

Philadelphia ACADEMIES INC.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Academy Coordinator(s)
FR: Vera Grobes, Student Services Assistant
DT: 2009 – 2010 Academic Year
RE: **20th Annual All Academies Speech Competition**

The final round of the **20th Annual All-Academies Speech Competition** is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at Independence Blue Cross, 1901 Market Street, 23rd Floor. The contest starts promptly at 2:00 PM and ends at 4:30 PM.

The **name of one student**, chosen from among all participating ninth and tenth graders who will represent your program on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, as well as the **names of their two guests**, **should be submitted to me on or before Friday, January 29, 2010** (please see attached schedule).

This year's topic is "**Health Care Reform: What Are Your Ideas?**"

- Canada and France have free health care, why can't the United States do the same?
- Can the United States Government operate an efficient health care program?
- Is health care reform in the best interest of pharmaceutical and insurance companies?
- Why does the United States, a world leader, not provide health care for its people?

Remember students are not required to memorize their speeches. The use of note cards is encouraged. Speeches should be in the students' own words.

A WORD OF CAUTION: Speeches will be timed and judges will be instructed to penalize a presenter whose speech exceeds the two-minute limit. Be sure, therefore, that whoever coaches your finalist is aware of the time limit and works with your student to tailor his/ her speech accordingly.

As in past years, we are working with the Toastmasters International, an organization that sponsors a national speech competition. Therefore, our winner will be entered into the nationwide contest! We will keep you posted on these developments.

I am always appreciative of the time and effort you continue to give to the Academies. If you have any questions, please call me at (215) 546-6300, extension 108.



S P E E C H C O M P E T I T I O N S C H E D U L E

THEME: **“Health Care Reform: What Are Your Ideas?”**

DATE: Wednesday, March 3, 2010

TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

PLACE: Independence Blue Cross, 1901 Market Street, 23rd Floor

JANUARY 15TH – FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS OF IN-SCHOOL COMPETITION SHOULD BE COMPLETED

**JANUARY 29TH – NOMINATION FORMS, NAMES OF FINALISTS AND GUESTS ARE DUE TO THE
ACADEMY RESOURCE MANAGERS**

FEBRUARY 5TH – SUBMISSION OF TYPED SPEECH IS DUE TO THE ACADEMY RESOURCE MANAGERS

MARCH 3RD – PARTICIPATING STUDENTS ARRIVAL TIME FOR COMPETITION - 9:00 AM

- **MOTIVATIONAL WORKSHOP GIVEN BY TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL**
- **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**



2010 ALL-ACADEMIES SPEECH COMPETITION -Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Speech Topic: "Health Care Reform: What Are Your Ideas?"

STUDENT NOMINEE REPLY FORM

[Return completed form to your ARM or fax copy to the attention of Vera Grobes at 215.546.9174]

Academy Resource Manager: _____

HS Academy Coordinator: _____

Participating High School: _____

Philadelphia Academy Program: _____

Student Representative: _____

Grade of Representative: _____

Full name of guest(s): _____

Guest(s) relationship to student: _____

Deadline: Student Nominee form is due in the Philadelphia Academies' office, **no later than Friday, January 29, 2010.**