



# BULLETIN

## State Tournament a success!



Almost 150 high schools from across the state of California sent competitors to the 2010 California State Speech Tournament at Bakersfield City College Bakersfield.

Bellarmino College Preparatory HS took top honors in total sweepstakes points with an

amazing 128 points -- 32 of which came from Congress.

Second place honors went to Leland High School with 88 points, with a close third place going to James Logan High School with 86 points. Fourth place was Monte Vista HS with 62 points, and Gabriellino HS earned fifth place with 54 points.

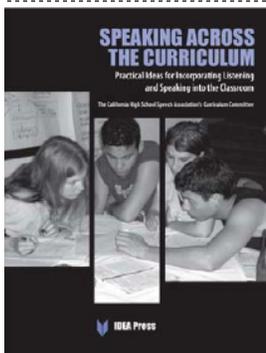
### HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Carl Adams was the 2010 inductee into the California High School State Speech Association's Hall of Fame.

Adams was the coach of the speech and debate team for Yuba City High School for 16 years, also working with River Valley and Faith Christian High Schools during his career. He also worked with the Academic Decathlon teams.

Today he serves as the District Attorney for Sutter County.

"I always tried to teach students something you can use in your career -- real life skills," Adams said before being honored again by the Yuba City Unified School District in late April, 2010.



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# 2010 State Speech Tournament Winners

## ORIGINAL ORATORY

Miles Bridges, James Logan HS  
Ishpal Sidhu, Fullerton Joint Union HS  
Vidhyarini Sampath, Northwood HS  
Brian Castelloe, La Costa Canyon HS  
Noorjit Sidhu, James Logan HS  
Kyle Vandenberg, Bellarmine CPHS  
Dalton Defendis, Clovis North HS

## ORIGINAL ADVOCACY

Ray Chao, Arcadia HS  
Matt Zajac, Bellarmine CPHS  
Lucy Unanyan, Monroe HS  
Ben Perotin, Bellarmine CPHS  
Angela Leung, Gabrielino HS  
Niraj Asthana, James Logan HS  
Fatemah Mirza, North Torrance HS

## IMPROMPTU

Iain Lampert, Cleveland HS  
Jason Kim, Monte Vista HS  
Vinay Viswanadham, Bellarmine CPHS  
Rachel Yang, San Marino HS  
Sam Pandey, Leland HS  
Cameron Silverberg, Sherman Oaks  
Center for Enriched Studies  
Parker Schill, Liberty HS

## NATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS

Anthony Paranzino, Bellarmine CPHS  
Oscar Wang, San Marino HS  
Nick Hall, Valencia HS  
Jeremy Sharma, James Logan HS  
Remi Sun, Bellarmine CPHS  
Lynn Yu, Esperanza HS  
Inder Grewal, James Logan

## INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS

Louis Li, Monte Vista HS  
Jacob Baker, Bellarmine CPHS  
Patrick Paige Wu, El Modena HS  
Pradhan Bhat, Granite Bay HS  
Mihir Bhaskar, Leland HS  
Maddie Zhu, Claremont HS  
Philip Chang, Miramonte HS

## EXPOSITORY

Caroline McDonald, Sanger HS  
Hillary Tzeng, San Marino HS  
Zachary Antoyan, Edison HS (Fresno)  
Eemaan Azimi, James Logan HS  
Anthony Farnesi, Bullard HS  
Mackenzie Brewster, Long Beach Poly HS  
Nisha Agarwal, Presentation HS

# 2010 State Speech Tournament Winners

## ORATORICAL INTERPRETATION

Howard Xiao, James Logan HS  
 Blake Swenson, Bellarmine CPHS  
 Annabel Liu, Leland HS  
 Taylor Chertkov, Helix Charter HS  
 Kyle Weber, Clovis North HS  
 Vandana Pai, Leland HS  
 Joshua Moreno, Fullerton Joint Union HS

