GRANADA HILLS
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Brian Bauer
Executive Director

October 31, 2015

Dear CHSSA:

It is with great pleasure to state Kathy Graber's contributions to TCFL have been tremendous. First and foremost, as Co-President she has helped to bring equity within our league which gives all schools an equal chance of qualifying for state. Secondly, it's a blessing for our league Kathy loves numbers and is our liaison with CHSSA because she keeps us abreast on our state standings as far as allocations, results, and state dues. It's because of her strong leadership that most schools pay their state dues in a timely manner. She also not only keeps us informed on the latest by-laws, but also helps author state by-laws which help to make regulating the state qualifiers more efficiently. Thirdly, she created a league workshop for new coaches and novices. It's so successful, schools from other leagues sometimes attend because it's very informative and organized. Fourthly, the speech handouts and ballots on our website were created by Kathy. Those handouts make it easier for new coaches to learn about all the events as well as get an understanding of the judging criteria. Finally, Kathy administers the state qualifiers. She created committees to help check scripts, but no script gets approved without Kathy's okay. With her as administrator, we have never qualified an illegal piece. She also created a student eligibility form which coaches must fill out before competing at any of our qualifiers. Furthermore, during the speech qualifier Kathy acts as pit boss and resolves all speech related conflicts. It would be impossible to state all of Kathy's contributions in 200 words but the reasons mentioned above should be more than enough to get her elected into the CHSSA Hall of Fame.

Thank you,

Jerome Robinson
Speech &Debate Coach/English Teacher
TCFL Co-President

HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

Mail this form as hard copy to CHSSA President. Form and additional materials must be received no later than November 1 of this year for consideration in the current year.

Nominating League: TCFL Date 10/31/15

The League nominates Kathy Graber of Monroe High School.

1. Length of service to high school speech: 22 years from 1994 to 2015 (present)

Nominating signatures of coaches representing four different schools in the League:

	PRINT NAME	NAME OF SCHOOL	SIGNATURE
1.	Jerome Robinson	Granada Hills Charter	
2.	Jessica Peroff	Cleveland HS	
3.	Eleanor Nishioka	Hart High	
4.	Orrei Barasch	SOCES	

In addition to this form, the nominee or his/her designee must submit a written statement of no more than 200 words describing the nominee's attributes and achievements, explaining to those who may not know the person why he/she should be in the CHSSA Hall of Fame. A photo must also be included. For voting purposes, persons meeting the requirements for nomination will have the description and photo published and distributed to the CSSC and, should the nominee be inducted, the description and photo will be posted on the CHSSA website and published in the CHSSA State Speech Tournament program.

The nominee's signature below approves the use of his/her information and picture as described above:

Name of Nominee (Please print)	Name of School (if applicable)	SIGNATURE
KATHY GRABER	MONROE HS	Kathy Graber

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Kathy Graber: Curriculum Vitae
References on Request

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Residence: Granada Hills, CA.

Education and Background:

1974:	Graduated from John F. Kennedy HS in Granada Hills w/ a silver seal diploma
1974—1978:	Attended UCLA; finished all but 10 units of a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Arts
Jun 78-Aug 79:	Started professional acting career in Los Angeles: SAG/AFTRA, Equity (separate resumé)
Sept 79-Dec 81:	Pursued acting career and training in New York (separate resumé)
Jan 82-Jan 89:	Continued acting career & training in Los Angeles; credits include TV, film, stage, and commercials
Oct. 26, 1989:	Birth of son Zachary
Sum 90-Spr 92:	Finished BA in English/Theater Arts @ CSUN
Spring 1993:	Completed Secondary Single Subject Teaching Credential in English (CSUN)
Fall 93-Present:	English Teacher/Speech Team Coach Monroe Law & Government Magnet HS in North Hills, CA.

