

**Ridge Forensics presents**  
**2016 National**  
**Championship Showcase**  
**Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**



**7:00pm – RHS Cafeteria**  
**Free Admission**

## **Ridge Speech and Debate Team Hosts National Championship Showcase**

The Ridge High School Forensics Team will feature a “Night of Champions” Showcase on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Ridge High School. The Ridge Forensics Team, the high school’s interscholastic speech and debate team, travels throughout the year to local, regional, and national tournaments where they compete in debate, public address, and dramatic performance events. The showcase will feature the state championship competitors along with several of team’s qualifiers to the national championship tournaments to be held in late May and June.

David Yastremski, Director of Ridge Forensics, states, “We want to share the forensics competition experience with family, friends, and the Basking Ridge community. Our guests will experience a condensed version of a tournament where they can view our students perform their award-winning speeches, dramatizations, and debates.” In addition, several alumni will be returning to help judge the event. “Having alumni come back helps out students prepare for these critical tournaments. Many of our returning students have attended these national tournaments and can provide great insight to the students on how to succeed.”

Yastremski continues, “Our students have championed at several of the largest tournaments in the country including events at Harvard, Yale, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, George Mason University, and the University of Kentucky. This is a great opportunity for our parents, friends, and community to see the great work these students do!”

Admission is free, though donations will be accepted. The team will compete at their final two tournaments: the NCFL Grand National Tournament in Sacramento, CA during Memorial Day weekend and the National Speech and Debate Association Championship in Salt Lake City, Utah during June. All donations will go to supplement the students’ fundraising and personal contributions to attend the events.

In addition, in July, the coaches and students of the team will be offering the Ridge Forensics Summer Institute in Speech and Debate for students entering grades 7 through 9. Yastremski comments, “This new program was developed by our team leaders. Forensics competition provides so much opportunity for young people to develop their expression and confidence. It fosters artistic, academic, and professional excellence as they continue building their leadership and critical thinking skills. We want to share this knowledge and skill with young people who can benefit so much from the experience. “

For more information on the team, the summer program, or how to make an online donation, please visit [www.ridgeforensics.com](http://www.ridgeforensics.com).