As a member of the Montgomery High School Speech & Debate Team I represent my family, my team, my coach, my school, and myself. I am bound by the Montgomery High School student handbook, speech & debate team handbook, and the laws of society, which I will respect and obey except for reasons of conscience, in which I will make my disagreement public and stand ready to accept the consequences.

In recognition of the above, I pledge to meet the following Code of Honor & Expectations:

1. As a member of the National Forensic League and the Montgomery High School Speech & Debate Team, I pledge to uphold the highest standards of integrity, humility, respect, leadership, and service in the pursuit of excellence.

2. I will keep all commitments to my coach and team regarding participation in interscholastic speech and debate events.

3. I will abide by all rules and guidelines of the National Forensic League Charter, the Texas Forensic Association Constitution, and the University Interscholastic League Constitution & Contest Rules. I will further maintain the ethical standards of the activity: avoiding cheating, fabrication of evidence, and misrepresentation of any kind.

4. I will not possess or consume any tobacco product, alcoholic beverage or illegal or illicit drug while I am a member of the Montgomery High School Speech & Debate Team.

5. I will not condone, either implicitly or explicitly, the actions of those who violate the Code of Honor & Expectations and I will, to the best of my ability, discourage others from breaking the Code. My actions might include: leaving the scene, dealing directly with it as a leader, and/or informing a chaperone or coach of any such situation. If I am a current or future officer, I recognize that I must hold myself to a higher standard, and that I have a special obligation and duty to report issues in this regard.

6. I recognize that the Montgomery High School Speech & Debate Team cannot function without my trustworthy behavior, and that my violation of this code will result in consequences up to and including my suspension, definitely or indefinitely, from the team and from interscholastic competition- in addition to any other school and legal punishment.

I fully accept and agree to abide by the Montgomery High School Speech & Debate Team Code of Honor & Expectations and hereby affix my signature:

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Student

I support my child in his or her commitment to these expectations:

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Parent/Guardian