

Rio Hondo Success Fall 2011

Class Content:

- The webpage has very useful information.
- I think the amount of assignments was appropriate. The guidelines to follow were clear, simple and straightforward. Making outlines was not difficult when following the samples found in the class website. Delivering speeches did bring anxiety on all occasions but this was lessened as the class progressed. Taking time in doing assignments and following instructions guarantees good grades.
- I found delivering the speeches most beneficial. I think that no matter how much we learn about how to elaborate and deliver a speech, this is not nearly as beneficial as standing in front of a group and delivering it. Putting our knowledge to practice was the most beneficial.
- Being able to visit places with other speakers, like the tournaments, was surprising in a very good way because I was able to see how the concepts in the class were put into practice.

Progress during class

- I am more comfortable speaking in front of the class, and when I forget what I am going to say I am able to recall where I am and ease into the speech again.
- I learned to manage my apprehension extremely well.
- I am now a little more at ease. I do not feel as stressed out to present as before. I have learned to announce words better and to open my mouth more when I speak. I learned that just because someone is loud does not mean they can speak clearly.
- My choice of language has changed while taking the course. Sometimes the easier words only make my speech sound short and not as “put together.”
- The only problem for me is time management, I did learn from you how to make school work a priority and “when it needs to be done, do it.”
- I have benefited a whole lot from this class. Now I have learned how to create outlines. They outlines helped me build the speech, helped me stay on track and not be all over the place. This class has made me improve in giving speeches and has increased my personal and social abilities. It has taught me how to listen actively which has been very helpful.

What I would do differently:

- Practice my speeches more
- Try to do more research.
- Have more time to attend the forensics speech competition, and make more time to tour the radio station. Finally, make an outline and follow it better

Advice:

- I would like to stress to students that this class can be so helpful in the real world and if you utilize it, you can really make an impact that changes people’s views. The power of public speech is almost life changing and being able to convey a clear concise thought

through public speech is a skill you will use the rest of your life. Get the most out of this class by trying your best and not short changing yourself by failing to put your all in to it.

- I did not know there were going to be outlines and they truly came as a surprise to me. I would tell future students to master the outline. Once the outline is mastered, then he or she can do very well on giving the speeches. Also the student should be confident in front of the class. Confidence is very important.
- To new students I would say take time in making their assignments and in attending class regularly, this way they don't miss any important content that will help them in the class.