**[School Name] Celebrates 100 Years of Speech and Debate!**

**City, State (Month Day, Year) –** [School Name/Speech and Debate Team Name] is proud to celebrate 100 years of speech and debate on [date].

[School Name/Speech and Debate Team Name] will celebrate this life-changing activity by [insert details on event, ways you are celebrating, etc.].

[Insert quote from coach/teacher/educator/administrator about why it’s important to celebrate at your school.]

The National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) is excited to recognize and celebrate the positive impact of speech and debate activities on students, schools, and communities. The NSDA is the largest interscholastic organization servicing middle school, high school, and collegiate students in the United States.

“Speech and debate changes lives,” said J. Scott Wunn, Executive Director of the National Speech & Debate Association. “From increased attendance to higher test scores and a rise in college acceptance, speech and debate prepares young people for college, the work force, and beyond.”

From local celebrations to the National Speech & Debate Tournament, the educational value of speech and debate will be celebrated near and far from June 2024 to June 2025. In addition to special events and programs, thousands will share personal stories of how speech and debate changed their life on social media using the hashtag #SpeechAndDebate.

[Insert quote/testimonial from a local student on how this activity changed their life.]

[Include additional information about upcoming events, tournaments, etc.] For more information on the NSDA Centennial Celebration, visit [www.speechanddebate.org/centennial](http://www.speechanddebate.org/centennial). To learn more about joining the National Speech & Debate Association, visit www.speechanddebate.org.

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***About the National Speech & Debate Association***

The National Speech & Debate Association is the largest interscholastic speech and debate organization serving middle school, high school, and collegiate students in the United States. The Association provides competitive speech and debate activities, high-quality resources, comprehensive training, scholarship opportunities, and advanced recognition to more than 130,000 students and coaches every year. For 100 years, the National Speech & Debate Association has empowered more than two million members to become engaged citizens, skilled professionals, and honorable leaders in our society. For more information, visit [www.speechanddebate.org](http://www.speechanddebate.org).

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