

ESU 2026

National Shakespeare Competition

Saturday, April 25 to Monday, April 27, 2026

Weekend Schedule (*subject to change*)

Saturday, April 25 *ESU National Headquarters (144 E. 39th St., NYC)*

2:00 PM – Check-in & Welcome Reception at ESU National Headquarters (lunch provided)

5:00 PM - Double decker bus tour of NYC landmarks

Sunday, April 26 *ESU National Headquarters (144 E. 39th St., NYC)*

11:00 am – Bagels & Coffee /Acting Workshop led by a Broadway veteran at
ESU Headquarters/Teaching Shakespeare Through Performance PD for Educators

2:00 pm– Broadway Show: *Maybe Happy Ending* (The Belasco Theatre,
111 W 44th St, NYC)

Monday, April 27 *Mitzi E. Newhouse Theater, Lincoln Center (150 W 65th St., NYC)*

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM – All 40 branch champions perform

1:00 PM – Lunch and group photos (hosted by The Juilliard School)

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM – Top 10 Finalists compete for the national title