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"21st Century Conversations" airs on Comcast, Chan. 26, Mondays at 8-9PM & also on AT&T U-Verse

Guidelines for Oratory Competition Final – May 20, 2010 – 7:00 to 9:00PM

Topic for Oratory Competition

- 1. What do you consider the single most important change America needs now? How can you (as an individual) and others contribute to making that change happen?** The points of your argument must be very clear and specific; do not use generalities.
- 2. Location:** Citizens Television (CTV), 2662 State Street (ED MOR Park), Hamden, CT. Arrival time at the studio is 7PM; it is essential for students to get in-studio practice time.
- 3. Dress:** Please do not wear white or bright red tops; dress for television.
- 4. Students must submit a type-written, single page outline NO later than Wed May 11, 2010**
 - ◆ The outlined items must be in numerical order in 12-point font and single spaced.
 - ◆ Provide research & copyrighted sources. If quotes are used they must be attributed.
 - ◆ Outline should be sent as a Word attachment via email, or mailed to us at: *OneWorld, Inc.* P. O. Box 8662, New Haven, CT 06531. **We prefer email receipt.**
 - ◆ Whichever means is used, the outline must reach us by May Tuesday, 11, 2010.

Contest Guidelines

It is important that students are advised by their teachers how to strictly adhere to these guidelines

- Speech must be between 5 – 6 minutes. This means a min of 5 mins and a maximum of 6 mins
- Contestants will be informed when they have reached 5 mins; someone will indicate that they have 1 min left. Points will be deducted if speech exceeds 6 mins. The student will be forced to stop the presentation at 6:20 (6 mins & 20 secs). Live TV does not allow for additional time.
- **On taking the podium, each contestant must state his/her first name and the official topic of the speech, but NOT the school district or town represented.**
- Audio visuals, props, costumes or the use of prompters are not permitted. No note card is allowed.
- Presentation must strictly adhere to the topic. Original ideas, creativity **and grammar** are valued.
- The exact time in which the presentation begins will be recorded immediately after the contestant has announced the topic. Contestants will present in an alphabetical order (by last name)
- Quotations and copyrighted material used in the presentation must be referenced during the speech, and **must be written in the outline submitted to OneWorld, Inc.**
- At the end of all the presentations each contestant will be asked one or two questions by the judges. These responses will be graded and be a part of the total points awarded each contestant.

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