

C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest

Description

The annual C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest gives Goshen College students an opportunity to get involved in the cause of peace, to test ideas and to cultivate rhetorical skills.

Contest Rules

All participants must complete an application form, deliver an 8-10 minute extemporaneous speech that relates to the topic of peace, limiting the length to 1200 words with no more than 10 percent quoted material. All participants will first present their speeches to a committee made up of communication professors and a student member. This committee will select four to five finalists for the contest.

Contest Topic

The theme of peace may be explored in a universal or a particular context, and may pertain to issues of war and violence, political policies, agencies of justice and peace, strategies of peacemaking, or current events. Topics might include: poverty, disarmament, hunger, domestic violence, pollution, interventionism, abortion, or any number of contemporary international conflicts.

Schedule

Friday, November 20, 2009 – Applications due to Pat McFarlane

Monday, November 30, 2009 – First-round presentations begin

Monday, December 7, 2009 – Finalists announced

Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7 p.m. – C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest

Prizes

First Place: \$500

Second Place: \$250

Judges

Three to five persons, selected from students, faculty, and community leaders will judge the contest on originality, integration of topic and a peace position, and general standards of delivery.

The top winner may enter the Mennonite Central Committee C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest.