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DATE: January 31st, 2017
TO: McNeese Faculty Members
FROM: Christopher J. Hunt, Assistant Director of Forensics
RE: Students participating with a Speech and Debate trip

The following students will be attending the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association spring speech and debate tournament, hosted by Texas A&M University in College Station, TX. We will be departing on Thursday, February 2nd, 2017 at 4:00 PM and we will return to campus on Sunday, February 5th, 2017 at 2:00 PM. This is a McNeese State University sponsored event and all students listed on the excuse letter should be excused from class during this time period and be allowed to make-up any work missed due to this event.

Participants on the Speech and Debate team may miss several classes during the school year. Our priority is to have students focus on their academics while adding skills, activities, and experience for their resumes. Any student who receives a W/N the prior semester is suspended from travel the following semester so that they can prioritize academics. We also try to plan a travel schedule so that no student is traveling three weekends in a row.

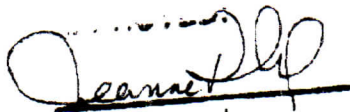
Students are not required to attend every tournament that we attend. Our tournament entry is usually decided on the Monday prior to a tournament with the excuse letter being approved shortly before our students will be leaving. I strongly encourage students to contact their instructors prior to the tournament to make any arrangements regarding assignments. The lateness of our entry confirmation will occasionally mean that students will receive their excuse letter right before departure or the day of return.

If you have any questions regarding this tournament or any forensic functions, please don't hesitate to call me at 475-5930

Students attending this event:

Andres Arias
Ali Mason

Alexis Guinn


Jeanne Deboval
Provost & Vice President
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