

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #100: Everyone's got a story. We hear them in Prose and Storytelling. Check out the state champs in these events at <https://t.co/myzuDSojEh>.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #99: For the last five years, Henry Clay has been the state Debate champion. Will the Speaking Devils repeat this year? We'll find out today at Debate tournament #100! <https://t.co/F4Cwy4TTjb>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #98: Our Congress is actually productive. Please check out our list of State Champions in Congressional Debate here: <https://t.co/Hf9hREAdtw> State Debate tournament starts tomorrow!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #97: Do you hear voices when no one else is around? Can you pop til you drop? Do you talk to walls? Welcome to the land of Dramatic and Humorous Interpretation, and check out their legacy of state champions here: <https://t.co/myzuDSFUvP>.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #96: Clear articulation is most important in Broadcasting and Declamation, so say "two toads totally tired tried to trot to Tedbury" as you check out the past state champs in these events here: <https://t.co/myzuDSojEh>.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #95: Speaking of politics, we give prizes to people who spontaneously spin yarns. We call these speeches Improvisational Duo and Impromptu Speaking. Check out our past winners as we stroll toward state tournament Fri & Sat! <https://t.co/myzuDSojEh>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #94: Black book events like Poetry and POI remind us all that "reading" is fundamental. Check out our historic list of past winners in these events at <https://t.co/myzuDSojEh> as we work our way to the 2020 State Tournament!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #93: Let there be no debate -- KHSSL is a grant old organization! Check out our lists of past state champions in Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate (novice and varsity) here: <https://t.co/Hf9hREAdtw>.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #92: Sometimes, we learn a lot at speech tournaments. Extemp and Informative are two such categories. Check out their state champions from years past here: <https://t.co/myzuDSojEh> 2020 tourney = March 13-14. Entry deadline is Friday!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #91: Over the last twenty years, five schools have won the State Senior Speech tournament: Danville (9), Boone Co. (4), Rowan County (3), Knott County Central (2), and Graves County. (2). Whose year is this year? Entry deadline is Friday!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #90: Our 2019 High School Speech Coach of the Year, Katey Blood of Cooper, was also the 2000 Duo Interp State Champ (with partner Katie Burcham). Who will join her this year? Check out the list of past Duo champions. <https://t.co/myzuDSFUvP>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #89: In 2011, Boone County student Erin Edwards won KHSSL State in Oratory. She now coaches that team. Will one of her students win this year? Check out the list of past champions. <https://t.co/Xm088Xy5Ax>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #88: As we head into the final days of our 100 Fun Facts, we take a moment of silence to recognize two of our retired events, Discussion and Solo Acting, from the Senior level. <https://t.co/Hf9hREAdtw> <https://t.co/myzuDSojEh>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #87: Everyone loves a good story. Who will tell a good one all the way to the State Championship today in Prose and Storytelling? Check out our list of past winners on our Junior Champs page: <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #86: Today we start Junior State! We salute our "what everyone thinks speech tournaments are" categories -- Oratory and Declamation -- and wonder who will win this year? Check out the past winners on our Junior Champs page: <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #85: Two events that require quick thinking are Extemporaneous and Impromptu. Who'll be this year's Junior state champs in our limited prep events? Check out our list of past winners on our Junior Champs page: <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #84: Batman and Robin. Laverne and Shirley. Bart and Millhouse. Stevie and Miranda. Duos are cool. Duo Acting is one of our coolest KHSSL Junior events. Check out our list of past winners on our Junior Champs page: <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #83: Broadcasting is often called the most realistic KHSSL event as it mimics what radio newscasters often do. Check out our list of past winners on our Junior Champs page: <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #82: Two more retired KHSSL Junior Division events are Discussion and Solo Acting (called Monologue some years). Check out our list of past winners on our Junior Champs page: <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #81: KHSSL retired Junior Division LD Debate and Policy Debate, though starting this year we again welcome younger kiddos into all Debate events at State. Check out our list of past winners on our Junior Champs page: <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #80: The five squads with the highest running totals for the Junior Speech Sustained Excellence Award this year are (in alphabetical order) Hazard, Hindman, Kentucky Country Day, SCAPA, and Turkey Foot. Whose year is this year?

