

**ORIGINAL ORATORY BALLOT**

Round \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant Name/Code \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

*General guidelines for judges-*

- Original oratory is a persuasive speech that is created, written and memorized by the contestant.
- Presentation shall be from memory. No props or costumes are allowed.
- Movement and gestures are allowed. No more than 150 words of quoted or paraphrased material may be used.
- Time limit is 10 minutes. Penalty for overtime determined by judges discretion.

*The following areas for comments are offered to assist the judge in making a well-informed and complete decision.*

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR JUDGES TO PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR THE COMPETITOR TO ASSIST IN THEIR CONTINUED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

Title :

Time:

CRITERIA	COMMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Thought Content</i></li> </ul> <p>Does the speaker establish a central theme? Does the speaker demonstrate the importance of the topic?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Organization and Development of Ideas</i></li> </ul> <p>Is there an adequate and interesting introduction? Is the material organized? does the conclusion grow out of what has preceded?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Language Use</i></li> </ul> <p>Is the language used clear and concise? Is there effective use of language in word choice and phrasing?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Delivery</i></li> </ul> <p>Do fluency, enunciation and vocal quality enhance communication? Are movements and gestures natural used effectively? Are eye contact and facial expressions natural, communicative and appropriate?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Overall Effect</i></li> </ul> <p>Does the speaker keep the attention of the Audience being addressed?</p>	

**PLEASE WRITE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE BACK OF THIS BALLOT**

**Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_ place. Give one 1<sup>st</sup>, one 2<sup>nd</sup>, one 3<sup>rd</sup>, and all remaining speakers 4<sup>th</sup>

I give this student a **rating of** \_\_\_\_\_ **out of 50 points** (Do not rank below 30 points)

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_