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YOU ASKED FOR IT! YOU GOT IT!

The 2010-2011 Speech Trek packet now has a new user-friendly judge's ballot. It will not only be easier for the judges to use, but will also give the contestants more clear criteria as to what a winning speech should be.

The ballot was created by Dee Quatraro, the new Speech Trek Coordinator, who has lent her expertise and experience as a Speech/Communication department director and competitive speech coach at Bakersfield College.

The ballot is broken down into five areas - introduction, content, organization, conclusion and delivery. There are also new instructions for the judges in the Speech Trek packet that clarify how to use the ballot. PLEASE NOTE: One big change is that the judges should not be announced until after the competition. This will alleviate the speakers only addressing the judges and ignoring their audience. This will be adhered to, not only on the local level, but at convention as well.

Research for this year's theme can be found in various literature, such as *Half the Sky* by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen and *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. The national AAUW website is also a wonderful source of information. The Virginia Gildersleeve section under International Advocacy can provide great insight and ideas for a strong speech.

Download the 2010-2011 Speech Trek Toolkit at www.aauw-ca.org and begin preparations for your branch's competition. If participating, don't forget to send the first page of the Toolkit to Cathy Foxhoven, Project Manager.

"2010-2011 Theme"

Seventy percent of the 1.2 billion people in the world living in poverty are women. What is the most significant barrier to be overcome to lift these women out of poverty? What organization, foundation or program is having the greatest impact on this barrier?

Would you like to hold a Speech Trek contest at your branch?

Email us:

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MEET THE 2010 SPEECH TREK FINALISTS!



MELANIE NADON represented by the East San Gabriel Branch, won first place and the \$1000 award at Convention 2010 in San Ramon on May 1, 2010. **Haley Moss**, La Mesa/EI Cajon branch, won 2nd place and \$500 and **Ela Banerjee**, Roseville/So. Placer Branch, won 3rd and received \$500. **Two honorable mentions for \$100 each were Hannah K. Song, Alhambra/San Gabriel, and Victoria Rios, Whittier Branch.** Melanie is a junior at Los Osos High School. She is on the Speech and Debate Team. She plays the flute and piccolo in the school band. She is interested in studying psychology, linguistics/French, political science or Law.

HALEY MOSS is a sophomore at Steele Canyon High School. She is sophomore class president, an officer in the show choir, a member of the dance team and has lettered in track and field as a varsity high jumper. Haley and her mother are active members of SPRITES, a mother-daughter philanthropic group benefitting local charities. Haley likes math and science and plans to pursue a college major related to these disciplines. It is her dream to attend Stanford University and study geological and environmental sciences.



ELA BANERJEE is a junior at Roseville High School. She is on the Speech and Debate team, the Academic Decathlon team, a member of Key Club, California Scholarship Federation and the school concert band. Ela is interested in psychology, neuroscience, and creative writing. She is co-editor of her school's literary magazine and a member of the local group "Capitol City Young Writers". Ela hopes to pursue either a medical degree or a graduate degree in neuroscience. She would love to do research in the field of neuroscience, with an emphasis in language and speech disorders.

WHO WILL BE THE 2011 SPEECH TREK FINALISTS? They could be from your Branch!

