

Furman University, Gamma Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha
Fraternity, Inc., and Alpha Greenville Foundation

presents

The
Joseph Vaughn
Oratorical Competition



**Hope, Harmony, Humanity: Are They Still Relevant in
Contemporary America**

**FINAL COMPETITION
FURMAN UNIVERSITY
BURGISS THEATER
Saturday, February 18, 2017
10:00 am**



2017 Joseph Vaughn 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 “**Hope, Harmony, Humanity: Are They Still Relevant in Contemporary America?**”

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 **January 27, 2017.***

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/she 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/she 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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ENTRY FORM

Name _____

School _____

Classification/Grade _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (H) _____ (Alternate) _____

Email Address(s) _____

Parent/Guardian Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Best way to contact contestant ie:email, text number, voice call, etc. _____

Future Plans:

Special Interest(s) and/or Hobbies:

***Each contestant must submit this information no later than January 19, 2017. This
competition is limited to 25 participants.***

**Please forward entries to:
Michael R. Chatman
125 Cleveirvine Avenue
Greenville, SC 29607-1807
Email: jvoc@alphagreenville.org
Phone: 864-906-7078**



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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 21, 2016	Initial communication will go out to the high school teachers and counselors.
January 19, 2017	Entry form submission deadline
January 27, 2017	Written speech submitted to Oratorical Chair
February 4, 2017	Preliminary Competition (If needed, more than 15 contestants)
February 13 thru 16, 2017	Feedback Session
February 18, 2017	Finalists compete in Joseph Vaughn Oratorical Competition, 10 AM., Furman University's Burgiss Theater
February 25, 2017	Alternate Competition Date in case of inclement weather on 18th

For further information contact:

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864-906-7078



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Awards & Recognition

GOLD MEDALIST

Name engraved on standing Joseph Vaughn Cup
Oratorical Champion Award
\$450.00

SILVER MEDALIST

Oratorical Silver Award
\$250.00

BRONZE MEDALIST

Oratorical Bronze Award
\$150.00

**All contestants will receive a certificate, recognizing their participation in this event.
Contestants who do not place as a finalist will receive \$25.**

