

About Speech Night

Speech Night, an end of the semester event showcasing the best of Public Speaking at IU South Bend, was founded by former faculty member William “Bill” Gering in 1982. Gering crafted many of the elements of today’s speech program, including the long-running Speech Night competitions, in which one student is selected from each discussion section of S121, Public Speaking, to present his or her Persuasive Speech in a Preliminary Round. Two students are chosen from each Preliminary Round to present their speeches at Speech Night Finals. All students who participate in either a Preliminary Round, or Speech Night Finals, as a master of ceremonies, timekeeper, or usher are currently enrolled in an S121 Public Speaking class. Public Speaking is a course dedicated to understanding the relationship between speaker and listener in creating communication.

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SPEECH NIGHT FINALS

7 p.m. Monday, November 24, 2014
Louise E. Addicott and Yatish J. Joshi Performance Hall

Master of Ceremonies

Kim McInerney

Finalists

Alexis Barton – Prisoners of Greed
Keith Kalberer – Plastic Bag Use
Rachel Gayle – Legalization of Marijuana
Emily Trethewey – Stem Cell Research
Sarah Kimes – How Much is That Doggy in the Window?
Matthew Schermerhorn – Net Neutrality

Guest Speakers

Dennis Muriuki – Stress in College Students
Julius C. Miller III – I Bought Me A Cat – Aaron Copland

Guest Judges

Donald L. Bedney II
Theresa McEachrane
Rita Seay

Official Timekeeper

April VanDeMane

Speech Night Ushers

Ian Spear
Vanessa Sanchez
Zayna Martin
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Presentation of Awards

Public Speaking Faculty

Participants in Preliminary Rounds November 17, 18, & 19, 2014

Kirsten Carmichael
Samantha Cripe
Carrie Ford
Luis Miguel C. Fuerte
Daniel Moreno Hernandez
Joe Martin
Jacob Mielcarek
Sidney Polk
Sheehan Probst
Isaac Scarborough
Adam Schelle
Collin Searer
Delshawn Taylor
Zakariah Zahn

About the Judges

Donald L. Bedney II is a native of southern California. He is a graduate of Oakwood College (B.A., '79), Andrews University (M. Div, '90 and MSA, '91) and the University of Notre Dame (J.D., '95).

Mr. Bedney has served as an elementary and secondary teacher, a pastor of churches in Niles and Benton Harbor, Mich. and as a departmental director in the areas of biblical stewardship, trust services, and religious liberty for the Lake Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Most recently, he served as the chief operating officer and director of human resources for Lake Region and now serves as a senior development officer for Andrews University.

Over the years, Mr. Bedney has had the privilege of speaking publically in numerous settings and at numerous events: churches, corporate, and church officer trainings, biblical finance and estate planning seminars, as well as in college, graduate, and law school classrooms and lecture halls in the areas of sociology, history, ethics and leadership. Mr. Bedney believes that the development and cultivation of the gift of speech is one of mankind's first responsibilities.

Born with the gift of leadership, advocacy, and organization; **Theresa McEachrane** has with much effort and pleasure contributed significantly to the advancement of student learning and community life for nearly 30 years.

She has engaged in public speaking in several countries where she served as a missionary as well as in the field of education. Her leadership abilities have empowered her to design two innovative workshops: "Good Communication: Keys to Success," and "Removing the Learning Label."

Among many citations and awards, she received the 1996 certificate of appreciation from the Golden Acorn Association for excellence in teaching. She appeared in the 1999 Who's Who of Outstanding Women Publications, and was recognized in 1999 by the National Committee for School Desegregation for improved parental involvement and cross-ethnic awareness and understanding.

In addition to being a professional educator, **Rita Seay** is a life-long learner. She has held a variety of positions including elementary and middle school teacher, special educator for high school students with learning disabilities, principal, and special education administrator. Her academic pursuits include a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Jersey City State College, Master of Arts in special education from University of the Pacific, and a Master of Arts in educational psychology from Andrews University. She is currently working on a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Andrews University.

Rita Seay is committed to and passionate about effective (and creative) communication, both professionally and personally. She has demonstrated her public speaking skills by developing and conducting numerous professional development opportunities for educators in both public and private schools.

Rita Seay recognizes the value of impacting change through the use of elocution skills. She encourages all students to develop the skills needed to have an effective voice for the benefit of themselves, their family, their community, and society at large.

Best wishes to all of the participants. Let your voice be heard!