



**Collegiate Agriculture Leaders
Spring Competition
Friday, February 27th, 2026
Modesto Junior College**

PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING

Category: Individual

Entries: Limit three per school

Purpose: Improve a student's speaking and thinking abilities.

Structure of Contest: Students will have 8-10 minutes to present a speech concerning an agriculture or leadership topic. There will be a point deduction of 50 points for every minute over or under the time limit and students are encouraged to stay within the time limits. Five additional minutes will be given to answer judge's questions.

- Please email a final draft of the speech to Lori Marchy marchyl@mjc.edu by January 30th, 2026 for preliminary judging.
- Four (4) double-spaced, typewritten copies of the speech on 8 1/2 x 11" white paper (with cover page that gives the speech title, participant's name, college and date) must be provided upon registration on the day of the contest.
- The bibliography will follow APA style manual for developing references.
- Manuscripts not meeting these guidelines will be penalized.

Students will draw for order of speeches and judges will use the following scorecard to score speakers. Visual Aids may be used but will not be scored.

Scoring:

Prepared Speech Contest Scorecard	
	Points
Stage Presence	100
Power of Expression	200
Content of the Manuscript	200
Composition of Manuscript	100
Response To Questions	200
General Effect	150
Following Submitted Manuscript	50
Total	1,000