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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bishop B. A. Gibert Oratory Contest**

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

T.LAB is pleased to announce the 2015 Bishop B.A. Gibert Oratory Contest slated for January 2015.

### **Topics for the FY 2015 Bishop B.A. Gibert Oratory Contest:**

1. Should students be required to win college scholarships as a rite of passage? Why?
2. Which 3 of the 10 Godly Leadership Traits are the most important? Why?

The deadline for submitting an essay is January 20, 2015.

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Round = January 23, 2015	7:00 PM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round = January 24, 2015	12:00 PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Round = February 14, 2015	12:00 PM

### **Contest Summary Requirements:**

1. 2 page essay – see above. Grades K-4<sup>th</sup> are to be 3-8 minutes long and Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Competing Groups:**

K-4<sup>th</sup> Grades  
5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

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

1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$150  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$100  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$75

Grand Winner: MacBook Pro  
(based on competition among winners from each group)

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



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### **2015 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 January 23, January 24, and February 14, 2015 at Detroit World Outreach Church.

#### **Contest Requirements:**

Contestants are to complete registration (including \$15 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 January 20, 2015 to: [tlab@tlab-global.com](mailto: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-4<sup>th</sup> are to be 3-8 minutes long. Speeches outside of the requirements will be penalized.
- 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 not required and it is acceptable for contestants to use notes, or refer to their written speeches if necessary.

#### **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.



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## **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.



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## **2015 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**