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Collegiate Agriculture Leaders

 Spring Competition

Friday, February 28th, 2025

Modesto Junior College

EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

**Category:** Individual

**Entries:** Limit three per school

**Purpose:** To improve a student speaking and thinking abilities.

**Structure of Contest:**

Students will have ***30 minutes*** to prepare a 4-6-minute speech. There will be a 20-point

deduction for every minute over 6 minutes or under 4 minutes. Prior to the contest, there

will be 6 topics developed (one from each of the six agriculture pathways) and they will not be distributed to the contestants until their preparation time has begun. Students are to select one of the six topics for their speech. They may not bring their own resources and will be provided a computer in order to prepare. Students must cite at least one source used and will receive 10 points for doing so. The only items a student may bring are writing paper or note cards and a writing utensil. At the conclusion of the speech, judges will ask questions for up to 5 additional minutes. Speakers will draw for order. Students will also be asked to inform the judges of the topics they selected prior to giving their speech.

 **Scoring:**

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| **Extemporaneous Contest Scorecard** Points |
| Stage Presence | 50 |
| Power of Expression | 50 |
| Content of Speech | 100 |
| Source Citing | 10 |
| Response To Questions | 100 |
| General Effect | 40 |
| **Total** | **350** |

**EXTEMPORANEOUS TOPICS:**

*Topic areas that students will draw from*

**Agricultural Business:**

Modernization of production practices

Sustainable

cultural practices

succession planning

**Agricultural Mechanics:**

mechanization

technology

repair

electricity

**Animal Science:**

Animal welfare vs animal rights

Bird Flu

Reproduction practices

Preventative health practices

**Plant Science:**

GMO

Seed technology

IPM

Test Plots

**Horticulture:**

Propagation

Greenhouse management

Genetic engineering

Landscaping

**Forestry and Natural Resource Management:**

Climate Change

Greenhouse Gasses

Wildfires

Ecosystems