## THEMATIC INTERPRETATION

Cody Franzen, South San Francisco HS  
 Raymond Liu, Leland HS  
 Laura Wilson, Bakersfield HS  
 Alexa Rocero, James Logan HS  
 Brittany Fung, Gabrielino HS  
 Kimberly Knight, Leland HS  
 Geaquari Carlisle, Carter HS

## HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION

Coleton Schmitto, James Logan HS  
 Zade Shakir, Leland HS  
 Jordan Phillips, Esperanza HS  
 Kedar Kulkarni, Mira Loma HS  
 Evan Bartz, Bellarmine CPHS  
 Amer Phung, Gabrielino HS  
 Ankur Bhagat, Leland HS

## DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION

Sam Sulam, Ribet Academy College Prep  
 Nico Bremond, James Logan HS  
 Ryan Vasquez, Bellarmine CPHS  
 Huilim Jeong, Leland HS  
 Sarah Martellaro, Monroe HS  
 Allison Tinajero, River Valley HS  
 Kristeen Chu, Carlsbad HS

## DUO INTERPRETATION

Wong/Liu, Gabrielino HS  
 Gonzalez/Rau, Enochs HS  
 Lim/Tang, Monte Vista HS  
 Fernandez/Hall, Community Charter HS  
 Brandon/Caltrider, Fullerton Joint Union  
 Miller/Howes, Monte Vista HS  
 Wu/McCarthy, James Logan HS

## ORIGINAL PROSE & POETRY

Elle Pratt, Fullerton Joint Union HS  
 Kyle DeCamp, Gabrielino HS  
 Kate-Marie Engberg, Miramonte HS  
 Julie Brown, Helix Charter HS  
 Jhaimy Fernandez, Gabrielino HS  
 William Rhodes, Miramonte HS  
 Gary Nielsen, Granite Bay HS

# 2010 State Speech Tournament Winners

## LINCOLN/ DOUGLAS DEBATE

Kyle Vandenberg, Bellarmine CPHS  
Daniel Ki, Monta Vista HS  
Gabe Bronshteyn, Monte Vista HS  
Kyle Allen-Niesen, Brentwood HS

## POLICY DEBATE

Austin/Davis, Centennial HS  
Yeh/Samarth, Leland HS  
Noronha/Varvell, Bellarmine CPHS  
Sridharan/Delepine, Bellarmine CPHS

## PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

Drew/Appeldorn, Bishop O'Dowd HS  
O'Brien/Nielsen, Granite Bay HS  
McKenna/Brog, Bentley School  
Castelloe/Zomorrodia, La Costa Canyon HS

## PUBLIC FORUM

DeMarco/Wagner, Granite Bay HS  
Brown/Chertkov, Helix Charter HS  
Crown/Chennapan, Leland HS  
Majid/Bhaskar, Leland HS

## STUDENT CONGRESS

Eric Brewster, Long Beach Poly HS  
Brendan Bashin-Sullivan, Miramonte HS  
Stacey Wong, Granite Bay HS  
Tanay Kothari, Bellarmine CPHS  
Anirudh Sapru, Miramonte HS  
Rylan Schaeffer, Mountain View HS  
Sebastian DeLuca, Monte Vista HS

## PRESIDING OFFICER

Hao Tran, Monte Vista HS  
Chris Enright, Bellarmine CPHS  
Michael Guan, West Torrance HS  
James Pesavento, Redlands HS



# Where Are They Now?

Dedicated to California State Speech Champions of the Past

**By Ron Underwood**  
**CHSSA Historian**

*While researching for the CHSSA History Book, I began to wonder what happened to all of the fine young speakers who worked so hard in their high school days to become champions.*

*This is volume two. I have a few more for next time but I need assistance from you...Let me know if you know the whereabouts of past state champs.*  
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**Shana Chandler (Leon)**

George Washington HS – SF  
Oratory '86

Shauna received a Master's Degree in Education at the American Jewish University after graduating from UCLA. She is currently a professor at AJU and serves as cantor for Congregation Beth Hillel in Los Angeles. Shauna and husband Aaron live in Sherman Oaks and have two children ages 11 and 9.