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #79: In 1991, a Henry Clay debater was named Top Speaker in Varsity Policy Debate at KHSSL State. Today, [@RepAndyBarr](https://twitter.com/RepAndyBarr) Andy Barr represents the 6th Congressional District of Kentucky as a Republican -- currently serving his fourth term.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #78: Poetry is one of the oldest Junior events and will be the largest event (by far) at KHSSL State this year. Browse to <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H> to see the list of past Jr. Poetry champions!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #77: Lexington's School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCAPA) has won Junior State more times than any other school. Who will win this year? Check out our list (and let us know if you know any of our missing ones!) <https://t.co/F4Cwy4TTjb>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #76: One of the basic rules of improv is "Yes, and." KHSSL is considering changing some Improv Duo rules this year. Talk to your Board members about what you want to happen. And also check out past Junior state champs here: <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #75: Legendary KHSSL debater Chad Hurley of Sayre won Policy Debate at State SIX times -- twice in Novice and four times in Varsity -- with three different partners 1985-90. Check out the lists of Policy Champions: <https://t.co/Hf9hREAdtw>

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #74: In 2019, Junior Humorous/Dramatic Interp (formerly Interp of Lit) was split into HI and DI. SCAPA took home the first Dramatic championship. Browse to <https://t.co/NNOh6m1X5H> to see the historical lists for HI/DI/Interp of Lit. Who's next?

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #73: In 2019, Calloway County Middle took home the trophy for Sustained Excellence. Who will take it home this year? Browse to <https://t.co/uycj0ZQqMU> to see the historical list (and help us fill in the missing years!). <https://t.co/EKBU6voPd6>



KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #72: In 1971, two strangers attended KHSSL together. Decades later, as KY's leading speech coaches at schools on opposite ends of the state, Mark Etherton & Ginny Landreth wed. As Mark says, look around at KHSSL -- you never know who might be there!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #71: In 2019, the first KHSSL Junior title in Humorous went to Hindman Elementary. Which school will take it home in 2020?

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #70: In 2005, the younger Speech competitors became eligible to triple at Junior State. It begins two weeks from Friday!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #69: In 1996, a young KHSSL debater graduated from Henry Clay HS. He put those skills to work and in his professional life, including in his first State of the Commonwealth Address last month. is proud of our [@GovAndyBeshear](#) -- one of our own!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #68: In 1998 and 1999, Graves County's Jon Brasfield won back-to-back titles in Broadcasting. The family took a year off in 2000. Then brother Chris Brasfield won back-to-back Broadcasting titles in 2001 and 2002.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #67: Emily Kemp of Boone County High School won Humorous Interp at State in 2009. Now she coaches at the same school. Funny thing, that. :)

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #66: In 2000, Hazard's Prya Murad placed 2nd at Junior State Speech in Public Speaking and 3rd at Senior State in Oratory in 2005. In 2020, she will put those skills to use as the Commencement Speaker at Transylvania University.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #65: In 1986, Calloway County's Tim Black won State in Broadcasting. He made this his career, serving as news reporter and anchor (and currently the company VP) of a TV station in Evansville. Black was also the NSDA National USX Champ in 1987.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #64: In 1982, the Junior State Champion in Dramatic was named Molly Imes (Calloway County). Today, the head coach at Calloway County High is named Molly Imes. Coincidence? Or just an awesome KHSSL grad paying it forward?

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #63: While Gifford Blyton is the best known KHSSL Director due to the Scholarship and Book Awards in his name (APPS DUE SOON!), he's not the longest-serving. First to tweet the correct name to gets free KHSSL swag at state -- kid or coach!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #62: Even during the gas rationing of WW2, KHSSL kept its tournaments going with local points systems and a statewide festival. The 1945 festival participants are pictured here. <https://t.co/VnDn6ddlcl>



KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #61: In 1987, 1988, and 1989, KHSSL did not host Oratory at Regionals/State but instead had Informative and Persuasive Speaking. The League returned to Oratory in 1990 and re-added Informative Speaking in 2017.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #60: Today is Groundhog Day. Feel free to read this fun fact over and over and over and over again in tribute to the movie.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts 100 #59: Ky speech and debate contests originated from college literary societies. Kentucky's first was established in 1810 at Transylvania University by none other than Henry Clay himself!

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts # 58: Until the late 1980s, the state speech and debate tournaments were traditionally held in April. Should KHSSL adjust its calendar back to that timeframe or stay in March/Late Feb. Like this Tweet to stay as it is, Retweet to advocate for April

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #57: KHSSL added Broadcasting to the Senior State Speech contest in 1966. It remains one of the most popular events today.

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #56: One of the highest KHSSL honors is the Blyton Book Award. Each year, one award is given at the Junior and Senior Division state tournaments. Coaches may nominate students until February 27, 2020, via the form on the website (see HELPFUL).

