandemic fractured the ways in which we build and maintain relationships and opened up the possibilities for more online and virtual connection. However, as we pick up the pieces and enter a new normal, this panel seeks to identify how we can provide social support throughout our return to normal as well as how to reach out to others to build relationships while maintaining our own sense of well-being.

Communication Contexts: Theatre
Virtual Theatre – Here to Stay

Room: Fon du Lac B

Presenter: Richard Arnold, Jr., Elmhurst University
Don Shadrow, Coalescence Theatre Project/Board of Directors for the ITA
(Community Theatre Representative)

This panel will discuss the rise of virtual performance during the past year, what they did to create successful virtual performances, and how virtual performances may evolve.

Diversity & Advocacy New Adventures in Advocacy, Part II
Speaking Up for Speech

Room: Fon du Lac D

Presenters: Anthony Zoubek, Bartlett High School
 Heather Danek, Minooka Community High School
 Lauren Morgan, College of DuPage

Government may mandate frameworks, but your school's required curricula, best practices, specific learning targets, and student outcomes are subject to substantial local control and community oversight. Using advocacy resources provided by the National Education Association, learn how to advocate for communication education in your classroom, department, school, district, and community. Join us to learn how to speak up for speech!!

10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.

Session 5

Saturday

Forensics Track New Normal for Tournaments

Room: Fon du Lac EF

Presenters: Justin Matkovich, Downers Grove South
 Adam Jenkins, Belleville West High School

One of the most difficult aspects of the 2020-2021 school year was keeping students engaged and motivated in the digital space. Screen fatigue is real! This panel is designed to help coaches come up with innovative ways to keep students engaged with speech no matter what forms it takes. Coaches will learn about how to energize and organize their teams in person and online!

Post-Pandemic-monium New Ways of Doing Old

Room: Fon du Lac C

Presenters: Dana Trunnell, Prairie State College
 Erin Gomez, Prairie State College
 Alexandra Herd, Prairie State College
 Kanoa Mulling, Homewood-Flossmoor High School
 Kim Roe, Illinois Central College

During the COVID-19 pandemic, high school and college instructors were forced to reinvent our teaching methods and philosophies in order to transition face-to-face instruction to online content. One silver lining of such a disruption is that many of us have reexamined our tried and true face-to-face instruction and reinvigorated how we approach teaching. Join this group of panelists as they share how the pandemic has helped them to pick up the pieces and to create new ways of doing old.

Communication Contexts: Film
"Ways of Seeing: Visual Literacy Through Film"

Room: Fon du Lac B

Presenters: Joshua Green, Prairie State College
 Anthony Zoubek, Bartlett High School

Using movies as a teaching tool, we engage in the suspense, humor, acting, and dialogue of cinema. However, it is specific elements of film-style (or "ways of seeing") that actually tell the most compelling story. Spatial relationships between characters, camera position and movements, striking imagery, editing, lighting, colors, and the like contain inferred meaning worth exploring in our classrooms. Panelists will discuss the extent to which "film style" equates to "film language." You can teach students "the filmic alphabet," so that they may "read into" what a filmic "author" is trying to say.

Diversity & Advocacy Breaking the Invisible Barrier
A Model for Addressing Gender-Based Violence at the City Colleges

Room: Fon du Lac D

Presenters: Viggy Alexandersson, Malcolm X College
 Michael Johns, Kennedy-King College
 LaTia Lane, Olive-Harvey College
 Samantha Luce, Project S.A.F.E. at the City Colleges
 Bernessa Tate, Harold Washington

This panel will discuss a coordinated community model for the prevention of and response to gender-based violence at the City Colleges of Chicago and its relevance for educators across IL.

12:00 – 12:45 am Session 6 Saturday

Room: River A-D

The closing session will include conference wrap-up and announcements, as well as prize drawings for a one-year membership, silent auction items, and raffle prizes.

