



**Collegiate Agriculture Leaders
Spring Competition
Friday, February 27th, 2026
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:

Extemporaneous Contest Scorecard	
	Points
Stage Presence	100
Power of Expression	100
Content of Speech	90
Source Citing	10
Response To Questions	200
General Effect	100
Total	600

EXTEMPORANEOUS TOPICS

Competitors will be assigned a topic within one of the subject areas listed below. Exact topic prompts for each area will be revealed when preparation time begins:

- Agricultural Business
- Agricultural Mechanics
- Animal Science
- Plant Science
- Horticulture
- Forestry and Natural Resource Management