Additional Training and Professional Accomplishments:

Summer 97; Summer 03:	UCLA Writing Project Fellow (2 terms)
Summer 98, 99, 00:	Taught UCLA Young Writers (3 terms)
Fall 1998:	Seminar Presenter, Chancellor's Conference, UCLA
Spring 2001:	Recipient of Fulfillment Fund Teaching Award
Fall 2003:	Seminar Presenter, Sheraton Universal
Aug 01, Aug 03, Jul 05, Aug 05:	Completed 4 week-long AP workshops (Southern Oregon University, UC Riverside, Univ. of San Diego, Cal. State LA)
2001—2004:	Taught AP English Language and Composition (pass rate ranged between 70-83%)
Fall 2004:	"Passed the AP torch" to colleague (but continued to teach the 2005, 2006, and 2007 AP English Winter Intersession Courses)
July—Aug 2007:	Completed 6-week Summer Shakespeare Academy @ Theatricum Botanicum
Jul 2007—July 2014	Completed 4 summer courses of Shakespeare at the Huntington

Began coaching Mock Trial in 1994

- **2012 Los Angeles County Champion** (largest field in CRF history: over 80 teams)
- Multiple Top 8 placements, including 2nd place (L.A. County Runner-up) 2008 and 2009
- Multiple Top Student Attorney Awards (including Top Prosecuting Atty in California and LA County)
- Awarded LA County Mock Trial Teacher of the Year in 2003

Began coaching Speech & Debate with 5 students in 1995; team size now averages 80; produce annual showcase for parents, students, faculty; host citywide tournaments; organize annual league workshop events and clinics

- 2014 1st Place Expository at the Cal Invitational (UC Berkeley)
- 2011 1st Place Expository at the Cal Invitational (UC Berkeley)
- 2003 1st Place Dramatic Interpretation at the Cal Invitational (UC Berkeley)
- 2000 NFL Nationals (Oregon): 2nd Place Barbara Jordan Debates [Note: withdrew from NFL competition after this tournament due to schedule conflicts—Monroe moved to year round calendar]
- 1999 NFL Nationals (Arizona): 3rd Place Barbara Jordan Debates

CHSSA: 83 state titles (top 18 placements), including nine 1st place California State Championships in:

- 1998 Expository
- 2000 Expository
- 2002 Original Oratory
- 2003 Dramatic Interpretation: also 2nd place Sweepstakes Win in Medium School Entry
- 2006 Original Prose & Poetry
- 2007 Thematic Interpretation
- 2008 Original Prose & Poetry
- 2012 Original Prose & Poetry; also 17th place in California out of a field of 147 schools statewide
- 2013 Oratorical Interpretation; also 13th place in California out of a field of 156 schools statewide
- 2015 11th place Team Sweepstakes Award in California out of a field of 160 schools statewide

Tri-County Forensic League positions held: Treasurer, Vice-President, Co-President since 2003 (current title) and currently serve on the Calif. High School Speech Assn. Individual Events Committee and the CHSSA General Council

League Contributions:

- **Organize the league calendar and secure tournament hosts**
- **Design tournament ballots and event handouts (including judge instructions)**
- **Organize the annual fall TCFL workshop for novice competitors and their families**
- **Prepare bills and resolutions for all TCFL Student Congress tournaments**
- **Prepare Extemporaneous topics for all TCFL Individual Event tournaments**
- **Assist in tabbing and paneling tournaments**
- **Conduct script tutorials for coaches every January**
- **Read and approve all scripts for entry into the TCFL league qualifying tournaments**
- **Verify student eligibility to compete at league qualifiers**
- **Mentor new coaches and advise all league coaches**
- **Represent league at CHSSA meetings**
- **Host tournaments, including the annual "I Have a Dream Invitational" every January**
- **Prepare and file league entries for the State Tournament**

Representative CHSSA Contributions:

- **Co-hosted 2013 STATE TOURNAMENT w/ Alison Hunsaker at West Ranch HS**
- **Served on the IE Bylaw Reformat Committee and assisted in writing the new document**
- **Authored the IE bylaw to permit electronic sourcing of Interpretation Material in DI, HI, Duo, and TI**

