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Celebration of Excellence & Achievement for Students of African Descent
Student Speaker Information and Criteria

Thank you for your interest in being a student speaker for the “Celebration of Excellence & Achievement for Students of African Descent.”

To be considered as a student speaker for this event you must:

1. Be an eligible participant.
2. Address your remarks to the theme “Celebration of Excellence.” What does the theme personally mean to you?
3. Limit your remarks to 2-3 minutes.

Our goal is to have a speaker represented from each of the four campuses in the Los Rios Community College District. In the event of more than one speaker interested in speaking from your campus, you will be asked to compete for the honor of speaking. The competing speeches will take place on your campus and be judged by at least two representatives of the event planning committee.

The criteria for the competing speeches are as follows. Your remarks must be:

1. Organized
2. Relevant to the theme “Celebration of Excellence”
3. Considerate of your audience and the event in content choices.
4. Engaging and interesting.

We truly want to highlight our student speakers at the celebration and hear your insightful remarks.

Please indicate your interest in being considered as a student speaker by checking the appropriate box on your Student Registration Card and contact a representative from your campus regarding the student speaker tryout date.

Celebration of Excellence Planning Committee
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Tips for the Commemorative Speech

If chosen, you will be one of three or four student speakers on the program. Each student speaker has three minutes for their remarks.

A Definition: This is a speech of praise or celebration

The Purpose:
The purpose of the speech is to pay tribute to a person, a group of people, an institution or an idea (like freedom, democracy). In this ceremony you may pay tribute to all of these. However, you are the representative of all the students from your college so it is probably not in the best interests of the topic to thank just the members of your family. The fundamental purpose of the speech is to inspire the audience.

The Delivery:
It is acceptable to use a manuscript to deliver the commemorative speech, but you do not read the speech. We advise you to highlight certain phrases on your copy of the speech. Remember that you will be speaking to a large group of people who may not be able to see your facial expressions clearly, so the inflection of your voice will have to carry most of the meaning. This requires precise articulation and enunciation and really good use of pitch and stress. You will also have to be rehearsed enough that you will not be overcome with the emotion you have aroused in the audience. Remember that if you do a good job arousing emotions in others, you will probably arouse the emotion in yourself as well. (Adapted from D. DuBray Commencement Student Speaker Workshop)