KHSSL 100 Fun Facts #55: Did you know KHSSL offers two scholarships to high school seniors each year? The applications require an application form and two letters of recommendation with a firm postmark deadline of 2/15/20. See the KHSSL website (under HELPFUL) to apply!

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #54: The largest Speech Regions in 2020 are the Louisville and Northern Regions, each with 17 schools participating in this year's Regional Speech tournaments.

KHSSL Fun Fact #53: 1921 state debate topic: "the 1920 percentage Immigration Bill . . . should be retained, namely that three per cent of each nationality group which were in the United States during the year 1910 should be the only quota annually admitted . . ."

KHSSL Fun Fact #52: In 1974, Jr. Speech added three new events: Dramatic, Extemp, and Duet Acting, joining Debate, Poetry, Prose, Public Speaking, and Storytelling as the Junior events offered that year.

Fun Fact #51: In 2002, Danville High's Joel Meister won KHSSL State Congress. While working for the Biden campaign five years later, he used those skills as he asked Democratic candidates a debate question on CNN (introduced by Anderson Cooper). <https://t.co/AYuyh6dMnW>

Fun Fact #50: A Lafayette kid won Best Actor at the 1967 and 1968 State Drama Festivals. He must have been an "earnest" actor, for Jim Varney went on to star in many movies and memorable TV commercials -- know what I mean, Vern? <https://t.co/FDqwoMgUrh>

KHSSL Fun Fact #49: In 1983, the Regional and State tournaments adopted the current "ranking in the round" score system. Prior to that, students earned a score from 25 to 45 points on each performance that was equivalent to a Superior, Excellent, etc.

KHSSL Fun Fact #48: In 1962, the school fee to join KHSSL was \$5 if paid by October 15, \$8 after that.

KHSSL Fun Fact #47: Back in 2004, 2005, and 2006, the same kid from Knott Central won Storytelling at KHSSL State. Bria Stacy now coaches the team there. Bet they listen when she tells them tales of her old tournament days!

KHSSL Fun Fact #46: The 1961 Discussion topic at the KHSSL State Speech Tournament: "What should be the role of the Federal government in providing medical care to citizens of the United States?" And we're stiiiiiiii discussing it.

KHSSL Fun Fact #45: The five squads with the highest running totals for the Senior Speech Sustained Excellence Award this year are (in alphabetical order) Assumption, Hazard, Kentucky Country Day, Knott County Central, and Lafayette. Whose year is this year?

KHSSL Fun Fact #44: This year, at the 100th KHSSL State Debate Tournament, KHSSL will add a Sustained Excellence Trophy for the Debate squads (beginning with the point totals from the last five years).

KHSSL Fun Fact #43: In 1993 Senior Solo Acting state finals, the 3rd place winner was Michael Robinson, current coach at Murray HS. Second place was Henry Clay's Laura Bowling, current coach at the Lexington School. Who knows which current kiddos might end up coaching!

KHSSL Fun Fact #42: They say comedy best happens in threes, but sometimes it's in fours. Back in the 90s, Murray HS student Rob Carpenter placed 4th in Humorous Interp at KHSSL State all 4 years he was in high school. Now that's a funny coincidence!

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #41: Remember back in Fun Fact # 27 when Dustin Combs won Storytelling at 1987 Junior KHSSL and then went into the Hall of Fame in 2010 as a coach? His mother, Carol Combs of Johns Creek, was inducted in 2006!

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #40: We're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. For our last stop on this part of the tour, the predecessors of Miss Helen's team at HHS, the 1935 Hazard competitors. <https://t.co/javrvdy51>



KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #39: We're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. Today, from the Louisville Region, the 1936 Middlesboro team.

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KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #38: We're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. Today, from the Bluegrass Region, the 1936 Winchester squad.

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KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #37: We're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. Today, from the Louisville Region, the 1936 Sulphur HS team.

