



James Logan High School Forensics Program
Jesse D. Garrett & Justin Kurup, Co-Directors of Forensics

Dear Forensics Parents,

We are very pleased that your student has chosen to be a part of the James Logan High School Forensics Team, one of the school's most prestigious activities. Our level of success continues to transcend expectations and is wholly due to the involvement of students like yours. Currently the team includes over 150 students, a three-person permanent coaching staff, and a 5 person part-time coaching staff directly serving our competitive success.

Founded in 1989, the team has grown to become one of the largest programs in the United States. At the state level we have won the California State Championship Tournament five times in our history. We have had over 771 State Qualifiers, 279 State Finalists, & 72 State Champions. Nationally, over 300 of our competitors have qualified for championship level competition, 44 have been national finalists, and 30 champions. **Furthermore, for the 19th year in a row JLHS Forensics has been the recipient of the National School of Excellence Award. No other school has ever achieved this feat!**

The Logan Forensics Program reaches beyond competitive success; the overall academic performance of competitors is a constant priority. The team makes available academic tutoring for all of its members and students must maintain a satisfactory grade point average to continue to participate in team activities. This not only ensures that students meet the mandatory GPA requirements to travel and compete with the team, but re-enforces the academic rigor that this program expects from its members. As a direct result, many of these students have been able to secure forensics-related scholarships from various community service organizations. Over twenty five seniors graduated last year and 99% of them will be pursuing degrees in higher education, attending such prestigious universities as UC Berkeley, UCLA, and Northwestern. No other extra-curricular activity at Logan can make such a claim.

Due to cutbacks in state education funding, our program – despite its numerous accolades and ongoing success – continues to find itself in great financial need. The fundraisers, for which we spend countless hours organizing, maintaining and accounting, do little to defray the cost of running a program such as ours. Therefore, we ask every family to make a **tax-deductible donation of \$750 per student (\$1200 for families with more than one child in forensics)** to help cover the cost of coach's salaries, hiring emergency judging for tournaments, transportation, and other general travel expenses. **Without this donation, our team's ability to function and succeed will be severely impaired, even more so now that Dr. Lindsey has retired. We absolutely need your support to help keep the program moving forward during this transition!**

We ask that this donation be made by **Friday, September 22th, 2017**, and that **all checks be made out to "Friends of Forensics"**, our non-profit organization. We thank you for your support and look forward to another extraordinary year of JLHS Forensics!

Sincerely,

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