

Ceremonial Speech

The purpose of this assignment is to introduce students to the last form of public speaking. In the real world more often than any other speech format we will encounter speeches of celebration. Although these speeches can be rather lighthearted they can also be the most pragmatic. For this speech you have many choices. Special occasion speeches include (but are not limited to): speeches of introduction, speeches of acceptance, award presentations, roasts and toasts, eulogies and other speeches of tribute, after-dinner speeches, and speeches of inspiration.

Procedures:

- For this final presentation there are NO Outlines due! BUT I do expect you to come prepared. Please do not waste my time or your classmates by “winging” the speech.
- Because there is no outline or reference page several elements are graded at a higher level including:
 - Structure: The format we have used all semester should be solid. Introduction should have a gain & maintain, thesis, preview and relation to audience. The 3 main points should flow from one to the next and the conclusion should have a solid recap and gain and maintain.
 - Preparation - Use an extemporaneous speaking style. (NO reading) Bring props to show non verbally that you prepared.
 - Timing - Speeches are to be 1 and a half to 2 minutes in length. Practice to ensure your timing is spot on.
- Audience participation is vital to all speeches therefore everyone will be asked to give anonymous feedback from the year - this will be assigned as homework. These audience comments will be given to each student on the day of the final exam.