

Furman University, Gamma Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, and the
City of Greenville Parks and Recreation

presents

The
I Have More Than A Dream
Oratorical Competition



BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

**FINAL COMPETITION
FURMAN UNIVERSITY
BURGISS THEATER
February 18, 2012
10:00 am**



2012 I Have More Than A Dream Oratorical Competition Contestant Guidelines

Theme

- The Theme of the Oratorical Contest shall be the one selected by the Oratorical Steering committee. THE THEME SHALL BE THE SUBJECT FOR EACH CONTESTANT.
- The theme for this year is “Building the Beloved Community Through Civil Discourse and Mutual Understanding”

Organization

- The speech prepared by the contestant must be original.
- The speech must be typewritten, double-spaced, using standard college English.
- The speech must be logical, correct in form and content and must address the theme established by the Oratorical Steering committee.
- The speech must show a command of vocabulary.
- *The speech must be submitted in writing to the Committee Chairman for approval and preliminary scoring by **February 14, 2012.***

Timing (Final Competition)

For those entrants selected to compete in the final round of the Oratorical competition, the following rules and guidelines will apply:

- A speaker will be disqualified from the contest if he speaks less than 4 minutes and 30 seconds, or more than 7 minutes and 30 seconds.
- The timers shall be seated in such a position that warning signals will be clearly visible to the speakers, but not obvious to the audience. The green and amber-warning signals will remain up for one minute.
- Speakers should not start their speech until completion of introductory applause. Timing shall begin with the first word the contestant utters.
- Timers shall warn the speaker with a green sign after he has spoken for five (5) minutes. An amber sign will be turned on after six (6) minutes and the red sign will be after seven (7) minutes and will remain on until the conclusion of the speech.



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ACADEMIC PROFILE

Each contestant must file this information with the Oratorical Chairman no later than February 14, 2012.

Name _____

School _____

Classification _____

Home Address _____

City _____

Telephone Number (H) _____ (Alternate) _____

Future Plans:

Special Interest(s) and/or Hobbies:

Email Address(s) _____

**Please forward entries electronically to:
Pam Davis, City of Greenville
pdavis@greenville.gov**



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Judging Items & Categories

(Preliminary Judging – Maximum 60 points earned)

Speech Development – 20 pts
(Structure, organization support material)

Effectiveness – 15 pts
(Achievement of purpose, interest, & reception)

Correctness – 10 pts
(Grammar, pronunciation, word selection)

Speech Value – 15 pts
(Ideas, logic, original thoughts)

(Along with the preliminary judging items, the following additional areas are assessed for the Final Competition– Maximum 100 points earned)

Physical – 10 pts
(Appearance, body language)

Voice – 10 pts
(Flexibility, volume)

Manner – 10 pts
(Directness, assurance, enthusiasm)

Appropriateness – 10 pts
(Speech address purpose & audience)



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Important Dates and Deadlines to Remember

November 17, 2011	Initial electronic communication will go out to the high school teachers and counselors.
January 21 & 28 February 4 & 11	Speech Development and Coaching Sessions, David Hellams Community Center, 10am-noon
February 14, 2012	Academic profile submission deadline
February 15, 2012	Final competition materials sent to finalists
February 17, 2012	Final rehearsal, 6pm, Burgiss Theatre
February 18, 2012	Finalists compete in I Have More Than A Dream Oratorical Competition, 10am., Furman University's Burgiss Theater

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Awards & Recognition

GOLD MEDALIST	Name engraved on standing Joseph Vaughn Cup Oratorical Champion Award \$500.00
SILVER MEDALIST	Oratorical Silver Award \$300.00
BRONZE MEDALIST	Oratorical Bronze Award \$150.00
FINALISTS (3)	Finalist Award \$50.00

All contestants will receive a certificate, recognizing their participation in this event.