Her speaking background is heavily used as she often gives sermons in her role as spiritual leader for her community.

**Spencer Chandler**

George Washington HS –SF  
Dramatic Interp '90

Since graduating from UCLA, Spencer been a working actor. He has been on and off



Broadway in a Russian clown show for over three years, Slava's Snowshow. (And was recently nominated for a Tony award. He has also done regional theatre, Yiddish theater, Law and Order, and a film, Menday, a Question of Faith (A bilingual English and Yiddish script.)

He is currently working on a film script and runs an Arts Organization, Cannery Works. He is married and has a year old daughter.

*Note: Shauna and Spencer are siblings.....and their parents were their coaches at George Washington High School.*

**Kimberly Ross (Leonard)**

Lodi High School  
Thematic Interp '89

Her response to our request:

*It goes without saying that my years in Speech and Debate served me greatly in my college and graduate school years.*

*I went to USC and have a BFA in Acting . I then went on to Yale Drama School and have a MFA in Acting.*

*I now teach as well as act. I'm married and have a son.*

*Belonging to the Speech Team was and is one of the proudest memberships I have held. I learned more about who I was during speech competitions than I ever did sitting in a desk. When I think of the people I have most admired in my life I inevitably think of those that were involved*

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biographies,  
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? continued ...



*in Speech and Debate. It made my high school experience.*

*As much as I enjoyed competing, I loved watching others. The immediacy and the intimacy of those moments was a very special and rare thing. There was an honesty, a vulnerability that was shared between all of us. It was home away from home and I had no problems getting up at 5am to meet the bus and see where we were going that day.*

**Ami Arad**

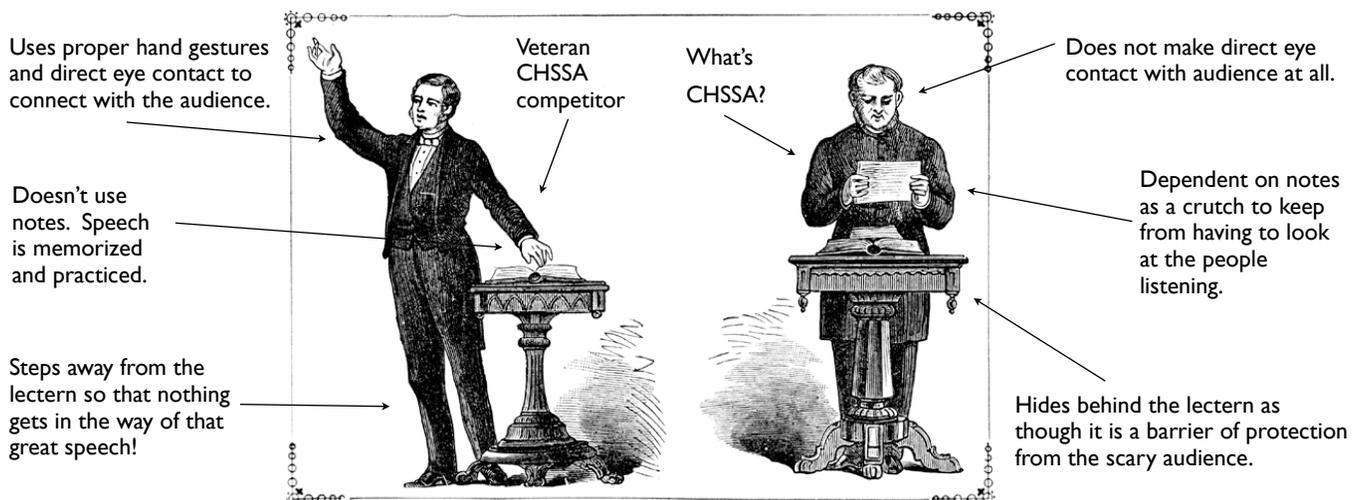
Arroyo Grande High School  
International Extemp '91

After earning his International Extemp championship as a freshman in 1991, Ami won the NFL national champion in IX as a senior in '94. He was a Political Science grad from UC Berkeley.