1:00 – 4:00 pm ICTA Board Meeting with Boxed Lunch

Room: Hilton

1:00 – 4:00 pm Emerging Leaders Cohort with Boxed Lunch

Room: Grandview Room

Do you find if the word "leader" is mentioned, you immediately think, "That's not me!?" If someone taps you for leadership, do you run for the hills? Are you hesitant to lead because you believe you lack skill or experience? This workshop will help you learn how to lead from where you are and build your leadership muscle. Lauren Morgan, Phi Theta Kappa Certified Leadership Development

Instructor and Certified Fearless Living Life Coach, will facilitate this highly interactive workshop to explore barriers to leadership, clarify the values that ground your leadership philosophy and help you tap into your inner leader.

ICTA PAST PRESIDENTS

1930 – 31	W.P. Sandford, University of Illinois
1932	Ralph Dennis, Northwestern University
1933	Fed S. Sorensen, Illinois State Normal University
1934 – 35	G.W. Campbell, Northern Illinois State Teachers
1936	Glenn Foss, Eastern Illinois State Teachers
1937 – 38	Mary Blackburn, Granite City High School
1939	John Shaver, Des Plaines-Park Ridge High School
1940	Roberta Poos, Eastern Illinois State Teachers
1941	James D. McBurney, Eastern Illinois State Teachers
1942 – 45	F.L.D. Holmes, Illinois State Normal State Teachers
1946	Karl Robinson, Northwestern University
1947	Frank Tomlinson, Lake Forest College
1948	William O'Connell, Northern Illinois University
1949	Marion Stuart, Champaign High School
1950	L.E. Norton, Bradley University
1951	Mary E. Williams, Oak Park Schools
1952	Wayne Thompson, University of Illinois Chicago
1953	Clarence Nystrom, Wheaton College
1954	Ivan L. Rehn, Lyons Township High School
1955	Halbert E. Gulley, University of Illinois
1956	Melba Wixom, Waukegan Township High School
1957	Paul Hunsinger, Southern Illinois University
1958	Jeanette Lloyd, Freeport High School
1959	G. Bradford Barber, Illinois State University
1960	Bob F. Johnston, Homewood-Flossmoor High School
1961	Ralph A Micken, Southern Illinois University
1962	Earl R. Davis, Thornton Fractional South High School
1963	Marie Robinson, Illinois Wesleyan University
1964	Ralph Lane, Glenbrook North High School
1965	Charlotte Lee, Northwestern University
1966	Edith Harrod, Pekin Community High School
1967	Charles A. White, Illinois State University
1968	William E. Sanders, New Trier West High School
1969	Marvin Kleinau, Southern Illinois University
1970	Wanda Mitchell, Evanston High School
1971	Donald Marine, Illinois Central College
1972	Richard Hunsaker, Belleville West High School
1973	E. Neal Claussen, Bradley University
1974	John Duffin, Ottawa Township High School
1975	Clyde Fairies, Western Illinois University
1976	Douglas R. Springer, Pekin Community High School

1977	Don Morlan, University of Dayton/Eastern Illinois University
1978 – 79	Maxine Joyce, Macomb High School
1980	W. "Bud" Williams, Wheaton North High School
1981	George Tuttle, Illinois State University
1982	Thomas B. McClain, New Trier East High School
1983	Phillip A. Gray, Northern Illinois University
1984	Paul J. Haywood, Homewood-Flossmoor High School
1985	Jerry Mathis, Sauk Valley College
1986	Don R. Rourke, Crystal Lake Central High School
1987	Marion Kleinau, Southern Illinois University
1988	John B. Davis, Warren Township High School
1989	David Arnold, Rock Valley College
1990	Connie Link, Heyworth High School
1991	William Semlak, Illinois State University
1992	Joseph Henry Rust, Rend Lake College
1993	Deb Woodard, Warren Township High School
1994	Jan Heiteen, Downers Grove South High School
1995	Ken Hawkinson, Western Illinois University
1996	Morris Snively, Belleville East High School
1997	Elighie Wilson III, Millikin University
1998	Lauren Morgan, Normal Community - College of DuPage
1999	Barbara I. Hall, University of Illinois
2000	Allan Kimball, Southeastern Illinois College
2001	Tom Pace, Southern Illinois University
2002	Carol Harms, Belleville East High School
2003	Tina Winings, Charleston High School
2004	Douglas K. Jennings, Illinois State University
2005	Jane Bailey, Waterloo High School
2006	Ed Schwarz, Prairie State College
2007	B.J. Lawrence, Bradley University
2008	Ed Jodlowski, Lincoln Community High School
2009	Eric Ewan, Pekin Community High School
2010	Jeff Przybylo, Harper College
2011	Dave Naze, Prairie State College
2012	Ann Witting, Thornton Fractional South High School
2013	Judy Santacaterina, Northern Illinois University
2014	Ellie Marvin, Normal West High School
2015	Kevin Long, Harper College
2016	Adam Jenkins, Belleville West High School
2017	Kacy Abeln, College of DuPage
2018	Julie Weishar, Parkland Community College
2019	Lisa Stout, Washington Community High School
2020	Brian Rohman, University High School

