

Instructions for Judging To Honor the Environment

This year's experimental event is an "all-electronic" persuasive and informative speaking event. Here is the event description:

This event is "experimental" in both content and form. As Pi Kappa Delta nears its 100th Anniversary, the National Council is seeking creative and innovative ideas about the future of intercollegiate forensics competition.

Content: Students should prepare a ten-minute persuasive speech that addresses the impact of forensics competition on the environment and advocates a specific proposal (or a series of measures) to reduce that impact. Like all persuasive speeches, the speech should be an original speech designed to inspire, reinforce, or change the beliefs, attitudes, values, or actions of the audience. Audio-visual aids may be used. Multiple sources of evidence or other supporting material should be used and cited in the development of the speech. Minimal notes are permitted. Maximum time limit is 10 minutes.

The topic of the speech could focus on any aspect of macro or micro-level environmental futurism, including, but by no means limited to, any of the following:

- Alternatives to tournament competition, or methods to reduce the environmental impact of tournament travel;
- Ideas designed to re-invigorate forensics on a local or regional basis, thus reducing travel distance or time;
- Electronic alternatives to traditional tournament competition;
- Modifications to tournament practices that would reduce environmental impacts;
- Proposals designed to create environmental offsets for forensics competition;

Form:

In form, this will be Pi Kappa Delta's first **electronically mediated competition**. Speakers must submit their entry by uploading the complete video of their speech to Youtube and then e-mailing the link to pvoight@gac.edu. **The video-upload process must take place on March 15th, 2009.** Uploading a video is not particularly complicated, but you do need to pay attention to several details. The video must be recorded and saved in a format that is commonly supported and accessible to both PC and Mac users. (This is why we require it to be posted to Youtube). Youtube has a set of very easy to follow instructions for uploading a video.

Judging the Event:

Below is a copy of the section that you are being asked to judge. Simply cut and paste the you-tube link for each speech into a web browser. The speech should then open and be ready for viewing. Keep notes on a sheet of paper and when the round is completed, type your comments into the ballot form provided and evaluate the speech as you would normally evaluate any persuasive round. Feel free to make additional comments about the visual presentation of the material, including the quality of the video and feel free to incorporate those elements into your overall evaluation of the speech. Make sure to fill out the round and section number, the student's name, and the rank and rate that you have assigned for each speech. (Rank 1-5 with no ties, and rate the remaining speeches, but assign them all a rank of five.)

When you have finished filling out all of the ballots, save each file and attach them to an e-mail and send them back to pvoight@gac.edu. We would like to receive completed ballots by Thursday, March 18th at 5:00 pm so that we can tabulate the results and select finalists.

Thanks so much for being part of our vanguard experiment!!