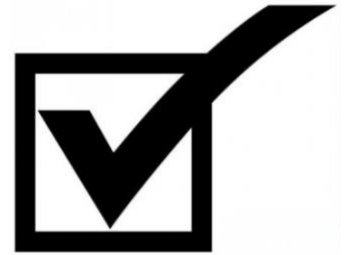




**BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS**
of AMERICA
Giving Purpose to Potential



EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH

(525)

PRELIMINARY

REGIONAL 2023

Description

Demonstrate communication skills in arranging, organizing, and effectively presenting information orally without prior knowledge of the topic.

No materials or previously prepared notes will be allowed into the preparation or presentation room with the contestant.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

- The contestants will draw two (2) different business topics and will select either one. The topics may deal with Business Professionals of America, office situations, the business world, etc.
- The contestants will be provided ten (10) minutes to develop the topic. Notes will be made on the note cards provided by the event proctor. No advisor contact will be allowed between the time of receiving the topic and the delivery.
- Contestants will be introduced by contestant number. **Contestants may continue to wear their name badges.**
- Contestants will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
- The length of the speech will be less than two (2) minutes and no more than four (4) minutes.
- The contestant will be given warnings via flash cards when there are two (2) minutes remaining and when there is one (1) minute remaining during the speaking time.
- The speech will be stopped at four (4) minutes.
- No time is allotted for judges' questions.
- Contestants should be dismissed upon completion of their speech.
- **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) contestants.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties.
- Administrator will fill out ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges.
- If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section.
- Give administrator all Judges' Rating Sheets, Judge Evaluation Sheets and contest materials.
- No audience is allowed in the contest room.

Please double-check and verify all scores!

TOPICS:

Describe your ideal leader and how do you demonstrate your leadership skills in your life?

Give your best “sales pitch” to recruit new members into BPA.

Do you think everyone should be able to attend National Leadership Conference regardless of placement at State Leadership Conference? Why or why not?

Which is more important: learning from mistakes or doing it right the first time?

The customer is not always right. Explain your thoughts on this.

Is it OK for employees to take office supplies from their employer?

How will you use your BPA experiences to become a better professional?

How does social media help businesses?