**t.Lab**

**Oratory Contest**

To: All T.LAB Students, Parents, and Members of DWO, DOMA and Community At Large.

T.LAB is pleased to announce a second oratory contest for students between grades K-12th.

**Topic for the t.Lab Oratory Contest**

Students will read the book “Up From Slavery” by Booker T Washington:
Develop and delivery a speech based on something you learned from reading the book.

The deadline for submitting an essay is June 30, 2016.

**Contest Dates: (winners move on to next rounds)**

 1st Round = July 8, 2016 6:30 PM

 2nd Round = July 9, 2016 2:00 PM

 3rd Round = July 9, 2016 4:00 PM

**Contest Summary Requirements:**

1. 2 page essay – see above. Grades K-4th are to be 3-8 minutes long and Grades 5th-12th are to be 5-8 minutes long.
2. If a student advances to the championship round, their speech may be given a maximum of

 4 times.

1. Written documents can not be used in delivering speech
2. No podium will be used for providing the speech.
3. Visual aids can be used.
4. 3 3x5 cards cab be used.

**Competing Groups:**

 K-4th Grades

 5th – 8th Grades

 9th – 12th Grades

**Cash Prizes: (within each group)**

 1st Place = $100

 2nd Place = $75

 3rd Place = $50

 Grand Winner: IPad Pro

 (based on competition among winners from each group)

Any questions, please contact us at 888 327-3387 ext. 100

**July, 2016 Oratory Contest Rules**

Students must formally register for one of 3 competing groups including K-4th, 5th-8th, and 9th-12th grades.

The contest will be held on July 8th and July 9th 2016 at Detroit World Outreach Church.

 **Contest Requirements:**

Contestants are to complete registration (including $50 fee), write a two (2) page essay and deliver up to four – minimum 5-minute speeches on the topic of

1. “Should students be required to win academic scholarships as a “rite of passage”- Why?

2. What are the top “3 Godly Leadership Traits” why?

Speeches must be typed in full and submitted by June 30, 2016 to: tlab@tlab-global.com

* + Because the speech is to be an oration, appropriate gestures are allowed. Speeches for Grades 5th-12th are to be 5-8 minutes long and Grades K-4th are to be 3-8 minutes long.

Speeches outside of the requirements will be penalized.

* + Use of a podium will not be allowed during speeches.
	+ Use of written documents will not be allowed during speeches.
	+ When using facts and statistics, contestants should be sure to use the most current information available and may be penalized by judges for using inaccurate information.
	+ Criteria for judging speeches includes: Clarity, Energy, Passion, Examples and Enduring Truth.
	+ Speech content may not be significantly changed as a contestant advances, though fine-tuning for minor corrections, timing, etc. is allowed and encouraged.
	+ Memorization is required and it is acceptable for contestants to use 3 3x5 cards, if necessary. Visual aids are encouraged.

  **Prizes:**

 Winners in each major group will compete for $ in cash. All students competing in the Oratory Contest will receive a gift for their accomplishments.

**Contest Judging Criteria**

Student speeches will be based on the following criteria:

**Clarity**

 Was main purpose or premise of the speech understandable.?

**Energy**

Did the student deliver the speech with the appropriate level of enthusiasm at the appropriate time? Did it align with the purpose and premise of the speech?

**Examples**

 Did the student provide examples that “made clear” main purposes and premises of the speech?

**Emotion**

Did the student make use of emotion that “made clear” purposes and premises of the speech?

**Enduring Truth**

Did the student provide fact (s) that are lasting truths and irrefutable.

**July, 2016 Oratory Contest Rules**

**Direction & Etiquette**

**Dress & Appearance**

* **Young Ladies**

 **Dresses or Skirts, Blouses, and Blazers**

* **Young Men**

 **Suits – 3 piece, Blazers, Shirts, Ties, or Bow Ties**

 **Preferably Power Oriented Colors**

**Oratory/Speech Approach**

* **Acknowledgement**

 **God**

 **Bishop Gibert & Rev. Dr. Charisse Gibert**

 **TLAB**

 **Judges**

 **Parents, Guest, Visitors**

 **DWO Staff – especially Elder Robert and Temple Services**

* **Overall Speech Goals**
* **Speech**
* **Speech Summary**
* **Wrap-up and request support/sale**