2000—2004; 2007—2009: Academic Decathlon Coach

- 2003: won Most Improved in Conference
- 2004: finished 15th in LAUSD overall, 2nd in Interview, 3rd in Speech, 9th in Art; multiple student medals
- 2008: finished 15th in Super Quiz
- 2009: finished 17th in LAUSD overall, 3rd in Conference, 7th in Speech; 5 Medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze)

Monroe State Speech Awards by Category

Note: in 2003, Monroe won the 2nd place State Sweepstakes award in the Medium Schools Division. In 2011, CHSSA elimnated the entry-size divisions. As of States 2012, recognition goes to the top 20 schools, regardless of entry size. **In 2012, we won the 17th place Sweeps award out of 147 schools; in 2013, we rose to 13th place out of 156 schools; and in April 2015 we captured the 11th place sweepstakes award out of 160 schools statewide!**

Expository

1. **1st Place, 1998** Nassira Nicola, freshman (The Harp)
2. **1st Place, 2000** David Yaroslavsky, sr (The Lies Across America: Myths of American History)
3. 2nd Place, 2011 Tannaz Noormohammadi, sr (Off With Her Head!: Queens)—also 1st at Berkeley!
4. 4th Place, 2007 Stephanie Perez, sr (Kentucky Fried Speech: The Chicken)
5. 5th Place, 2015 William Streb, sr (No Guts, No Glory: Human Digestion)
6. 6th Place, 2005 Morgan Walsh, sr (Wanted: Dead, Not Alive: the life of cadavers)
7. 7th Place, 2005 Mane Sardaryan, sr (For Crying Out Loud: Tears)
8. 8th Place, 2008 Arpine Sardaryan, sr (At Your Service: The American Diner)
9. 9th Place, 2011 Genine Cumba, soph (Got Speech?: Milk)
10. 11th Place, 2006 Stephanie Perez, jr (Under the Big Top: The Circus)
11. 12th place, 2014 William Streb, jr ("In Living Color")—also 1st at Berkeley!
12. 15th Place, 2007 Luis Villanueva, soph (Truth, Justice, and the American Way: Superheroes)
13. 15th Place, 2004 Mane Sardaryan, sr (The Mafia)
14. 15th Place, 2002 Mike Hernandez, sr (Lobotomy)
15. 16th Place, 2004 Quingan Zhou, soph (Dust)
16. 17th Place, 2009 Talisa Tan, sr (The Most "Apeeling" Fruit: The Banana)

Original Advocacy

1. 3rd Place, 2010 Lucy Unanyan, sr (Cheering for Your Life—dangers of cheerleading)
2. 3rd Place, 2003 Alex Danielyan, sr (Loose Nukes—unsecured fissile nuclear material in the world)
3. 4th Place, 2013 Genine Cumba, sr (It's About Time—reform Mandatory Minimum Sentencing)
4. 4th Place, 2007 Anna Aroutiounian, sr (It's Enough to Make You Sick—health care)
5. 5th Place, 2007 Edward Danielyan, sr (A Matter of Life and Debt—credit cards)
6. 5th Place, 2006 David Sforza, sr (McNickeled and McDimed—loss of working class wages & dignity)
7. 7th Place, 2014 Aminata Diallo, jr (Asking For It—campus rape)
8. 8th Place, 2005 David Sforza, jr (Walmart—discriminatory & abusive treatment of workers, esp female)
9. 9th Place, 2015 Amy Diallo, sr (To Protect and Serve: police culture and implicit racial bias)
10. 10th Place, 2013 Amy Diallo, soph (Text M for Murder—Tantalum and need for conflict-free cell phones)
11. 10th Place, 2011 Rossana Estrada, sr (Democracy Inc—campaign finance/Citizens United decision)
12. 11th Place, 2008 Johannah Huynh, jr (Eat at Your Own Risk—food safety)
13. 12th Place, 2004 Brent Hamashita, sr (Click, Click, Boom—teen suicide)
14. 13th Place, 2015 John Camara, sr (REVIVE our Democracy: Voter Apathy)

