

TEXAS STATE

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

The Elton Abernathy Forensics Society, Texas State's competitive speech team, is named for Prof. Elton Abernathy, a long-time chair of the department and former Director of Forensics. We are members of the American Forensics Association (AFA), the National Forensics Association (NFA) and Pi Kappa Delta (PKD). The team travels locally, regionally, and nationally, with an emphasis on qualifying for the American Forensics Association-National Speech Tournament (AFA-NST). The Coronal Philosophical Society is named for the Coronal Institute, founded in San Marcos in 1868. The society sponsors public debates and speech events for the campus and community. These debates are often conducted in a forum style that allows for audience participation.