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The 2014 Hamilton Public Speaking Competition is sponsored by the Oral Communication Center.

# 2014 Hamilton PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

**THE CLARK  
THE MCKINNEY  
THE WARREN E. WRIGHT**

## THE MCKINNEY

Established by Charles McKinney in 1878, the McKinney Prize is awarded to four students, one from each class. Participation is open to all students, with finalists chosen from a preliminary round of competition. The contest requires a persuasive speech on a topic that is interesting and relevant to a Hamilton College audience.

### JUDGING FOR THE MCKINNEY PRIZE

- Competitors are judged by class.
- Each competitor presents a five-eight minute persuasive speech based on the full sentence outline submitted for the preliminary competition.
- Each judge assigns a score for each competitor's presentation.
- The McKinney Prize recipients will have earned the highest average score for each class.

### CLASS OF 2014 FINALISTS

Theodore Clements '14

"Six-million Uncounted Votes:  
The Disenfranchisement of Ex-Felons"

Madison Kircher '14

"A Novel Idea: Literary Fiction and  
Social Perceptiveness"

Keara Fenzel '14

"Slander of the Millennials: How the  
Mainstream Media Misrepresent  
a Generation"

Max Schnidman '14

"Encouraging Fiscal Responsibility  
through Student Assembly"

### CLASS OF 2015 FINALISTS

Sky Aulita '15

"Prepare For Success"

Catherine Cooper '15

"A Battle of the Best"

Leonard Collins '15

"Justice is Just for Us: Problems of  
Equality in the U.S. Constitution"

### CLASS OF 2016 FINALISTS

Joshua Glen '16

"Got Grit?"

Osaruese Odeh '16

"Are We Really Aware?"

Jeremy Mathurin '16

"The Shame of a Nation"

Porshai Rivera '16

"Take a Chance on a Thug"

### CLASS OF 2017 FINALISTS

Benjamin Goldman '17

"Living Outside the Lines:  
Victims of Racism in the American  
Justice System"

Bowin Lee '17

"Now You See Me"

Hady Hewidy '17

"All Are Terrorized"

## THE CLARK

Established by Aaron Clark and increased by Henry A. Clark, Class of 1838, this contest is open to all seniors. Competitors first addressed the assigned topic in an essay and then with a speech presented in a preliminary round, from which the finalists were selected.

### JUDGING FOR THE CLARK PRIZE

- Competitors present a six-eight minute speech based on their essay submitted as part of the preliminary competition.
- Each judge assigns a score for each competitor's presentation.
- The competitor receiving the highest average score will be named the Clark Prize recipient.

### TOPIC: WATER

Many observers see issues related to water looming larger than those related to oil. Speakers for the Clark Prize are asked to identify and analyze one of the challenges related to human use of water and to propose an approach to that challenge.

### FINALISTS

Keara Fenzel '14

"Thirst in America: An Analysis of  
Domestic Water Poverty"

Madison Kircher '14

"Not a Drop to Drink: Coca-Cola and  
the Fight for Water in India"

## THE WARREN E. WRIGHT

This prize was established by Robert S. Ludwig, Class of 1972, in honor of Warren E. Wright, the Upson Professor of Rhetoric and Oratory from 1977 to 1993. Participation is open to all students who have taken or are currently enrolled in the College's public speaking course, The Rhetorical Act, with finalists chosen from a preliminary round of competition. The contest requires an informative speech that thoughtfully addresses a current issue of social significance.

### JUDGING FOR THE WARREN E. WRIGHT PRIZE

- Competitors present a six-eight minute informative speech based on the full sentence outline submitted for the preliminary competition.
- Following presentation of the speech, each competitor is asked no more than two questions. Competitors have up to two minutes to respond to each question.
- Judges assign a score based on each competitor's presentation and response to the questions.
- The competitor receiving the highest average score will be named the Warren E. Wright Prize recipient.

### FINALISTS

Madison Kircher '14

"Cyber College on a Hill:  
Commodifying Higher Education  
in the Digital Age"

William Schoder '14

"Lasting Debates about Youth  
in American Gay Rights"

Daniel O'Kelly '14

"Manorexia: The Hidden Disease"

Kara Shannon '14

"Public Speaking: A Fear We  
Must Face"