W. P. SANDFORD AWARD

Sandford served as President of the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association in 1930 and 1931. He was a Professor of English and Rhetoric at University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana. Sandford published numerous scholarly articles in a variety of journals, including the Quarterly Journal of Speech throughout the 1930s and 1940s. The Sandford award is given in recognition of exceptional service to the Association over an extended period of years and significant contributions to the field of speech and theatre.

Pre-1971: Mary Blackburn, Martin Holcomb, F.L.D. Holmes, Clara K. Mawhinney, Clarence Nystrom, Ian Rehn, Roberta Poos.

1971	G. Bradford Barber, Jessie Frederick, & Ruth Yates	1995	Phillip Gray
1972	E. Dorothy Peterson	1996	Elizabeth Faries
1973	Kenneth Burns, Earl Davis, Wanda B. Mitchell, & C. Horton Talley	1997	E. Neal Claussen
1974	Paul Crawford & Charlotte Lee	1998	Douglas R. Springer
1975	Ralph Micken, Halbert Gulley, & L.E. Norton	1999	John B. Davis
1976	Birdine Groshong, R.P. Hibbs, Marion Kleinau, & Margaret Wood	2000	Morris Snively
1977	Carl Dallinger	2001	Connie Link
1978	Jeanette Lloyd	2002	Jan Heiteen
1979	Margaret Crowley	2003	Deb Woodard
1980	Marie J. Robinson	2004	Robert Neuleib
1981	Margaret Cadle	2005	Douglas K. Jennings
1982	Ralph Lane	2006	Craig W. Cutbirth
1983	Lawrence E. Connolly	2007	Ken Hawkinson
1984	Richard A. King	2008	Henry Hertz
1985	Phillip Decker	2009	Betty Jane Lawrence
1986	Mina Halliday	2010	Carol Harms
1987	Maxine Joyce	2011	Allan Kimball
1988	Adrian Frana, George Tuttle	2012	Tom Pace
1989	Marvin Kleinau	2013	Elighie Wilson, Tina Winings
1990	Clyde Faries	2014	Eric Ewan
1991	John Duffin	2015	Judy Santacanterina
1992	Kenneth E. Anderson	2016	Lauren Morgen
1993	Richard Hunsaker	2017	Ed Jodlowski
1994	Jerry Mathis	2018	Ed Schwarz
		2019	No award given
		2020	No award given

EDITH MARJORIE HARROD AWARD

Edith served as President of the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association in 1966, and was a member of the Illinois Board of Education for five years. She taught Drama and English at Eureka High School from 1943 to 1951. She taught Drama at Pekin Community High School from 1951 to 1971. She was an Associate Professor of Creative Arts at Illinois Central College where she taught Speech and Drama until her death in 1976. At Illinois Central College she created an interdisciplinary course in the humanities including art, drama, music and philosophy. She received her B.A. degree from Eureka College in 1943, and her M.A. degree from the University of Iowa in 1949. She completed additional graduate study at Northwestern University in Evanston and the University of Minnesota. In 1961, she was awarded the John Hay Fellowship in Humanities. She attended symposia on theater at Stratford, Ontario, Canada, in 1965, 1966 and 1968, studying with Tyrone Guthrie, who helped establish the Shakespeare Festival there, and who founded the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis. She was director of Broadway Theater League and Cornstock Theater. She directed plays for Cornstock Theater and at Illinois Central College directed Readers' Theater and Plays for Living. The Harrod award is In recognition of distinguished service to the Association and outstanding achievement in the profession.

