



UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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Public Speaking Competition GUIDELINES

**Submit this form, along with the Application form, to the Graham School
by Feb 17, 2023**

I have read and agree to abide by the requirements of competition for the Graham School of Professional Development Public Speaking Contest. I recognize and agree that the decision of the judges is final.

Your signature: _____

Competitor Requirements:

The Graham School of Professional Development Public Speaking Competition is open to any student registered in an undergraduate program at the University of Saskatchewan who has completed RCM 200. Graham School of Professional Development will accept all applications, but only **6 (six)** people will be chosen to compete. Competitors will be chosen based on the quality of their speech strategy reports and their RCM 200/300/401 instructor's recommendation.

- A \$1,000 prize will be awarded to the first place winner
- The winner's name will be engraved on a trophy, which will reside in the Graham Centre

Speaker Requirements:

- Must wear business attire for the competition

Speech Requirements

- Must be developed specifically for the public speaking contest: speeches developed for any other RCM class are not eligible
- Must be persuasive in nature, either "persuasion to action" or "persuasion to attitude"
- 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
- Should 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 Graham School faculty members, whose decision will be final. The following criteria will apply:

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

**Competition Date: March 8, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
Health Sciences 1150**