**GULDIN SPEAKING CONTEST**

**April 3th and April 10th, 2017**

***Preliminary Round:***

 ***Monday, April 3th, 5:30 p.m. in 118 ASI***

***Final Round:***

 ***Monday, April 10th, 5:30 p.m. in 118 ASI***

**Rules and Regulations:**

1. **Any full-time undergraduate student enrolled in a major of the College of Agricultural Sciences is eligible to enter**.
2. Topics may be on any subject of interest to agriculture.
3. Entry forms are available from 101 Ag Administration or by emailing the committee chair. All entries must be returned no later than Monday, April 3rd by 9:00 a.m. to 101 Ag Administration. The preliminary round will be held in 18 ASI Building on Monday, April 3th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Order of presentations will be determined at random and will be announced prior to presentation of the speeches. **Preliminary speeches must be 5 to 6 minutes in length and are not to exceed 6 minutes.** No visual aids are permitted. Speakers are expected to dress professionally.
4. Up to 5 finalists will be chosen by the preliminary judges to compete in the final round on Monday, April 10th, at 5:30 p.m. in 18 ASI Building. Finalists will be selected on rank score. For example, if a speech is placed second, third, and second by the three different judges, the rank score is 2+3+2 = 7. The contestants with the lowest total ranking scores in the preliminary round will advance.
5. Final speeches must be 7 to 10 minutes in length and are not to exceed 10 minutes. No visual aids are permitted. The final speeches **do not** have to be on the same topic as the preliminary speeches. The **finalists must submit four typed outlines** of the final speech on Monday, April 10, prior to their final speech.
6. There will be a **3-minute question and answer period** following both the preliminary and final speeches.
7. **Contestants are requested to arrive at the designated location 15 minutes before the start of each contest or as directed by the contest chairs**.
8. **No visual aids will be permitted**, although contestants may use notes. The final placings will be announced at the conclusion of the final round.
9. **Monetary awards** will be deposited into the winners’ Bursar accounts. Awards are as follows:

 1st Place.............. $500.00

 2nd Place……….. $400.00

 3rd Place............... $300.00

 4th Place................ $250.00

 5th Place............... $150.00

 6th Place............... $75.00

 7th Place............... $75.00

 8th Place............... $75.00

🟏Committee reserves right to redistribute prizes depending on entry numbers.

If you have questions, contact Sara Cook at sqc5675@psu.edu