



Morgan Hill (CA) Branch

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Speech Trek

Student Packet

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SPEECH TREK SPEECH CONTEST TOPIC

College: Is it worth the time and expense?

In 2013, Former US Secretary of Education, William Bennett released his book, *Is College Worth it?* On the inside cover, the following description appears: For many students, a bachelor's degree is considered the golden ticket to a more financially and intellectually fulfilling life. But the disturbing reality is that debt, unemployment, and politically charged pseudo learning are more likely outcomes for many college students today than full-time employment and time-honored knowledge.

Also in 2013, AAUW released a research report entitled: *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success*. The report describes how "more than ever before, women are relying on community colleges as the gateway to higher education."

With costs rising, class size expanding, length of terms increasing, and pay levels for college educated women at 80% of their male counterparts, is AAUW wrong-headed in continuing its 133 year history of promoting and funding higher education for women?

CONTEST INFORMATION

Eligibility: Speech Trek is open to all actively attending high school students in Morgan Hill.

Deadlines: Interested students must submit an "Student Application and Parent/Guardian Permission" notice to the Speech Trek coordinator by Wednesday, Dec. 17th.

Time Limits: Students are to prepare an original 5-6 minute speech. Speaking over or under the 5-6 minute time limit will result in disqualification.

Presentation: These presentations are to be original speeches. Appropriate use of one 4" x 6" note card is an option, and prompting is not allowed.

Judging: During the State Semi-Final and Final competition, Judges shall use the official ballot and score each speaker in each of the four areas: Content, 0-40 points; Organization, 0-10 points; and Delivery, 0-50 points. Branches may opt to use their own judges' ballot at the local level. Students are advised to request a copy of their Branch's judges ballot.

Prizes: Morgan Hill Branch prizes: 1st - \$300., 2nd - \$200. and 3rd \$100.

Branch Winner: First place winners from each Branch will have a DVD of their speech submitted to the State level contest by March 1. From the DVDs entered into the State competition, two contestants will be named as Honorable mentions and receive \$250 as the 4th place winner and \$150 as the 5th place winner. The top three finalists will be invited to compete for cash prizes at the AAUW CA State Convention/Annual Meeting in April.

State Finalists: The First place winner at the State contest will receive \$1500; Second place winner at the State contest will receive \$1000 and Third place winner at the State contest will receive \$500. Finalists and a chaperone will be invited to the State Convention/Annual Meeting. Travel expenses, lodging, and meals will be reimbursed by Speech Trek not to exceed approved budget.

Your School Contact is: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Your AAUW Branch Contact is: **Charlene Wiltsee** Phone: **(408) 776-0391** _

Email cwiltsee2@verizon.net

Your Speech Contest Coach is: **Margaret McCann** email: **jmargaretmccann@aol.com**

STUDENT APPLICATION AND PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Student Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

High School Attending: _____

School Advisor/Counselor: _____

My signature below certifies that I wish to participate in the AAUW CA Speech Contest and that I have received and read the following forms:

Contest Topic Contest Information Judge's Instructions & Ballot

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Information and Permission:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

My signature below certifies that I have read the rules for the speech contest and wish for my child to participate in the AAUW CA speech contest. In addition, I understand that my child's name may be publicized locally as a contest participant, and that the speech will be recorded for higher level competition and selection of finalists. If my child is selected as one of three state finalists, I understand that the video of my child's competition speech may be posted online (see videos of previous speakers at: aauw-ca.org>Mission Based Programs>Speech Trek) and that I will be required to sign a Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability Release prior to the final competition.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

CHARLENE WILTSEE,

16700 Lone Hill Dr, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

EMAIL: cwiltsee2@verizon.net PHONE: 408-776-0391

AAUW-CA SPEECH TREK JUDGE'S BALLOT

SPEAKER NAME: _____ **SPEAKING TIME:** _____

Assign a score in each of the following categories:

	<i>needs improvement</i>	<i>average/fair</i>	<i>excellent</i>	<i>superb/outstanding</i>
CONTENT	0	28 29 30	32 34 35	36 37 38 39 40

Evidence of audience analysis

Interesting--held attention

Effective use of example, story, illustration

Topic was obviously researched and referenced

There was a summary and clear sense of finality

ORGANIZATION	0	7	8	9	10
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Effective arrangement of ideas

Main points were easy to follow

Transitions were used to signal movement from point to point

Material was appropriate for the topic and purpose

DELIVERY	0	35 36 37	40 42 44	46 48 49 50
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Good diction, volume, rate, and projection

Displayed poise and confidence

Displayed energy and enthusiasm

Maintained eye contact with audience

Avoided distracting mannerisms

Extemporaneous delivery--not a reading

Well prepared

Demonstrated appropriate movement and gestures

Total: _____/100

*Timekeeper will announce any disqualifications. If a speaker is disqualified, the speaker may **not** be ranked.*

RANK THIS SPEAKER: (HIGH) #1 #2 #3 #4 #5 (LOWEST) No ties allowed

Judge's Signature _____

Judges must make independent decisions and are not to confer or discuss contestants with other judges prior to submitting final ballots. COMMENTS: Since there are no oral critiques, you may use the back of this page to offer your comments.