

# Graham School Public Speaking Competition

*Sponsored by the Ron & Jane Graham School of Professional Development*

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

College/Department: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of proposed speech: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (3x5 card outline must be attached)

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**I have read and agree to abide by the rules of competition for the Graham School Public Speaking Competition. I recognize that the decision of the judges is final.**

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The name of your RCM 200/300 or RCM 401 Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of any Graham Centre faculty member: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Speaker Requirements:**

- Business dress required on competition day.

## **Speech Requirements**

- May address a topic of your choice
- Must have an explicit and clearly identifiable purpose
- Must provide an explicit structure with survey, clear signposts, and concluding summation
- Must be delivered extemporaneously from the card provided
- Must be **five** minutes in length, give or take 10 seconds

## **Evaluation Criteria**

Your speech will be assessed in accordance with the standards employed in RCM 200/300 and RCM 401 by a panel of RCM 200 instructors, whose decision will be final. The following criteria will apply:

- Content – appropriateness and positioning
- Structure – clarity and coherence
- Audience adaptation – positioning, appropriateness, relation
- Ethos – speaker credibility, command of the topic
- Logos – organization, supporting information, quality of argument
- Delivery – polish, self-possession, command of self and situation, poise

**Competition Date: March 8, 2023**  
**Health Sciences E1150 at 6:00 p.m.**