His early work was for software companies in the Bay Area in sales...until 2002. At that point he decided to start his own company in a totally different field. He tells about it: *Perhaps because of wearing so many coats and ties during my speech and debate days, I started a men's retail concept called On The fly ([www.onthefly.com](http://www.onthefly.com)) We began as an eCommerce company in June 2004, and have grown every year. Last fall, we opened our first brick-and-mortar store in downtown San Francisco in the Financial District.*

*I use the skills I learned in Speech and Debate all the time, most notably when officiating weddings for friends. I am officiating my 9<sup>th</sup> wedding in September.*

Differences between Successful and Unsuccessful Public Speakers



## Former CHSSA Speechies form YARN: A new Young Adult online literary magazine

Kerri Majors and Shannon Marshall-- formerly Kerri Smith and Shannon Hall-- are California Speech winners who have remained friends and are now the editors and founders of YARN, the Young Adult Review Network. YARN is the first literary magazine of its kind--an online space created to promote teen literacy and fill a gap in the publishing market. As Kerri notes, "YARN grew out of a need I located as a writer--basically, I started writing what I thought was a paranormal short story for a YA audience and looked around to see where I might publish such a thing. I discovered that because I'm an adult writer of YA, there really wasn't any place for me to publish the story; and even if I'd been a teen, there still would have been precious few places. The story ultimately became a novel, but I continued to be bothered by the lack of places for writers to publish YA. And since I'm a problem-solver by nature, it was natural for me to want to start a journal that would fill this gap in the market. Hence, YARN."



*Kerri Smith Majors, left, and Shanon Hall Marshall, founders of YARN.*

Kerri has been writing since her days at St. Mary's High School in Stockton, CA, where she qualified to the State Championships in OPP as a freshman--and two more times after that. In fact, she often credits her high school speech coach, John Cardoza, with helping her learn the craft of writing and revising. During her junior year on the Speech Team, she became close friends

with Shannon, who also became a trusted writing buddy with whom Kerri would share drafts and ask for comments. Shannon and Kerri also wrote Oratories for the Lions Club competitions, and Shannon was a State and National Qualifier in DI for two years, placing at both State and Nationals in the semi-finals. Now, Shannon is the coach of the Crescenta Valley High School Speech team in Los Angeles, where she also teaches English. The two have remained friends since their Speech days, and were pleased to collaborate on YARN 18 years after meeting.

"As a teacher," Shannon says, "I realize the importance of publication for young writers. Seeing your work in print makes a young

person part of the writing community. And YARN allows young writers to publish alongside established writers in the genre such as Mitali Perkins, Barry Lyga and Tina Ferraro. It's an excellent opportunity for teen writers to receive national recognition."



YARN publishes original poetry, fiction and essays that appeal to a young adult readership. They particularly welcome submissions from high school writers (especially from brilliant fellow "speechies"). Submissions guidelines can be found at the site: [www.yareview.net](http://www.yareview.net), where aspiring writers and interested readers can subscribe to the magazine, fan YARN on Facebook, and follow on Twitter.

## YARN Seeking Submissions for Winter 2010 Issue

*YARN, a new online literary magazine for Young Adult readers, is seeking fiction, poetry, and essays for its debut issue. Writing should be of special interest to 14-18 year old readers, but can be written by writers of any age or background. Submissions by teens are especially encouraged. YARN's mission is to publish the highest quality creative writing for everyone who enjoys young adult lit. Published quarterly, YARN will feature short fiction and creative essays, poetry, and an author interview. Our interactive sections will allow for comments on*

*stories, as well as reviews of recent YA books. We distinguish ourselves from other teen lit mags by seeking to discover new teen writers, and publish them alongside established writers of the YA genre. Issue 1 will go live in Winter 2010, but a little taste of our site is currently available at [www.yareview.net](http://www.yareview.net) (where you can also find our submission guidelines).*



FROM YAREVIEW.NET - SHANNON HALL'S BLOG

Through no fault of my own, I became my high school's official Speech and Debate coach for the last month of school. We competed in our first and only tournament last weekend and we practiced for less than four weeks prior to competing. No

surprise: many of my students received a fairly solid beating by competitors from schools who had been practicing heavily since September. Upon sharing my distress about said-situation, one fellow coach admitted that when his team first started competing, their team motto was "Suck Less."