Dramatic Interpretation

1. **1st Place, 2003** Michecia Jones, sr (*Yellowman*, play by Dael Orlandersmith)—also 1st at Berkeley!
2. 3rd Place, 2015 Jazmyn Simmons, sr (*For Colored Girls*, choreopoem/play by Ntozake Shange)
3. 3rd Place, 2005 Wanda Pathomrit, sr (*Little Saigon*, prose poem by David St. John)
4. 5th Place. 2010 Sarah Martellaro, sr (*Incendiary*, novel by Chris Cleave)
5. 7th Place, 2003 Ashley Ford, jr (*Monster*, play by Dael Orlandersmith)
6. 8th Place, 2004 Ashley Ford, sr (*The Gimmick*, play by Dael Orlandersmith)
7. 9th Place, 2003 Wanda Pathomrit, soph (*First They Killed My Father*, Cambodian novel by Loung Ung)
8. 11th Place 2007 Melodie Kruspodin, sr (*Rose*, play by Martin Sherman)
9. 11th Place, 2005 Nathaniel Nalam, sr (*I Am My Own Wife*, play by Doug Wright)
10. 13th Place, 2011 Angelina Finau, soph (*King Hedley II*, play by August Wilson)
11. 16th Place, 2012 Angelina Finau, jr (*Rage to Survive: the Etta James Story*—biography)
12. 16th Place, 2004 Justine DePeralta, soph (*Defying Gravity*, play by Jane Anderson)
13. 18th Place, 2002 Michecia Jones, soph (short story about a Southern sharecropper, told by his daughter)

Thematic Interpretation

1. **1st Place, 2007** Cameron Hovsepian, sr (Why I Sing the Blues)
2. 13th Place, 2009 Sarah Martellaro, jr (Far From Home)

Humorous Interpretation

1. 3rd Place, 2015 Xochitl Hernandez, jr (*The LA LA Awards*, by Latins Anonymous) —also 5th at Berkeley!
2. 13th Place, 2006 Vanessa Cerritos, sr (*Some People*, play by Danny Hoch—a Puerto Rican girl w/ attitude)
3. 16th Place, 2013 Tony Santacruz, jr (*Sleepwalk with Me*, memoir by comedian Mike Birbiglia)

Duo Interpretation

5th Place, 2005 David Reichbach, sr/Vanessa Cerritos, jr (*Into The Woods*, musical by Steph. Sondheim)

Original Prose & Poetry

1. **1st Place, 2012** Cheikh Athj, sr (Puppet—black college student's experience w/ the N word and racism)
2. **1st Place, 2008** Samanta Cubias, sr (The Baptism of Omar—Latino family celebration)
3. **1st Place, 2006** Cameron Hovsepian, jr (BackDoor Blues—"autobiography" from an old bluesman)
4. 6th Place, 2004 Nathaniel Nalam, jr (The Fruit on the Family Tree—coming out in a Filipino family)
5. 7th Place, 2014 Luke Dorsey, jr ("Educated")—the trials and tribulations of high school
6. 11th Place 2007 Nidia Bautista, jr (Secret Lives—celebrities' lives from the perspective of a Latino maid)
7. 12th Place, 2013 Luke Dorsey, soph (Family Vacation—spoof of vactioning with an outdoorsman dad)
8. 13th Place, 2008 Nidia Bautista, sr (Cielito Lindo—Latino Political Satire)
9. 14th Place, 2011 Cheikh Athj, jr (Bearing Witness—radicalized Muslim on 9/11)
10. 14th Place, 2003 Nathaniel Nalam, soph (Meet My Mother—just what it sounds like!)
11. 15th Place, 2009 Ian Suri, sr (Born Confused—on being both Jewish and Siekh)

