

**2017 AREA CHAIR CANDIDATE, AREA I
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Experience: 10 years Saratoga High School, last 6 as Director
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I love this activity. I love watching the students shine and learn to succeed. Most of all, I love being able to give back in the same, unflinching, dedicated fashion others, long ago, gave to me.

Throughout the years we've shared some incredible stories about speech and debate and the students we serve, but our extraordinary CHSSA Area begs for more outreach.

The most dedicated of us are not so different. We are educators first!

I was very fortunate to have competed in an incredibly successful program: Richmond Kennedy, coach David Dansky; yet, I continue to learn successful coaching strategies from each of you. Often I tell parents I'm the most unoriginal Director ever. I'll say "I don't need to have a crystal ball nor to be the smartest person. See all these incredible coaches, students, trophies, and smiles? All I have to do is observe, ask intelligent questions, and listen."

As Area Chair, beyond the obligatory spreadsheets, dues, and scripts; I'd enjoy finding more dedicated educators, like you, to provide them the opportunity to share this amazing activity with even more students.