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JUNE 4, 2024, 4 PM -5 PM EDT

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WISHING NYC EDUCATORS A HAPPY SUMMER FROM THE ESU NATIONAL SHAKESPEARE COMPETITION!



As the school year draws to a close, all of us at the ESU National Shakespeare Competition want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and hard work throughout the year. Your passion for teaching and nurturing the love of Shakespeare in your students is deeply appreciated.

The NSC team would like to wish you a wonderful and well-deserved summer break filled with plenty of time for relaxation and rejuvenation. And if you'd like to enjoy a bit of the Bard in your free time, check out [this article](#) about where to catch some great Shakespeare performances around NYC this summer!

We look forward to working with you again in the upcoming school year when we will be rolling out all new Shakespeare **education resources and professional development opportunities** that we hope will inspire you and your students in 2025!

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please [click here](#) to support the National Shakespeare Competition

THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION

The ESU celebrates English as a shared language to foster global understanding and good will by providing educational and cultural opportunities for students, educators, and members

Take a look at some of our upcoming events. We have so many fun and exciting things to look forward to.



VOLUNTEER

EiA is going on summer break but will be actively looking for volunteers for the Fall semester.

Interested in making a difference in the lives of students from around the world? As an English in Action volunteer, you can help a newcomer practice English and build long-lasting relationships with students from around the world. No prior teaching experience required. Be a window into U.S. life and join our community!

[Click here to hear some of our EiA Volunteer Stories](#)

for more information email eia@esuus.org.

ONLINE HAPPY HOUR SERIES



Happy Hour programs bring to you guest speakers live and free of charge. Speakers may also suggest a unique cocktail for you to create and enjoy at home. These programs are designed so ESU members and guests can learn and interact with our outstanding speakers.

UPCOMING: JUNE 12, 2024

[The Great Siege of Malta and the Fate of Empires](#)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Wayne H. Bowen

4:00PM EDT

[Register Here](#)

Sponsored by the Central Florida Branch

for more information email info@esuus.org.

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH

JUNE ENGLISH CLASSES AT THE ESU ANDREW ROMAY NEW IMMIGRANT CENTER (ARNIC)

In June, ARNIC will offer intensive English-language courses to recently arrived immigrants. These courses will support students in developing the English language proficiency needed to work professionally in the U.S. More than 90 students from 40+ countries will participate. Students will have the opportunity to choose from a range of innovative topics including Creative Writing, The Language of Food and Pronunciation. These courses will be facilitated by our dedicated team of educators who have expertise in teaching English as a Second Language.

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NEW ROOTS: TELLING OUR STORIES IN ENGLISH

This course focuses on writing and storytelling and encourages students to write about their places of origin and new adopted home of NYC. The stories included in this compilation are engaging and powerful.

**Please click on the link to see the
compilation of stories**

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THE PLAYERS

The ESU Players are a group of ESU members and ARNIC students who perform staged readings of plays once a month. There is a reception before the play donated by the ESU Players and a lively get-together after.



Upcoming at the ESU
144 E 39th Street

Thursday, June 13, 2024

The ESU Players announce the last play of the season, the 24th annual presentation of a staged reading of Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Thursday, June 13th. at 6:30PM. A gala strawberry-champagne reception will start at 6:00PM. We invite everyone to celebrate the upcoming solstice with us.

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AMATEUR COMEDY CLUB

Despite our name, our performances are of professional quality and produced by professional directors. The club is an old NYC institution that has been producing plays since 1884. ESU members attend at no cost. Located at 150 E. 36th Street, NYC.

Upcoming Performances:
Check the website:
<https://amateurcomedyclub.org/>



BRONX TEACHER HEADING TO SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE IN LONDON!



