



THE N.C. A&T STATE UNIVERSITY RALEIGH/WAKE ALUMNI CHAPTER  
PRESENTS...

2ND ANNUAL  
BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS:  
**ORATORY CONTEST**

**APRIL, 24TH 2010 @ 2PM**

**WAKE COUNTY COMMONS BLDG.**

**10TH, 11TH & 12TH GRADERS**

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**1st place prize  
\$250.00**



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## Battle of the Schools: Aggie Pride Oratory Contest

The North Carolina A&T State University's Raleigh/Wake Alumni Chapter celebrates its Aggie Pride month with their **Second Annual Battle of the Schools Oratory Contest on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 2:00pm**. This event will be held at the Wake County Commons Building at 4011 Carya Drive in Raleigh, NC 27610. All schools in the Wake County area are able to participate.

### Purpose:

To create a platform for high schools students in the Wake County area to display their oratorical talents with specific topics given by our alumni chapter. These topics will reflect the foundation of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. This platform will prepare students for higher learning by requiring research, critical thinking, analytical, and speaking skills. It will also empower students to engage in a variety of public speaking venues that will be needed for the rest of their lives.

### Preparation for Students:

All contestants are invited to participate in two Public Speaking Workshops at Cameron Village Regional Library located at 1930 Clark Ave, Raleigh, NC 27605. The workshop dates will be between March and two weeks prior to the date of the contest with an experienced Public Speaker and Certified Toastmaster. This gives the contestants an opportunity to learn public speaking pointers which will enhance their speaking skills as well as assist them with their speeches.

### Guidelines:

Each contestant must complete an **application form** and submit it **by March 10th, 2010** to the address found in the letterhead above or fax it to 919-217-3086, or email your form to [kt\\_solutions@hotmail.com](mailto:kt_solutions@hotmail.com). Speeches for contestants should be original and should take the contestants **7-10 minutes** to give. This contest is only for students within the Wake County Public School District. Each applicant must submit a **typed copy of his/her speech** via email **by**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 2010 to kt\_solutions@hotmail.com. No major changes to the speeches will be allowed after submission. Speeches will be reviewed for eligibility upon receipt and contestants will be notified of their acceptance by **April 7<sup>th</sup>** via phone or email. If sending via mail, it should be postmarked by 6:00 pm on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

**On site:**

Contestants' use of props or equipment other than a hand held microphone should be cleared by the contest coordinator by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

**PLEASE NOTE: No degrading racial or gender statements/words nor profanity will be allowed in any speech or excerpt. Speeches that contain such content will not be eligible to win.**

**Suggested Topics:**

1. Improving **Race Relations** within the US
2. Improving **Foreign Relations** around the world
3. Improving **Children's Health Initiatives**
4. I think we should improve **Community Involvement** by...
5. **Science and Technology** will change the face of ...
6. I plan on making history by...

**Program Details:**

Talent Extravaganza during the tally period. This will allow other students to get involved. There will be singing, dancing, reciting poetry, skits, stepping, etc.

**Judges:**

Judges will receive guidelines prior to contest.

**Prizes:**

Each 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive a monetary prize and a certificate. All other contestants will receive a certificate and a gift card.

- 1 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250.00
- 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$125.00
- 3 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$65.00



### **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

Eligibility to proceed to the oratory portion of the contest will be based on submission (see "Guidelines" above). The oratory portion of the contest will be judged on delivery (75%) and written content (25%).

### **DELIVERY:**

- Was the contestant comfortable with the speech?
- Did the contestant make good eye contact?
- Did the contestant speak with enthusiasm and assurance?
- Did the contestant speak clearly/enunciate well?
- Was there good use of emphasis and voice control?
- Did the contestant speak at an even pace?
- Was the contestant poised?
- If notes were used, was it done without being distracting?
- Was body language appropriate or distracting?
- Did the contestant stay within the time limit?
- Was the speech presented from memory or recited accurately?

### **WRITTEN CONTENT:**

- Is the speech original (no plagiarism)?
- Does the introduction create interest in the speech?
- Is the speech structured around a purpose?
- Does the speech include an introduction/opening, body, and conclusion?
- Are the ideas put together so the audience can understand them?
- Is there a take-home message from the speech?
- Is grammar correct in the written speech?
- Was credit given to the sources from which information was obtained? (if necessary)

NOTE: Most of the judging criteria were gathered from the following website document:  
<http://www.foundersdistrict.org/rotary/rotary/contestpackage>.



**Applicant's/Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's/English Teacher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Affiliation (Optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Speech Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's/Guardian's Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Involvement:**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's/Guardian's Signature:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Required for ALL applicants)

**How many in your family will attend (including applicant)?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Receipt Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Received by:** \_\_\_\_\_