1978	Philip Decker, Richard Hunsaker, William E. Sanders	1999	Marion Kleinau
1979	Mina Halliday	2000	Kenneth Anderson
1980	No award given	2001	Tom Sweeney
1981	Maxine Joyce	2002	Tom Pace & Douglas R. Springer
1982	L.E. Norton	2003	Timothy Sweeney
1983	Earl Davis	2004	Jim Seamon
1984	Marvin Kleinau	2005	Keith Sanders & Elighie Wilson
1985	John Duffin	2006	Tina Winings
1986	Jerry Mathis	2007	William R. Kirksey
1987	Philip Gray	2008	Jan Heiteen
1988	Barry Kautz	2009	Eric Ewan
1989	E. Neal Claussen	2010	Lauren Morgan
1990	Paul Haywood	2011	Jeff Przybylo
1991	John Davis	2012	Reddy Royce Wilson
1992	Marjorie Risser	2013	Pam Kimball
1993	James Jewell	2014	Ed Jodlowski
1994	Connie Link	2015	Doug Jennings
1995	Joseph Rust	2016	Ellie Marvin
1996	Thomas B. McClain	2017	Adam Jenkins
1997	Morris Snively	2018	No Award Given
1998	Robert Neuleib	2019	Anna Wright
		2020	No award given

Edith Marjorie Harrod Award Winner
Julie Weishar



Julie Weishar is currently the Program Director for Communication and Chair of the Fine and Applied Arts Department at Parkland College. She earned her Master's Degree in Speech and Theatre from the University of Illinois Chicago and taught in various high schools in Illinois and Virginia, also working as a forensics coach and judge whenever possible. She began teaching Communication courses part-time at Tidewater Community College. In the mid-1990's Julie and her family moved to Champaign, Illinois, where she taught at Parkland College part-time, before being hired to teach full-time in 2001. During her 25+ years at Parkland, she developed curriculum for numerous communication courses and was instrumental in reinstating the forensics team, starting a Speech Lab (now the Presentation Center), and co-founding the annual David Jones Persuasive Speech Contest for Parkland students. Besides chairing many college-wide committees at Parkland, Julie has also represented community colleges and the communication profession by serving on two IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) Panels—the Gen Ed Communication Panel (which she also co-chaired) and the Theater Panel. In 2010, Julie received the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award.

Julie first learned about ISTA (now ICTA) in the mid-1980s, and became active in ISTA/ICTA after returning from her time teaching in Virginia. In 2009, she joined the ICTA Board as the Higher Ed Chair, subsequently serving in other positions including President in 2017-18. She notes that it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve on the Board and work with such talented and dedicated colleagues. Julie has been very active in ICTA, CSCA, and NCA, participating and presenting at many conferences. Julie says she is indebted to the wonderful professionals she has met through ICTA and is inspired by their dedication to helping students be successful.

CONNIE LINK OUTSTANDING MENTORSHIP AWARD

The Connie Link Outstanding Mentorship Award is named in memory of long-standing member and past president Connie Link. The award is given to a teacher currently teaching (or retired) in Illinois who has taught speech, theatre, and/or English for a significant length of time (10 years or more). The qualifications for this award include distinguished service to the association and outstanding achievement in the profession, especially in mentorship of teachers and/or speech/theatre coaches and directors. This award recognizes outstanding mentorship toward new and current ICTA members, assistance in recruitment of new members to the organization and outreach to past ICTA members who are no longer active in the organization. The award recipient must have been an active member of ICTA for at least 5 years.

2013	Doug Jennings, Illinois State University
2014	Jan Heiteen, Downers Grove South High School
2015	Marvin Kleinau & Marion Kleinau, Southern Illinois University,
2016	Kenny Knox, Spoon River Valley High School
2017	Richard Hunsacker, McKendree University
2018	Tina Winings, Charleston High School
2019	Elighie Wilson, Prairie State College
2020	No award given



JERRY MATHIS NEW TEACHER AWARD

Jerry served as President of the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association in 1985 and was a Professor of Speech and Theater at Sauk Valley College. He coached individual events for a while, but was much more active in oral interpretation festival competitions. Mathis published and presented several papers at national conferences on oral interpretation. He directed numerous outstanding theater productions during his tenure at Sauk Valley College. An Endowed scholarship in his name has been established at Sauk Valley College. Shortly after his death, the College also built a new state of the art theater and named it the Jerry Mathis Theater. He won several outstanding teaching awards at Sauk Valley College and was recognized nationally as an outstanding educator. The Mathis Award is presented to a current Illinois teacher who has taught five or fewer years in the field of communication or theatre and who has demonstrated outstanding potential for success in the discipline.

