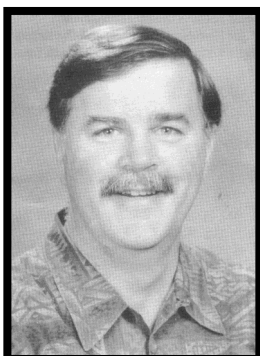


# James “Jim” Harville

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From the national and state levels to the local communities, Jim Harville has greatly influenced people of all ages in not only forensics, but also in education and communication. He coached speech and debate at Bellarmine College Prep for thirty-two years and has now completed his fortieth year of teaching English at Bellarmine in San Jose, CA.

As a junior in college, Jim began coaching at Bellarmine as a volunteer. A few years later, Jim took over as the Director of Forensics, and led Bellarmine to win ten national student championships. These achievements include four national champions in student congress, one in impromptu, two in extemp, three in oratory and fifteen other finalists.

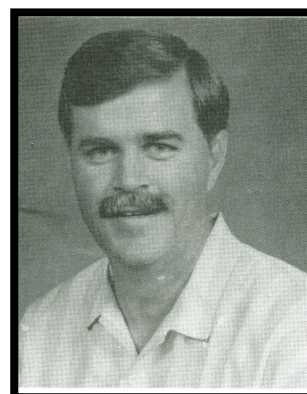
During this same time period, Bellarmine produced forty-four individual California state champions, and the team won the California State Sweepstakes Award thirteen times. National team awards included the Bruno E. Jacob Award in 1988, the Karl E. Mundt Congress Trophy in 1984 and 1997 and the Phillips Performance Award in 1994. In addition, in 1994 Jim was the co-recipient of the National Forensic League's Coach-of-the-Year award.

Even with the demands of coaching such an excellent program, Jim always made time to give back to the profession as much as possible. He served as NFL district chair and was a longstanding member of the California Coast NFL District Committee. Many of those years, he also served as an officer in the Coast Forensic League. He wrote the California state tournament event descriptions for programmed reading and the official ballot for original advocacy. He also served on the CHSSA Council.

As a coach in the Coast Forensic League, he started the tradition of fall novice tournaments to give new students a head start on getting used to varsity competition. In 1972, he initiated the all-day Coast Forensic League Novice Tournament, which is still held annually, and is one of the most attended competitions of the year. Upon graduation, seniors most often mention the league novice tournament as the most important and rewarding of their forensic experiences. Jim served on numerous committees and hosted tournaments when others were not able. He truly benefited every member within the forensic community.

Jim's influence goes far beyond speech and debate and into the school environment as well. He commonly mentored new teachers and helped them to become familiar with coaching forensics. Kim Jones and Chris Wolf, Bellarmine's current coaches, praise him for his expertise and his preparation for their taking over of the Bellarmine forensic program.

Indicative of his values, Jim writes of his teaching career, "I like to think that my students have been competitive, but gentlemen as well."



For his dedication to the California High School Speech Association and its students James Harville was inducted into the CHSSA Hall of Fame in 1989.