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Students,

As you participate in ASU's Hugh Downs School of Human Communication Invitational speech and debate tournament this weekend, I'd like to formally welcome you to Arizona State University and the Tempe campus. Forensics has a rich history at ASU — our forensics team has won hundreds of awards and consistently finishes among the top 20 speech and debate teams every year.

The wonderful thing about speech and debate is that it can help you excel in any field of study you choose to enter. The skills and knowledge you are developing in oratory research and reasoning are preparing you for an exciting and enriching experience in higher education where innovative thinking is both encouraged and welcomed.

While you are here, I invite you to take some time to walk around campus and get a feel for ASU. Talk to some of our students who are returning from winter break about their experiences here, and enjoy the beautiful mid-70-degree weather.

Good luck at the tournament, and have fun competing.

Sincerely,



Michael M. Crow
President