1996	Rebecca Gray, Elk Grove Community High School
1997	Jennifer Zimmerman, Honnegah High School
1998	Linda Koop, Western Illinois University
1999	No award given
2000	Jennifer Svehla, Belleville East High School
2001	Amy Vokac, Cary-Grove High School
2002	Carrie Schreiber, Lincoln High School
2003	Lazaro Lopez, John Hersey High School
2004	Adam Jenkins, Belleville West High School
2005	Chelsea Cheatham, Lincoln Community High School
2006	Anna Oxboro, Washington High School
2007	Mark Adams, University High School
2008	No award given
2009	Dave Naze, Prairie State College
2010	Michael Greenstein, Glenbrook North High School
2011	Anthony Zoubek, Dundee-Crown High School/Bartlett High School
2012	Richard G. Jones, Eastern Illinois University
2013	Kacy Abeln, Kishwaukee College
2014	Jessica Vallaincourt, Elgin High School
2015	Anna Wright, Illinois State University
2016	Justin Matkovich, Downers Grove South High School
2017	Brian Rohman, University High School
2018	Bryan Asbury, Illinois Central College
2019	No award given
2020	No award given

2021 Jerry Mathis New Teacher Award Winner
Kanoa Mulling



Kanoa Mulling is currently in his fourth year at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, his alma mater, where he is an English Teacher, Speech Team Coach, and Group Interpretation Assistant Director. Kanoa earned his B.A. in English with Certificates in Theater and Teacher Preparation at Princeton University and M.A. in English Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. Prior to joining the H-F staff, Kanoa spent two years at Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, teaching Conversational English, Public Speaking, and Drama.

Kanoa would like to thank the long line of speakers and educators in his family as well as the Speech coaches, directors, and mentors who helped him find his voice and inspired his faith in the transformative power of Speech and Theatre.

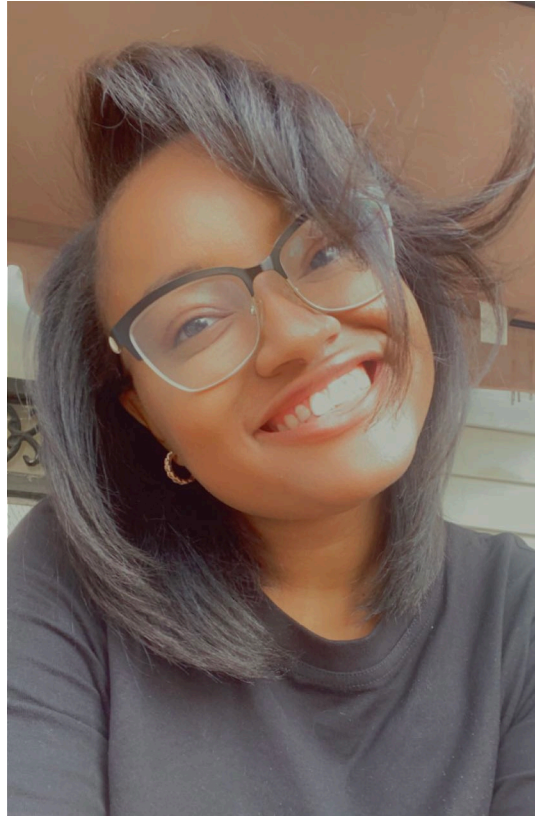
L. E. NORTON HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENT AWARD

Norton served as President of the Illinois Speech and Theatre Association in 1950. He spent his career at Bradley University where he was a Professor of Speech and served as the Director of Forensics. His status among speech educators is legendary. Norton was responsible for inventing many of the events we compete in today, including duo interpretation and informative speaking. While at Bradley, he founded Pi Kappa Delta, the honorary speech fraternity. The annual Bradley University Individual Events Invitational is named in his honor and is considered one of the most prestigious college individual events tournaments in the nation. He also coached the national championship GE College Bowl Team in 1969. This award is presented to an outstanding college major in speech or theatre who has made significant contributions to the college, community and discipline.

