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MEG HOWELL-HAYMAKER NAMED TO NATIONAL HALL OF FAME

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The National Forensic League (NFL) is proud to announce that Meg Howell-Haymaker, a forensic educator from Mountain View High School in Mesa, Arizona, was among five coaches in the United States recently named to the National Forensic League Hall of Fame. To qualify, an educator must be an NFL member for at least 25 years or retired.

Since 1978, NFL Diamond Coaches and Hall of Fame members have had the opportunity to elect outstanding colleagues to the Hall of Fame. Out of tens of thousands of past and current NFL coaches, only 158 have earned a place in the NFL Hall of Fame. The complete list of NFL Hall of Fame members is available at http://www.nflonline.org/AboutNFL/HallofFame

A special reception to honor Meg will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at the Trammel & Margaret Crow Collection of Asian Art in Dallas, Texas. The new Hall of Fame members will be officially inducted during the Lincoln Financial Group/NFL National Speech Tournament Coach Diamond Ceremony on Friday, June 17. Each inductee will receive a gold engraved Hall of Fame pin along with an engraved walnut plaque.

In addition to this most recent honor, Meg Howell-Haymaker has earned four coaching diamonds from the National Forensic League. Diamond awards recognize excellence from member coaches over time. Each diamond represents more than 2,000 speech performances or debates over five or more years.

About the National Forensic League
The National Forensic League (NFL) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit honorary society whose mission is to promote high school and middle school speech and debate activities as a means to develop a student's essential life skills and values. More than 112,000 high school and middle school students, representing more than 2,900 schools nationwide, are currently building their communication, leadership, cognitive, and presentational skills as members. Since 1925, more than 1.3 million students have found their voice in the NFL. For more information, visit www.nflonline.org.

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