



PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT

Description:	The competitor will prepare and present a 3 to 5 minute speech.	
Purpose:	To allow the students to make a public presentation using the principles of verbal communication, demonstrate self-confidence and poise in speaking before peers and general public, and strengthen communication skills.	
Eligibility/Entries:	Each state is eligible to submit a maximum of 3 competitors. Competitors in this event are not eligible to compete in the Employability Skills or Math Skills Events.	
Competencies:	C.14, C.18, D.24, E.27, E.28, E.29, E.30, F.32	
Observers:	Observers are allowed in the competition room. Chairperson should announce that (1) observers are permitted subject to proper decorum, (2) observers attempting to communicate with competitors will be asked to leave the room, and (3) observers may not enter or leave the room while a student is speaking.	
Competitive Event Time:	Speaking time	5 minutes
	Scoring time for judges	<u>5 minutes</u>
	Total time	10 minutes

Competition Rules:

1. The competitor must declare his/her intent to enter this event on the conference registration form as per the established deadline.
2. Each student participating will present a speech on the following topic:

2018 TOPIC: What does the JAG Advantage mean to you?

3. Each speech will be at least three minutes, but not exceed five minutes in length. Time will be called at the 5-minute mark, and the competitor will stop speaking.
4. Each participant's speech must be the result of his/her own efforts - however, facts and working data may be secured from any available sources.
5. No outside materials, props or illustrations (including audiovisual aids) may be used during the speech. However, speech notes on index cards are permitted.
6. Participants may not mention or refer to a specific city or high school at any point in the speech.
7. There is a podium in the room. The competitor must stand during his/her presentation and may, if she/she desires, use the podium.
8. A competitor may not hear any other competitors' speech.
9. The winning speaker may be asked to give his/her speech at the awards ceremony.
10. Competitors will be rated based on the criteria contained in the judges rating sheet.



PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT RATING SHEET

Competitor:		Judge:	
Rating		Points Possible	Points Awarded
1. Opening	Appearance, business attire, introduction	10	
2. Voice	Pitch, tempo, volume, enthusiasm	10	
3. Presentation	Gestures, poise, eye-contact, mannerism	10	
4. Organization	Logic, clarity, suitability, coherence	15	
5. Mechanics	Grammar, pronunciation, diction, imagery	15	
6. Closing	Summary, conclusion	10	
7. Effectiveness	Achievement of purpose; impressive, informative, persuasive.	10	
Total Points		80	