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### **Crowder Debate Team to Host College Tournament**

**Neosho, MO** – Crowder College’s Speech and Debate Team will host the October Slam, October 4-5, on the Neosho campus. At least a dozen colleges and universities from Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas will be participating in the two-day event.

The competition is made up of two and four year institutions. Wiley College in Marshall, TX, will be in attendance. The movie “The Great Debaters” was inspired by a true story about the professor who coached their team. Others in attendance include: SBU (Bolivar, MO), Webster University (St. Louis, MO), NE State University (Talequah, OK), Arkansas State University (Jonesboro, AR), Barton Community College (Great Bend, KS), Northwestern State University (Maryville, MO), University of Central MO (Warrensburg, MO), and John Brown University (Siloam Springs, AR). Crowder College students will also be participating as well as hosting the event.

Crowder Debate students will host the event featuring a college public forum on Friday evening with individual events and Lincoln Douglas debate on Saturday. The event is open to the public with final rounds on Saturday afternoon. Students and their instructors will check in at the Elsie Plaster Community Center on Friday afternoon.

Anyone interested in volunteering to judge may contact Jason Edgar, Speech Instructor at:  
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