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DATE: September 20th, 2016
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 Rice University Classic speech and debate tournament, hosted by Rice University in Houston, TX. We will be departing on Friday, September 23rd, 2016 at 12:30 PM and we will return to campus on Sunday, September 25th, 2016 at 10:00 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:

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Ana Correa
Ali Mason
Ian Thibodeaux

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Date: 9/21/16