

UNITED STATES ACADEMIC DECATHLON
National Finals – 2010

SPEECH SHOWCASE

Contestants for Speech Showcase competition will be posted in the Palace Ballroom Foyer in front of doors D-F at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Following the posting of the names, a form will be given to the coach of each Speech Showcase participant. This form must be completed and returned to the Appeals table outside of the Testing Arena on Friday morning. On Friday afternoon at 2:30 pm the speech showcase participants will report to Salon D for a short rehearsal and microphone orientation. At 3:00 pm, participants will begin to present their prepared speeches before an audience in the Palace Ballroom.

The following guidelines will be followed for selecting Speech Showcase participants:

1. There will be four speakers from each of the three categories: Honor, Scholastic, and Varsity.
2. The students in each category (H, S, V) who receive the highest on their prepared four-minute speeches during the regular competition will be asked to present their speeches in the Speech Showcase. If there are ties, the student from a team that is not already represented in Speech Showcase will be chosen. If there is a tie between two students whose teams are not otherwise represented, both students will be allowed to present their speeches.
3. The second, third and fourth speakers in each of the three categories will be chosen by a committee consisting of USAD staff, one State Director from each of the four geographic USAD regions and the USAD-SD President. This committee will select speakers with the following criteria in mind:
 - a. No team will have more than one speaker in Speech Showcase except as in #2 above.
 - b. There should be regional distribution of speakers.
 - c. Every effort will be made to achieve gender and ethnic balance.
 - d. If all other factors are equivalent, speakers from non-“power” states will be selected.

**COACHES AND STUDENTS, PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CHECK
THE WINNERS’ BOARD.**