



SENIOR GRADUATION SPEECH CONTEST

2014 Theme:

"Life is a journey, not a destination"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

SPEECH GUIDELINES

- ❖ The student must have attended Madera High during his/her entire Junior and Senior year.
- ❖ The speech must incorporate the theme picked by the senior class.
- ❖ Speeches must be respectful and positive to all students, staff, and the Madera community.
- ❖ Speeches should not include inside jokes. The speech will not be given consideration if the judges don't know what you are talking about.
- ❖ Speeches may be no longer than 3 minutes if given in a single language.
- ❖ Speeches given in two languages may be no longer than four minutes total.
(ex. 2 minutes in Spanish and 2 minutes in English)

TIMELINE

- April 29** Turn in application and typed speech to the Activities Office.
*****The speech must be typed, 12pt. font, times new roman, double spaced.***
*****LATE SPEECHES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED*****
- April 30** **Speech Competition @ 3:15pm in the Theater**
*****Bring a copy of your speech.***
- May 16** Contest winners: Final copies of your speech need to be turned in to Mr. Albertson's admin assistant, Mrs. Lowry by 2pm.

JUDGING

- ❖ Three speeches will be chosen. Two of the three speeches may be a team speech.
- ❖ Speeches will be judged on quality of thought, organization of thought, vocal delivery, physical delivery and overall effectiveness.

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TEACHER APPROVAL FORM

I, _____, wish to compete in the Senior Graduation Speech Contest at lunch on Wednesday, April 30.

**TEACHER'S SIGNATURE BELOW INDICATES THAT, AS OF THIS TIME,
I AM NOT IN DANGER OF FAILING THESE CLASSES:**

Period 1 _____

Period 2 _____

Period 3 _____

Period 4 _____

Period 5 _____

Period 6 _____

GRADUATION Grade Point Average:_____ Counselor's verification:_____

ATTACH TO THIS SHEET:

- ROUGH DRAFT OF SPEECH – typed, 12pt. font, Times New Roman, Double Spaced

Applicant's signature:_____ Date: _____

**Senior Speech Contestants must return this form and rough
draft of speech to the ACTIVITIES OFFICE by
TUESDAY, APRIL 29 3:30pm.**

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**You will give your speech in front of a panel of judges on
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30 after school in the Theater**

GOOD LUCK AND DON'T BE LATE!!!!