

## SCORES Luncheon Meeting Minutes – 12/17/08

- The date of the event is **Saturday, April 4, 2009.**
  - Registration begins in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center at 8:00 a.m.
  - Only coaches/counselors/principals, etc. need to check-in – students do not need to check-in
  - Packets will be provided to those who check-in
  - Pre-submit medals will be given to the coaches/counselors/principals who check-in
  - Pre-submit winners will be announced at the awards ceremony, but medals will be given by each individual school
- The website will open for student registration on **January 5, 2009.**
- The deadline to have all of your students registered and all of your pre-submit material to the campus is **March 18, 2009.**
- Handbooks were provided to those who attended, but will be made available on-line to everyone this week. A request was made to make the handbook available on-line without supervisors contact information. After contacting the supervisors, they are not opposed to having their information posted on a trial basis this year, but may re-visit this next year.
- The dance competition will be held in the Memorial Student Center, in the basement. The WV Thespian Conference will also be taking place on campus the day of SCORES.
- The Marshall University Community and Technical College will not participate in SCORES next year.
- Multiple changes have been made to the handbook this year, please read each description carefully. Last year, a number of pre-submit projects were disqualified due to students not following the directions – please make sure your students follow the directions. If you are unclear about anything written in the description, please contact the contest supervisor for clarification – don't assume.
- Guest speaker: Beth Wolfe, Contest Supervisor – encouraged those in attendance to please review student's material prior to sending. Last year, she discovered one of her students had plagiarized their material. The student was disqualified and a phone call was made to the high school regarding this matter.
- Clarification was requested for the Communication Disorders Exam regarding eligibility – several messages left to contest supervisor, but as of today no response has been offered. I will notify everyone once a response has been given.  
**Response: "Students who have previously taken the test are not eligible to take the test again this year. Testing for this exam is allowed only once."**
- Any changes, updates, additions, etc. will be posted to the SCORES website, please check regularly.

- An oversight has been made by the School of Journalism: Television Newscast – the description indicates the newscast may have aired inside/outside the school between August 1, 2006 and February 8, 2007. **The dates should read August 1, 2007 – March 18, 2009.**
- Scholarships: The top seven students will be awarded scholarships, regardless of which school they attend. In the past, only one winner per school was awarded, but this year a decision was made to award the scholarship to the top students instead of penalizing students if they were from the same school. A request was made as to how those students will be chosen, and once the person has been designated to determine the winners, you will be notified of how they will be chosen. A formula is listed in the handbook with some criteria – student performance the day of SCORES will weigh heavily on the decision as to how they are chosen.
- If you plan to nominate a student for the Outstanding Student Competition, you must complete the Outstanding Student nomination form. These forms will be made available on the website, and they must reach Sabrina Simpson by March 18, 2009.
- Trophies and medals will not be delivered to schools after the awards ceremony; you must have a representative available from your school to collect trophies/medals. The awards ceremony will take place at 1:30 this year in the Henderson Center.
- A request was made to ask the contest supervisors to verify they received e-mails from students/counselors regarding their pre-submit material they send electronically. A request has been sent to the contest supervisors on your behalf. If you do not receive verification, please let Sabrina know.
- If you are registering a “team” event, please list the name of your school in the event (ex. John Marshall High School Dance Team 1, or Boyd County High School ROTC team 2). The database is set up to only allow one name to be listed, please list your school only. You will need to send the list of students competing in each event to Sabrina Simpson, but only register your school.
- The database only allows for one person from each school to register students for the events. If you have more than one person at your school registering students, you must share your password and username with each other. If you need your username and password, please let Sabrina know.
- Additional activities have been added to the day of the event. This year, we have created a brochure regarding the SCORES competition. Brochures have been mailed to the schools as well as picked up yesterday. If you need more brochures regarding the event, please let Sabrina know.
- Please note: many competitions are limited to the number of students that can participate. Once the competitions are closed, no other students can be added.