

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

presents

The  
**Joseph Vaughn**  
Oratorical Competition



**“The Next Civil Rights Movement: What Direction Should It  
Take?”**

**FINAL COMPETITION  
SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
Saturday, February 17, 2018  
10:00 am**

**2018 Joseph Vaughn**



# Oratorical Competition

## Contestant Guidelines

### Student Eligibility—High School Students from Greenville County

#### 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 “The Next Civil Rights Movement: What Direction Should It Take?”

#### 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 29, 2018.***

#### 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 i.e.: 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, 2018.***

Please forward entries to:  
**Michael R. Chatman via...**  
Email: [jvoc@alphagreenville.org](mailto:jvoc@alphagreenville.org)

Or by US Mail  
125 Cleveirvine Avenue  
Greenville, SC 29607-1807  
Phone: 864-906-7078



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#### **Important Dates and Deadlines to Remember**

November 30, 2017	Initial communication will go out to the high school teachers and counselors.
January 19, 2018	Entry form submission deadline
January 29, 2018	Written speech submitted to Oratorical Chair
February 7, 2018	Preliminary Competition (If needed, more than 15 contestants)
February 14, 2018	Feedback Session
February 17, 2018	Finalists compete in Joseph Vaughn Oratorical Competition, 10 AM., Springfield Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall
February 24, 2018	Alternate Competition Date in case of inclement weather will be on the 24 <sup>th</sup> .

**For further information contact:**

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**[ivoc@alphagreenville.org](mailto:ivoc@alphagreenville.org)**

**864-906-7078**



# **The Next Civil Rights Movement: What Direction Should It Take?**

## **2018 Joseph Vaughn Oratorical Competition**

### 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.**



## **Preliminary Competition**

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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)

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_