1995	Ari Fisz, University of Illinois
1996	Ann O'Connell
1997	Adam Jenkins, McKendree College
1998	No award presented
1999	Angela Townley, Illinois State University
2000	Chad Kaffer, McKendree College
2001	No award given
2002	Kristen Linde, Illinois State University
2003	Jamie Hines, Illinois State University
2004	Mark Adams, Illinois State University
2005	Jennifer Shelton, Illinois State University
2006	Lindsay Sank, Illinois State University
2007	Christopher J. Schmid, Illinois State University
2008	Christine Doman, Illinois State University
2009	April Lowry, Illinois State University
2010	Anna Wright, Illinois State University
2011	Camille Yameen, Bradley University & Scott Pyle, Illinois State University
2012	Brian Rohman, Illinois State & Lisa Roth, Northern Illinois
2013	Kaybee Brown, Bradley & Chandler Johnson, Illinois State
2014	Clinton Brown, Eastern Illinois University
2015	Marques Brown, Eastern Illinois & Yanelly Villegas, Northern Illinois
2016	Emily Vajjala, Eastern Illinois & Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
2017	Allison Metz, Illinois State University
2018	Matt DuPuis, Northern Illinois University
2019	Harry Bodell, Highland Community College
2020	No award given

2021 L.E. Norton Higher Education Student Award Winner

Starr Lee



Starr Lee is currently a Communications Instructor at Lakeshore Technical College where she teaches Speech, Oral-Interpersonal Communication, and Written Communication. She received her M.A in Communication Studies from Northern Illinois University. During her time at NIU she served as a graduate assistant for the university's nationally recognized speech and debate team.

Starr acknowledges the Speech community as one of the profound influences towards her commitment as a coach, teacher, and life-long learner. Her research interests include journalism, interpersonal and organizational communication, and communication education.

RICHARD A. HUNSAKER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AWARD

Hunsaker served as President of the Illinois Speech & Theatre Association in 1972. He built a distinguished 30-year career teaching speech, drama, and debate at Belleville West High School. His exemplary teaching, coaching, and communication skills brought him national recognition as an outstanding Illinois Educator. His impact on students has been long-standing, and the success of his students in speech and debate led to many State Championships. He has written and published texts on listening and verbal communication. Upon his retirement from Belleville West High School, he started a new career as a college professor and speech and debate coach at McKendree College. The Hunsaker award is given to a high school student who has been active in speech and/or theatre activities and who has made significant contributions to the community and school.

1989	Ben Moore, Heyworth High School
1990	Aaron Spaid, Heyworth High School
1991	Allen Cook, Downers Grove South High School
1992	Christopher Daley, Belleville West High School
1993	No Award Given
1994	Ron Provine, Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School
1995	Ryan Mellske, Heyworth High School
1996	No award given
1997	Bhavesh Patel, DuQuoin High School
1998	Tanja Ruch, Normal Community High School
1999	Jeff Hemmer, Belleville East High School
2000	Eric A. Gehrie, New Trier High School
2001	Elizabeth Holt, University High School
2002	Chris Appuhn, Fulton High School
2003	Carlisle Wallace, Heyworth High School
2004	Andy Junk, Downers Grove South & Jacob Vial, Pontiac
2005	Kelly Hires, Downers Grove South High School
2006	Lindsey Boerma, Lincoln Community High School
2007	Ben Leddy, Charleston High School
2008	Kyle Akerman, Downers Grove South High School
2009	Leah Capranica, Glenwood Chatham High School
2010	A.J. Curry, Fremd High School
2011	Jay Daniels, Charleston High School
2012	Ryan Carrigan, Normal Community West High School
2013	Alison Ogunmokun, University High School
2014	Amy Daniels, Charleston High School
2015	Callen Brown, United Township High School
2016	Katie Mueller, Charleston High School
2017	Emily Hill, Huntley High School
2018	Emily Gibson, Glenbard West High School
2019	No award given
2020	Jaylon Muchison, Belleville West High School