

### Benefits of the speech team

Communication skills are the number one requirement employers look for in today's market. On the speech team, you will be coached by experts in public speaking and public performance. There are endless benefits to the speech team, some of which include:

- Overcoming public speaking anxiety
- Improving oral communication skills
- Team building
- Becoming a more informed student and citizen
- Improving writing skills
- Traveling statewide and nationwide

### Respect for cultural diversity

Because you will encounter others at tournaments with cultural differences based on race, gender, ethnic origin, religion, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental capacity, socioeconomic status, and lifestyle, the speech team provides a great opportunity for us all to enhance our awareness of and respect for cultural diversity. This is perhaps the most fruitful aspect of speech team participation.

### Contact us

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### **A successful program**

The Prairie State College (PSC) Speech Team offers a unique opportunity to develop your communication skills inside and outside the classroom. We travel to different college campuses across the state, region, and country where we compete against other community colleges and four-year schools. As a member of the speech team, you will gain an understanding of and participate in events in three genres:

- Oral interpretation
- Prepared public address
- Limited preparation

### **The speech season**

Our season is similar to that of a sports team. Our tournament calendar begins in October and runs through April. Tournaments take place on the weekends, either Saturday only or Friday-Saturday. For the Friday-Saturday tournaments, we stay overnight in hotels. We participate in approximately 10 tournaments a year. Here are the highlights of the tournament season:

- Phi Rho Pi National Tournament (one week)
- IIFA State Tournament
- Phi Rho Pi Regional Tournament

### **Who can be on the speech team?**

Any PSC student enrolled in six credit hours during the fall semester and nine credit hours in the spring semester can be on the speech team. Age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, etc. does not matter. The speech team is open to all.

### **Team meetings**

We have mandatory team meetings every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 2:50 p.m. in Room 2612. At the meetings, we discuss your events and progress, upcoming tournaments, and team building. To be on the team requires attendance at these meetings every week.

### **Auditions**

At the beginning of every fall semester, there are open auditions for the speech team. You will see fliers on campus during this time with specific audition information (time, location, material, etc.). Auditions usually take place over two days (Tuesday: auditions, Thursday: call backs) during the second week of the fall semester.

### **Travel**

As a member of the speech team, all travel costs are covered by the college. This includes tournament registration fees, hotels, food, and transportation.