Oratorical Interpretation

1. **1st Place, 2013** Rachel Dinh, sr (Erin Runnion Victim Impact Statement)
2. 2nd Place, 2004 J'me Forrest, sr (MLK—1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott speech)
3. 3rd Place, 2003 J'me Forrest, jr (Gerry Spence's 1979 closing argument in Silkwood v Kerr-Mcgee)
4. 4th Place, 2012 Ladijah Corder, jr. (Zainab Salbi's Women, Wartime, and the Dream of Peace)
5. 7th Place, 2004 Vanessa Hooker, jr (1st Calif. Female Atty, Clara Shortridge Foltz 1890 closing arg.)
6. 9th Place, 2015 Dalia Dichter, soph (Malala Yousafzai's Nobel Lecture)
7. 10th place, 2006 Vanessa Hooker, soph (1838 anti-slavery speech by abolitionist Angelina Grimke)
8. 10th Place, 1999 Annie Vineyard, sr (writer Toni Morrison's 1993 Nobel Prize acceptance speech)
9. 14th Place, 2002 Nathaniel Nalam, freshman (Tianamen Square student protester Shen Tong 1989 speech)
10. 18th Place, 2013 Manny Jacob, sr (Jane Lynch's 2012 Smith Commencement Speech)
11. 18th Place, 2004 Jason Morales, sr (playwright Tony Kushner 2002 commencement speech at Vassar)

Original Oratory

1. **1st Place, 2002** Alex Aguila, jr (Affluenza—our culture's obsession with material gain)
2. 6th Place, 2005 Sophie Etemadi, jr (Dumb and Dumberer—our declining national intelligence)
3. 7th Place, 2009 Johannah Huynh, sr (The Cruelest Historian: Your Reputation Online)
4. 12th Place, 2006 Sophie Etemadi, sr (Bah, Humbug!—The Pursuit of Happiness)

Foreign Extemporaneous

1. 7th pl, 2001 Nassira Nicola, sr
2. 11th pl, 2008 Mike Himes, jr
3. 17th pl, 2006 Azziz Hussaini, sr

National Extemporaneous

1. 13th pl, 2007 Mike Himes, soph
2. 16th pl, 2013 Dani Dichter, sr

Congress

1. 10th place, 2000 Nassira Nicola, jr
2. 17th place, 2012 Dani Dichter, jr
3. 18th place, 2008 Armen Hazarian, jr

THAT'S 83 STATE TITLES, INCLUDING 9 CHAMPIONSHIPS—all coached by Kathy Graber

Monroe Team History

Our History: The Monroe High School Speech and Debate Team was restarted by Ms. Kathy Graber in 94-95 with just five interested students. It has grown to a team of about 80 and often has one of the largest tournament entries of all 30+ schools in our league. Individually students have won hundreds of trophies, medals, plaques and certificates, and several have won scholarships. Collectively the team has taken many tournament sweepstakes awards. We have so far produced 9 state champion individual speakers and many top seven placements. Our graduating speakers have gone on to prestigious universities like Yale, Harvard, U. Penn, Cornell, Brown, Pomona, Georgetown, USC, Vassar, Occidental, Smith, Swarthmore, Wellesley, Howard, UC Berkeley, and UCLA.

Monroe is a member of the **Tri-County Forensic League**, which includes approximately 30+ schools, stretching from the San Fernando Valley all the way up to Central California. Ms. Graber has served as league Treasurer, Vice-President, and has been **Co-President (along with Mr. Jerome Robinson from Granada) since 2003.**

In addition to attending all league tournaments (and sometimes hosting them!), Monroe competes at college and high school invitationals outside the league. The UC Berkeley competition in February is always on our calendar, and we have done quite well there, taking 3 first places and several top 6 placements in recent years in very competitive events, most notably in Expository, Dramatic Interpretation, and Humorous Interpretation.

Monroe also hosts an annual fundraiser tournament each year over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. We call it the "I Have a Dream" tournament, and it enjoys healthy support from our fellow league schools as well as draws competition from schools outside our league. This is a 2-day tournament featuring debate, congress and IEs; 2016 will be our 14th year sponsoring this event.