

UCONN'S FIFTH ANNUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Hosted by UConn's Communication Society

THE DETAILS

When: Monday, April 9th, 6-8 p.m.

Where: Student Union Theatre

The contest will feature

- 5 undergraduate contestants
- 3 judges
- 2 hosts
- 1 LIVE AUDIENCE!

What can you win? Over \$400 in prizes!

Theme: *What impact is social media having on our personal relationships?*

Tell us what YOU think about the influence and effect of social media on our relationships—with our family, friends, class-mates, co-workers, fellow citizens, fellow earthlings.

How do I compete? Submit a contestant application through a “live” (via a casting call) or video submission

- The top five submissions will compete as finalists on April 9th
- Finalists will be notified on or before March 23rd
- On Monday April 4th at 6:00 pm, finalists will attend a pre-production dinner

Submission Deadline: 5pm, Tuesday **March 20th**

Need More Info? Contact ucommsociety@gmail.com

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SUBMISSION RULES AND GUIDELINES

Eligibility: UConn undergraduate students

How to Submit: See "Suggestions for a Successful Speech Submission"

Contestants may submit via **one** of the two following formats:

- "Live" (or in-person) casting call; or
- Video submission

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR LIVE SUBMISSION

Students can present before special student committee on

- **Tuesday March 6th @ 5 - 7 pm, Oak Hall 267**
 - **Wednesday March 7th @ 5 - 6 pm, Student Union 325.**
 - Sign up here to book your spot: [Google Doc for Sign-ups](#)
 - Sign-ups are encouraged, but not required
- Walk-in submissions welcome!

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR VIDEO SUBMISSION

- Submission videos must be a **minimum** of 3 minutes and a **maximum** of 5 minutes, to be considered an official entry
- Submission videos must include an unlisted or public **YouTube** link, submitted via email to ucommsociety@gmail.com
- Videos **MUST** be submitted **before 5 pm** on Tues. March 20th
- Speakers may not use props or other presentation aids, either in their submission videos or live performances
 - Video submissions should be focused on the speaker and their speech. *Post-production edits or enhancements are discouraged.*

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SUGGESTIONS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION

Step 1: Brainstorm

The theme of the competition is: *What impact is social media having on our personal relationships?* Contestants should consider answering the following questions in their speech:

- Do you feel that social media is helping to make personal relationships stronger or weaker?
- Do you think social media helps bring people together in a positive way or do you feel social media may promote anti-social behaviors?
- Which specific impacts of social media on relationships stand(s) out to you the most?
- How does social media directly influence your relationships and what do you like/dislike about its influence?
- Why do you think social media plays such a significant role in our society? What impact do you believe social media is having on the evolution of social relationships and what do you predict for the future?

Step 2: Create

All submissions (live or video) should follow the 3-5 minute time constraint. Presentation aids and/or props may **not** be used. In addition to these guidelines, here are some **production tips** for the video submissions:

- Be sure that you are clearly visible on the video and that your audio playback is easy to hear
- Pick a unique environment for your video that helps enhance your speech; however, be sure that it is not distracting and does not impede your delivery
- Double-check your final video before uploading to ensure appropriate quality

Step 3: Submit

- **Upload your video to YouTube and submit the link**

If you do not have a YouTube account, you will need to create one. Once your video has been uploaded, double check to make sure the video share settings are set to "Unlisted". Email the link of your YouTube video to ucommsociety@gmail.com ****Be sure to double check your link to ensure it is working correctly****

OR

- **Plan to attend one of our two open submissions sessions.** At these events you will be able to deliver your speech to our small student selection committee! All live speech performances should follow the guidelines listed above.

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COMPETITION FORMAT

The Competition will proceed in THREE Rounds.

1st Round: Prepared Speaking

Each contestant will deliver a prepared speech. Contestants will speak about the role of "Social Media's influence on personal relationships" from their own personal perspective, delivered in **5 minutes maximum**.

2nd Round: Question and Answer

Contestants will answer a short question based on their first speech, asked by one of the judges. The contestant will have a **maximum of 2 minutes** to deliver their answer.

3rd Round: Impromptu Speaking

Contestants will be presented with an impromptu topic by the host. The contestants will have 15 minutes to formulate their responses before presenting their final speech of **4 minutes maximum**.