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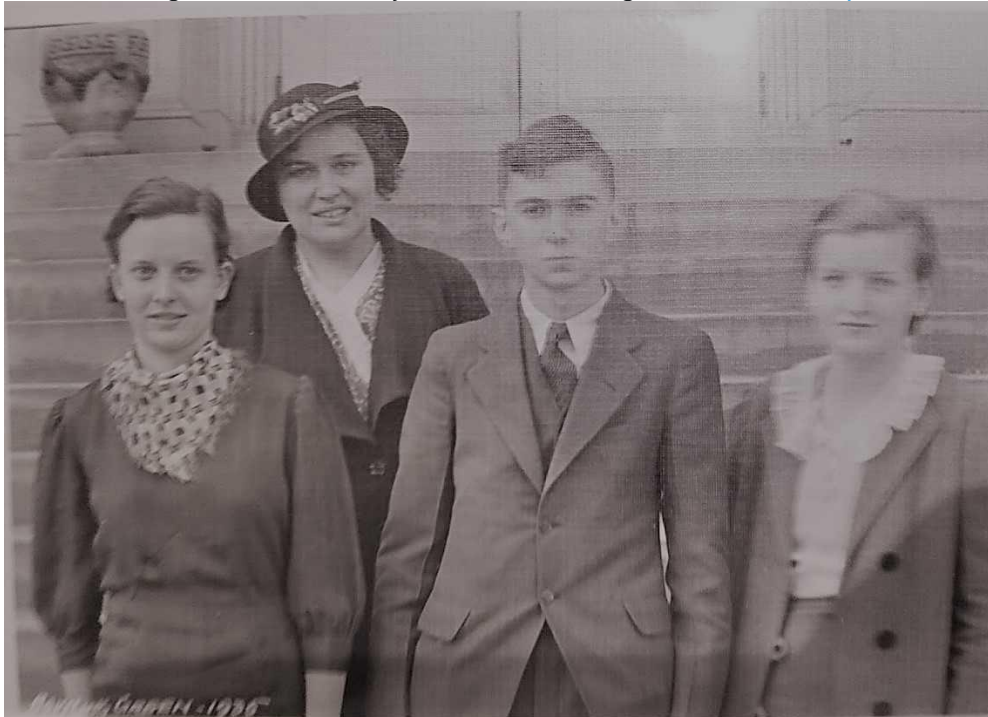


KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #36: We're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. Today, from the Northern Region, the 1935 Carrollton team.

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KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #35: We're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. Today, the 1935 Bowling Green team. <https://t.co/eTkam9AWhf>



KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #34: We're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. Today, from the Appalachian Region, the 1935 Paintsville team.

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KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #33: We're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. Today, from the Bluegrass Region, the 1936 Lexington University HS team. <https://t.co/zTOW8YgeFb>



KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #32: We're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. Today, from the Louisville Region, the 1937 St. X team.

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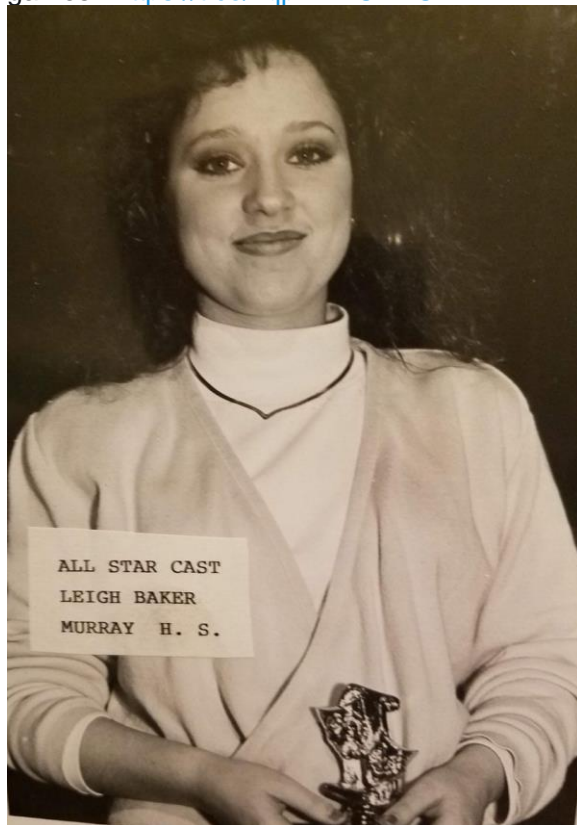
KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #31: For the next ten days, we're touring the state with pictures from schools who competed at KHSSL during the 1930s. To begin, from the Upper Kentucky Region, the 1937 Hindman entry. <https://t.co/5nrA1zp1sj>



KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #30: For the next ten days or so, we're breaking into the KHSSL photo vault. To begin, here's a picture of the 1929 State Extemp competitors. Do they look different from today's ECONOMIST junkies? <https://t.co/v6mdMApRO2>



KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #29: Leigh Baker, a Murray HS competitor in speech and drama state tournaments for many years (pictured here as an All-Star Cast member at State Drama), is a working actor with longtime roles in WILL AND GRACE and CHARMED plus numerous video games. <https://t.co/zqpMZVCBwC>



KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #28: In 1987, a Rowan County student placed first in Persuasive and second in Informative at State. Kim Reeder now coaches that team at Rowan with her daughter on the team.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #27: In 1987, a student from Hindman Elementary won the state Jr. Speech tournament in Storytelling. After coaching many years and leading Knott Central to Senior Speech state titles in 2004 & 2005, Dustin Combs entered the KHSSL Hall of Fame in 2010.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #26: In 1970, a young woman from Cumberland High School won Dramatic Interpretation at the state tournament. In 2014, after a long coaching career at Jessamine County, Danville, and Middlesboro, Terri Branson became a member of the KHSSL Hall of Fame.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #25: Duet Acting became a Senior KHSSL event in 1963. It changed to Duo Interpretation for Senior State in 1991.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #24: In 1928, 270 high schools were registered in debate for the Kentucky league.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #23: The first statewide speech teachers' clinic was sponsored in 1947. Today, the SPEAK Conference happens (almost) annually in the Fall each year. KHSSL has been instrumental in both.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #22: In 1957, the League offered three Junior Division events: Interpretative Reading, Poetry Reading, and Posters.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #21: Storytelling became a Senior KHSSL event in 1964 and was added for Junior in 1968.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #20: In the early years of the League, Oratory was for boys only, and Declamation was for girls only. Debate was coeducational from the beginning of the League.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #19: For over 50 years (beginning in 1951), KHSSL sponsored a state Drama festival as one of its state offerings. The tournament was dropped due to low participation and the rise of other state drama festivals (KTA, Thespians).

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #18: Public Forum Debate was added as a State Debate event in 2010.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #17: Impromptu Speaking was added to Junior State Speech in 2014.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #16: POI was established as a Senior State Speech event at KHSSL in 2014, one year before it became a national event with the NSDA. [#trendsetters](#)

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #15: Winners of the 1957 Public Speaking contest were awarded \$50, \$30, and \$20 by the Kentucky Education Association.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #14: State debate contests began in the University of Kentucky's extension program in 1921. In addition to debate, essay writing contests and track and field meets were managed by UK Extension that year. New spin on overcoming hurdles in speaking, eh?

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #13: In 2001, coaches Garland and Ruth Blair of LaRue County High School were inducted into the KHSSL Hall of Fame. In 2015, their daughter, Katy Blair Cecil, was inducted.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #12: Lincoln-Douglas Debate was first recognized as a national (NFL) event in 1980. Kentucky adopted the event at KHSSL State in 1983 with a first champion from the former Jessamine County High (now divided into East Jessamine and West Jessamine).

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #11 (not10): In 1970, the 50th state debate contest, Madisonville North Hopkins took home the Debate contest trophy. Who will take it home at #100 in 2020?

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #10: In 1970, the 50th state debate contest, Madisonville North Hopkins took home the Debate contest trophy. Who will take it home at #100 in 2020?

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #10: In the 1946 Constitution requirements were "9 regions designated roughly by the following cities as centers: Murray, Madisonville, Bowling Green, Louisville, Covington, Richmond, Morehead, Pikeville, and Pineville."

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #9: After over two decades of middle school inactivity, the KHSSL Board re-opened debate to all KHSSL competitors in grades 4-12 for the 2020 state debate tournament, just in time for our big birthday. <https://t.co/W7uOjzfQuG>

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #8: In 1994, the KHSSL Board of Directors established the Kentucky High School Speech League Hall of Fame. The inaugural class was Gifford Blyton, Thelma Beeler, Barbara Elliott, Randall Capps, Virginia Massey, Ruby Krider, and Harlen Hamm.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #7: In 1971, the University of Kentucky moved KHSSL from the University Extension office to the Department of Speech. UK Speech Professor Gifford Blyton, just retired from coaching UK Debate, was assigned directorship of the League.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #6: By 1967, ten different speech events were included at KHSSL State for senior high school students, and four events were open to junior high school students.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #5: In 1923, Public Discussion (girls) and Public Discussion (boys) plus Declamation were offered as competition events at the state meet (in addition to Debate and Oratory).

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #4: Oratory was the first speech event offered in what we now know as KHSSL, beginning in 1922.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #3: Debate (what we now call Policy Debate) was the first event sponsored by KHSSL at its first 1921 contest; however, it was a three-person event, not like today's two-person contest.

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #2: The state debate tournament and the senior state speech tournament will be held at the University of Louisville this year, the first time in 100 years State will be held out of Lexington or Bowling Green. (Junior Speech State still in Lexington).

KHSSL 100 Fun Fact #1: In 1921, Lexington High School won the first state debate title. 100 years from then and 100 days from today, we will again name a state debate champion. Tune in daily for tweets about 100 years of KHSSL history as we prepare for our big birthday!