

JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.
SACRAMENTO CHAPTER
PRESENTS

THE VOICES OF THE FUTURE ORATORICAL CONTEST

Speak Up, Speak Out and Speak Now:
The Power of Your Voice as a Tool of Resistance

CONTEST PRIZE: \$500

2nd and 3rd place winners will receive

a prize pack

OPEN ONLY TO
9TH -12TH GRADE
STUDENTS AT
SACRAMENTO
CHARTER HS

APRIL 29, 2017
SATURDAY
10AM-2PM

SACRAMENTO CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
MEL LAWSON THEATRE



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Contest Theme: Speak Up, Speak Out and Speak Now:
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Contest Rules:

- Each contestant must create their own 7-10 minute original speech on the stated topic. Each contestant must turn in a completed typed draft of the speech to Jack and Jill of America, Sacramento Chapter, in a sealed envelope during the lunch hour on April 6th. The essay must contain appropriate citations for all research that is included. A Jack and Jill representative will be at Sac High to pick up the essays. Once essays are reviewed, if you are selected, you will be assigned a timeslot to compete.
- Speakers are expected to be creative, forward thinking, drawing upon combinations of research, personal experience and imagination. All speeches must have supporting details.
- Speeches must be original with the participant. Where research is used, sources should be identified. Judges may disqualify competitors for plagiarism.
- Speakers should use language, which is appropriate to the topic, the audience and the formality of the occasion. Avoid off-colour jokes, slang expressions and “bathroom humour”.
- Statements which might be construed as slanderous, embarrassing, or containing gender, cultural, or racial stereotypes are unsuitable for a public speaking competition.
- Speakers, from the beginning, should consider their intended audience to be “the public” – a mixed age group, not simply an audience of peers.
- Students are expected to dress neatly and appropriately to suit the formality of the occasion, and to stand appropriately on the platform assigned.
- Gestures must be kept to a minimum. It is not necessary for the head and hands to remain completely motionless, but gestures must be natural and spontaneous, as opposed to dramatic. Examples of unacceptable gesturing; wild arm movements (flapping wings), pirouettes, kneeling, turning one’s back to the audience).
- Students from Grades 9 to 12 attending Sacramento charter HS are eligible to participate.
- Notes on cards not exceeding 3” x 5” in size are permitted for reference.
- No props are permitted.
- Speeches shall not be less than 7 minutes and not more than 10 minutes in length. One point shall be deducted for each ten seconds or part thereof over or under this time limit.

