To our Community Judge volunteers,

Hello and welcome to the Point Loma Classic 2023! We are honored to have you joining us and are grateful for your commitment of time for our students and the speech and debate community.

This 3-day tournament begins tomorrow morning at Point Loma Nazarene University. Our goal is for you to feel prepared and comfortable to judge, and we have a team ready to assist in giving you the tools you will need to enjoy your time with us. Community Judges are the VIPs of this event, bringing a fresh perspective to the work our students have prepared, and granting us this ability to host competitors from around the country. You are the preferred members on our judging panels, and we are grateful for the insight, opinion, and feedback you give that will be valuable to each student. We are glad to have you joining us.

As you arrive: Enclosed is an annotated map of the PLNU campus. The circled parking structure's lower lot and adjacent spaces are reserved for your convenience. Follow the signs marking "**Community Judge Parking**" and please use those spaces. Nicholson Commons (building #14 on your map) will be our hub of tournament activity. You'll find our Judge Check-in table there, and will be greeted by our welcome team.

Schedule: Below is a summarized schedule for your use. Judge Orientation sessions will be offered an hour prior to each competition event. If you're interested in judging a speech event, you'll want to first attend a speech orientation. Debate events will offer debate orientation. Feel free to step into either or both sessions, depending on your interest and availability. If you've pre-registered as a community judge, we'll be expecting you for that event, but please feel free to not limit yourself to your pre-registered round; we invite you to stay as long as you want, judge as many rounds as you would like, and enjoy your day with these hard-working competitors. We always have a need for judges, and community judge ballots are highly prized by our students.

Ballots and Refreshments: Once you've attended the brief orientation, you'll be given ballots for your event and shown to the competition rooms. As the competitors enter, they will introduce themselves and begin the round once you are ready – the hard work is all theirs! At the completion of the round you'll bring your ballot sheets to the Judges' Lounge where you can enjoy refreshments while you complete your brief, written feedback to each student presenter. Your orientation training will have covered all of the details for you to confidently assess and complete your ballots.

Additional optional resources:

You'll find a short and encouraging judge video introducing the Stoa community here: <u>https://vimeo.com/267879810</u>.

Useful tips and brief speech-event overview for the competitions you may see can be found here: <u>https://stoausa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Judge-Reminders-2022-2023.pdf</u>

And finally, if you'd like to learn more about this private, national league, additional information of all types can be found here: <u>www.StoaUSA.org</u>.

These students look forward to seeing you. They've been working with parents, coaches, and club members through the fall semester, and your new face here to listen to them speak about a topic they've carefully prepared is exciting! Relax, have fun, and enjoy being an encouragement, and hopefully being equally encouraged. Again, we are glad that you are here.

If we can be of assistance in any way, please email PLC@nihilo.club or call/text 850-287-5299.

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We look forward to seeing you tomorrow! Your PLC Tournament Team