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3rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Competition

A Virtual Event

Theme: It Starts With Me: Cultivating a Beloved Community Mindset

Thank you for your interest in the 3rd Annual **Xi Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Competition**. This event will take place on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 7 p.m. This live, virtual event will be broadcast across all of Xi Phi Lambda's social media platforms (Facebook and YouTube).

Competition Guidelines

The contest guidelines and instructions are provided for your convenience.

I. Registration

Application can be found on the website, www.summervillealphas.com. Deadline for submission of application is Monday, January 30, 2023.

II. Requirements for Eligibility

A. Students must be enrolled in public or private school within Berkeley County, Charleston County, and Dorchester District 2 and 4 School Districts.

B. Students/contestants must be in middle school

C. The speech must show creativity and originality and pertain to the theme provided

D. ONE typewritten copy of each contestant's speech must be submitted online to Xi Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The deadline to have typewritten copies of speeches submitted is January 30, 2023.

E. The Xi Phi Lambda Oratorical Competition Committee will select the top 10 typewritten submissions that will be orally presented on February 20, 2023. Contestants will be notified of their participation in the virtual contest by February 6, 2023. If less than 10 contestants apply, all applicants will participate in the contest.

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III. Topics for Speeches

Generally, all contestants must adhere to the theme. Contestant must incorporate use of the exact words of the theme and/or emphasis; however, it is also permissible to additionally use a sub-topic that is closely related to the theme. A contestant will be disqualified if his/her speech is totally unrelated to the theme. The theme is “*It Starts With Me: Cultivating a Beloved Community Mindset.*” When Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at the March on Washington, he reminded a divided nation that we need one another, and that we are stronger when we march forward, together. A half century later, Dr. King’s words have renewed meaning. See <https://thekingcenter.org> for more information.

IV. Time Limit

A. Each contestant’s speech should be at least three minutes, but no longer than five minutes. If a contestant speaks fewer than three minutes or more than five minutes, he or she will be penalized by the judges. Ten points will be subtracted from the contestant's total score for each minute (or fraction thereof) he or she speaks under or over time. Presentations will be timed.

V. Judges

A. A panel consisting of three persons will serve as content judges. The content judges will be responsible for rating the participants' overall performance. A panel of a maximum of two persons will serve as timekeeping judges. The timekeeping judges will be responsible for the assessment of penalties and for timing the presentation.

B. The content judges will be persons professionally trained and/or knowledgeable in speech, oratory, composition, and the performing arts, and not members of the Xi Phi Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Timekeepers may be members of the Chapter.

C. A panel of a maximum of two persons will serve as statistician judges. The statistician judges will tally the score sheets to determine the final ratings of the contestants.

D. The maximum number of points a contestant can earn is 110. He/she cannot receive more than 10 points for each item on which the judge or rater evaluates him/her.

E. Each contestant will be introduced according to number. The contestants should not identify himself/herself nor give any indication of his/her school.

F. There will be no ties. In the event of a tie, the judges will make a final decision.

VI. Evaluations and Selection of Winners

A. Each Contestant will receive a participation award.

B. Three contestants will be chosen as winners and will receive monetary awards. The first place winner will receive \$300; the second place winner will receive \$200; and, the third place winner will receive \$100.

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Registration Form
Deadline: January 30, 2023

Reminder: Submit ONE copy of typed speech on www.summervillealphas.com or via Email to xiphilambda0384@gmail.com

*See Guidelines

Directions: Please type or print clearly on the entire Registration Form

Contestant's Name: _____

Contestant's Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Contestant's Age: _____ Contestant's Phone Number: _____

Contestant's Email Address _____

Current Grade Level (Check one) _____6 _____7 _____8

Name of School: _____

Parents/Guardian(s): _____

Parents/Guardian(s) Email Address: _____

Parents/Guardian(s) Phone Number: _____

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