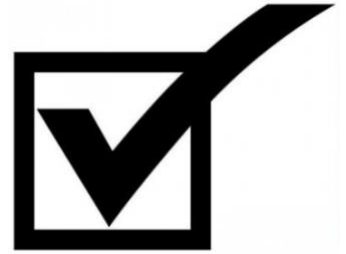




**BUSINESS
PROFESSIONALS**
of **AMERICA**
Giving Purpose to Potential



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

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Preparation Time: 10 minutes

JUDGING PROCEDURE

- The contestant 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 contestant 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.
- Cell phones may not be used in the preparation room.
- 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 no less three (3) minutes and no more than five (5) 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 five (5) 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 the 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:

Should the age of legal adulthood be increased to 21? Explain your position.

Should students and teachers be able to pray independently in public schools?

Should the opinions of people too young to vote be considered? Explain your position.

What issues are important enough that you would skip school to join a protest march?

Should social media platforms be required to remove untrue information?

Should local legislators add a computer programming course (such as Python) that qualifies as a foreign language?