Congratulations to Elyse Lewis, recipient of the ESU NYC Branch 2024 TLab Scholarship to attend the “Teaching Shakespeare Through Performance” course at Shakespeare's Globe in London, June 24 - July 12th surrounded by artists, educators, and professionals from around the world. Elyse shares:

I am thrilled to represent the NYC Branch of the ESU in London this summer. It will be an honor to study Shakespeare's work right where it first began. The power of theatre is at the root of my teaching at the Bronx Center for Science and Mathematics. Our school community brings together students of a large range of ethnicities, racial and cultural backgrounds, home languages, religions, and immigrant experiences. Many of my students have no prior experience with theatre or live performance. They are often skeptical of classical texts at first but are always quickly taken by storm by the magic of Shakespeare or the Ancient Greeks. My students often struggle with the language of Shakespeare - especially the English Language Learners (ELLs) and students with special needs. My studies in Shakespeare have been primarily through an English Literature lens. I can't wait to dive deeper into teaching Shakespeare in order to elevate and expand my curriculum and unlock the magic of the Bard for my students and school community when I return to the Bronx this fall.

For more information go to: <https://www.esuus.org/what-we-do/teachers-learning-abroad/> or contact Alice Uhl at auhl@esuus.org.

ESU NY DEBATE LEAGUE MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATE



The ESU Middle School Debate Program is an ESU educational initiative in partnership with Claremont McKenna College's Middle School Public Debate Program, international leaders in middle school debate education. The program is for students in grades 5-8 to help them develop critical thinking and language arts skills through public speaking.



Happy Summer to all our Middle School Debaters --
See you in September!

For more information, go to:
<https://www.esuus.org/what-we-do/middle-school-debate-public-speaking/new-york-debate-league/>

ESU INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The International Public Speaking Competition brings together outstandingly articulate young people from all over the world for a week of public speaking workshops, competitions, and international cultural exchange with the ESU of the Commonwealth in London. The finalist contestants meet and learn with their peers of different backgrounds and cultures from some 30 countries. Congrats to Carina Bruno and all the talented speakers who enjoyed a week of cultural exchange and public speaking this past May!



ESU US Delegate Carina Bruno in London May 2024 with IPSC delegates

For more information, go to: <https://www.esuus.org/what-we-do/international-public-speaking-competition/>

JOIN US IN CLEVELAND OCTOBER 18-20, 2024



2024 ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE *WITH THE* ESU INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING *HANDS ACROSS THE SEAS: LEADERSHIP FOR GLOBAL ACTION*

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Hotel Cleveland, Autograph
Collection

Book your group rate for English
Speaking Union Annual Conference
September 17 cut-off date to make
reservations (\$229/night)

Preliminary Schedule of Events

The Westin Cleveland Downtown
Book your group rate for ENGLISH
SPEAKING UNION ATTENDEES

September 17 cut-off date to make
reservations (\$209/night)

FOR QUESTIONS: DUNGER@ESUUS.ORG

PATRON TOUR



Experience the magic of Italy with the ESU National Patron Tour Shakespeare and Palladio in the Veneto, September 21-27, 2024!

Tour Details: [ESU National Patron Tour Shakespeare and Palladio in the Veneto](#)

Benefits of Being a Patron Member

You are invited to join the ESU Tour "Palladio and Shakespeare In the Veneto, Italy" September 21-27, 2024. It will take our group to Verona and Vicenza, Lake Garda, Asolo, Padua, and Mantua, exploring historic churches and charming plazas, libraries and lush gardens, palazzos and Palladian villas. Thanks to our Italian host art historian Count Stefano Aluffi-Pentini's trusted friendships with the families that own some of the residences designed by Andrea Palladio, our small group will enjoy private access to some of Veneto's hidden treasures and meet a couple of these owners, who will graciously share their stories and family legacies. And of course, our resident Shakespeare expert Dr. Catherine Loomis will regale the group with captivating stories and insightful commentary on Shakespeare's most important plays set against the backdrop of the region.

[click here to register](#)

contact Rossana Ivanova for more information at rivanova@esuus.org.