But "Suck Less" as a mantra stuck with me. I couldn't forget it. I couldn't let it go. I giggled involuntarily every time I thought of it. And I realized that "Suck Less" applies to writing and re-writing perfectly. Because a daily writing practice is truly all about....sucking less.

Now, though I see the brilliance (and hilarity) of this saying for a struggling team....I chose not to bring this motto to the attention of my students. They were already down; they didn't need another kick.

Let me explain. For those who are trying to train themselves to write every day—the "suck less" formula is powerful. Even the strongest, most talented writers will find that when writing day after day after day, there will be moments of completely crappy writing. Words won't flow...or



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SHANNON HALL'S BLOG, CONTINUED ...

they will only to turn up on the page as absolutely mediocre, cliché, or laughably bad. This is when a writer should smile and say, "No problem. Tomorrow, I'm going to suck less."

This ideology provides a low bar over which to hurdle, and a low bar gives you permission to write every single day. It's easy to write when you're not panicked about lack of inspiration, or perfection flowing out of your pen. It's easy to write when you know that you have the ability to fix every mistake you make through the fantabulous power of revision. "Suck less!" and write more!

I used to be one of those revision=death folks. And truth be told, most of my strongest, most thoughtful, student writers treat revision like the plague. They do this because usually whatever comes out the first time around is pretty gosh darn

good. It doesn't suck...but what a writer doesn't realize when they refuse to revise, is how much better a piece can be when thoughtfully gone over a second, third or fourth time. When words are tweaked, tightened and clarified, good writing can become legendary. Writing can ALWAYS suck less. This is the beauty of revision.

Case in point: a few days of thoughtful contemplation have allowed me to see my new mantra with fresh eyes. And, I've revised it: Suck Less. Write More. Revise Always.

See? It got better.

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PARLI TOPIC: 3-D WILL GO THE WAY OF THE LASERDISC AND THE BETA-MAX IN 10 YEARS

If you wear glasses for long-distance vision, 3-D glasses can cause horrible headaches which prevent you from enjoying the feature film.

What if I don't WANT things to pop out at me?

The cost of a home 3-D television will make you scream!



Things seems to pop right out of the screen at you and really make a movie come to life!

3-D glasses are stylish and can be used over and over again. No extra expense once you have your own pair!

You'll be amazed at the real-life quality of the picture ... your mouth will drop open!

## Name This Famous Speech

from AmericanRhetoric.com's "Top 100 Speeches"  
[www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches](http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches)

"We dare not forget today that we are the heirs of that first revolution. Let the word go forth from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans -- born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage, and unwilling to witness or permit the slow undoing of those human rights to which this nation has always been committed, and to which we are committed today at home and around the world.

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

This much we pledge -- and more ...

In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility -- I welcome it. I do not believe that any of us would exchange places with any other people or any other generation. The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this endeavor will light our country and all who serve it. And the glow from that fire can truly light the world."

**LOOK FOR THE ANSWER to this issue's mystery speech either online at [americanrhetoric.com/speeches](http://americanrhetoric.com/speeches) or watch for the next issue of The Bulletin.**

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## Calendar

### October 29-31, 2010

University of the Pacific Invitational

### December 10-11, 2010

Santa Clara Invitational (tentative)

### January 14-16, 2011

MLK Invitational, Union City, CA

### February 4-6, 2011

Stanford Invitational

### April 15-17, 2011

CHSSA State Speech Tournament

*All dates/locations are subject to change.  
 Please check with your league calendar to confirm.*

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