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**MEMO**

**DATE:** May 14, 2015  
**TO:** Extension Field Staff  
**FROM:** Family & Youth Exposition Public Speaking /Illustrated Talk Committee  
**RE:** Public Speaking/Illustrated Talk Competition

Attached are the guidelines and registration information for the Public Speaking and Illustrated Talk Competitions to be held at the SU Ag Center's 2015 Family and Youth Exposition. This year's theme is **"Expo Theme: Dream: Discover The Rewards Of Educating & Advancing Minds"**

The scheduled dates are June 18 - 20, 2015. The public speaking and illustrated talk competitions will be held on Friday, June 19th from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Smith –Brown Memorial Union on the Southern University campus.

This year, agents are required to submit participants from **each parish** for the public speaking and illustrated talk. There is a maximum limit of two students per parish per age group. Registration information for the public speaking and illustrated talk contests should be sent to me by the close of business on Friday, June 12, 2015. Registration forms, which are attached, can be completed electronically and forwarded via email to [dawn\\_mellion@suagcenter.com](mailto:dawn_mellion@suagcenter.com) or faxed to 225-771-2861. Please be sure to indicate any special equipment needs in the appropriate section of the registration form.

Thank you in advance for your time and support of the 2015 Family & Youth Expo. On behalf of the Public Speaking and Illustrated Talk Committee, we look forward to seeing you all in June!

Sincerely,

Dawn Mellion Patin, Ph.D., MBA

## ILLUSTRATED TALK CONTEST Youth Expo 2015

### GUIDELINES

- Team contestants develop and illustrate talk based on the theme
- Talk must be focused on the theme:

*Expo Theme:* Dream: Discover the Rewards of Educating & Advancing Minds

- Open to all students 9-18 years of age.
- The top three contestants in each age group (9-12, 13-15, and 16-18) will be awarded.

### RULES

1. Each parish may enter two (2) teams or individuals (**each team may have a maximum of two (2) members**) per age group.
2. Contestants are expected to research and write their own talks.
3. Visuals must be used to illustrate the talk (PowerPoint presentations, posters, etc).
4. Must be an illustrated talk, not a demonstration of method.
5. Talk must be 5-7 minutes in length. A penalty will be assessed for presentations that do not meet the time requirement. The penalty will be three points for each 30 second block above or below the limit.

### 2015 Family & Youth Expo Theme:

*Expo Theme:* Dream: Discover the Rewards of Educating & Advancing Minds

The following are examples that may be used to help contestants prepare for their illustrated talks:

Internet	Television	Web Camera
Computer Software	Computers	E-mail
Cellular Phones	Agro-technology	Instant Messaging
Facebook	Twitter	Telephone
Textbooks	Digital Cameras	Video Camera

2015 Family & Youth Expo – Illustrated Talk Registration

Agent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Contestant's Name</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age</i>
<b>List all special equipment needs for the above contestant:</b>			
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**MAKE AS MANY COPIES OF THIS FORM AS NEEDED.**

# PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST GUIDELINES

## Youth Expo 2015

### GUIDELINES

- Individual contestants will develop and present a prepared speech. Each speech must be focused on the

*Expo Theme:* Dream: Discover the Rewards of Educating & Advancing Minds

Open to all students 9-18 years of age.

- The top three contestants in each age group (9-12, 13-15 and 16-18) will be awarded.

### RULES

1. Each parish may enter two (2) contestants per age group.
2. Contestants are expected to research and write their own speeches.
3. A contestant's speech must be 5-7 minutes in length. A penalty will be assessed for presentations that do not meet the time requirement. The penalty will be three points for each 30-second block above or below the limit.
4. **A PUBLIC SPEECH IS JUST TALKING! No visual aids or props can be used. A speech can be informative or persuasive, but should not simply entertain. Public speaking requires careful planning and effective delivery. There should be a clear and concise theme / thesis and understandable points to follow.**

### Family & Youth Expo Theme:

*Expo Theme:* Dream: Discover the Rewards of Educating & Advancing Minds

## 2015 Family & Youth Expo – Public Speaking Registration

Agent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Contestant's Name</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age</i>
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