

International Speech Contest Semifinals Past Winners



The Toastmasters International Speech Contest Semifinals took place in August at the International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. The winner from each district International Speech Contest competed in one of 10 semifinal speech contests.

One winner from each semifinal speech contest participated in the Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speaking.

Click on a semifinal contest below to view a complete list of contestants who competed in that contest. (Districts were randomly assigned to a semifinal. Districts in each event are listed in numerical order.)

Semifinal 1 Semifinal 2 Semifinal 3 Semifinal 4

Winner: Gil Michelini Winner: Aditya Winner: Mohammed Winner: Russ Dantu

Maheswaran Abdullah Qahtani

Semifinal 5 Semifinal 6 Semifinal 7 Semifinal 8

Winner: Arfath Saleem Winner: Eric Feinendegen Winner: Patrick Winner: James Jeffley Hammond

Semifinal 9 Semifinal 10

Winner: Manoj Winner: Joe Grondin

Vasudevan

Congratulations to all the winners of the semifinal speech contests, and to the 2015 World Championship of Public Speaking finalists: **1st Place, Mohammed Qahtani** of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, District 79; **2nd Place, Aditya Maheswaran** of Mumbai, India, District 41; **3rd Place, Manoj Vasudevan** of Singapore, District 80.



Semifinal Speech Contest 1			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
11	Gil Michelini	Fishers, Indiana	United States
15	Dwight Edwards	Boise, Idaho	United States
20	Koka Prasad	Doha	Qatar
29	Sabine Kvenberg	Fredericksburg, Virginia	United States
52	John Keesee	Porter Ranch, California	United States
53	Barbara A. Kenney	New Fairfield,	United States
		Connecticut	
54	Steve Van De Walle	Silvis, Illinois	United States
69	Michael Doohan	Daisy Hill, Queensland	Australia
95	Thomas Rose	Cologne	Germany

Semifinal Speech Contest 2			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
10	Kitty Brandal	Huron, Ohio	United States
33	Marisa Shadrick	Henderson, Nevada	United States
39	Donny Crandell	Reno, Nevada	United States
41	Aditya Maheswaran	Mumbai	India
44	Carlton Young	Ellenwood, Georgia	United States
63	Carlos A. Calderin	Chattanooga,	United States
		Tennessee	
78	Neal Blossom	Helena, Montana	United States
85	Sherrie Su	Tianjin	China
Founder's	Daniel Midson-Short	Dana Point, California	United States



Semifinal Speech Contest 3				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
4	Kirubakaran	Santa Clara, California	United States	
	Periyannan			
17	Vijayakumar	Wiletton, Western	Australia	
	Vijayaratnam	Australia		
22	Edward Young	Sedgwick, Kansas	United States	
26	Kelsey Robb	Denver, Colorado	United States	
36	Joey N. Jones	Silver Spring,	United States	
		Maryland		
49	Cain Kamano	Honolulu, Hawaii	United States	
60	Ande Clumpus	Toronto, Ontario	Canada	
74	Zoya Mabuto	Johannesburg	South Africa	
79	Mohammed	Dhahran	Saudi Arabia	
	Abdullah Qahtani			
89	Wong Kit Ying Kitty	Hong Kong		

Semifinal Speech Contest 4			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
5	Prabhu Kandasamy	San Diego, California	United States
12	Cindy Carpenter	Corona, California	United States
24	Eric Beba	La Vista, Nebraska	United States
25	Ed Archangel	Keller, Texas	United States
32	Madonna Boclair Hanna	Ruston, Washington	United States
37	Darnell Badger	Harrisburg, North Carolina	United States
42	Russ Dantu	Calgary, Alberta	Canada
51	Johan Ooi Keng Kee	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
65	William Powell	East Rochester, New York	United States
87	Sivaneswaran Thangavelu	Miri, Sarawak	Malaysia



Semifinal Speech Contest 5				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
13	Michael W. Stanley	Crescent, Pennsylvania	United States	
28	Steve Helwig	Perrysburg, Ohio	United States	
31	Wayne Richard	Bedford,	United States	
	Braverman	Massachusetts		
38	Dan Hershey	Lititz, Pennsylvania	United States	
40	Don DeHoff	Columbus, Ohio	United States	
61	Oren Weintraub	Montreal, Quebec	Canada	
70	David Griffiths	Sydney, New South	Australia	
		Wales		
82	Mohomed Arfath	Colombo	Sri Lanka	
	Mohomed Saleem			
97	Arnulfo S. Aniel	Bangkok	Thailand	

Semifinal Speech Contest 6			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
3	Michael Desiderio	Gilbert, Arizona	United States
7	Libra Forde	Happy Valley, Oregon	United States
14	Connie Carey	Macon, Georgia	United States
27	Clarence Featherson	Silver Spring, Maryland	United States
30	Eric Feinendegen	Gurnee, Illinois	United States
64	Michael Bayer	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Canada
68	Chic Miller	New Orleans, Louisiana	United States
72	Matthew Colcombe	Wellington	New Zealand
73	Bharat Sangekar	Port Melbourne, Victoria	Australia
75	Vincent C. Juan	Davao City	Philippines



Semifinal Speech Contest 7			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
1	Patrick Hammond	Los Angeles, California	United States
6	Eric Schurr	West St. Paul, Minnesota	United States
50	Monica Dirden	Mesquite, Texas	United States
56	Darryl W. Sims, Jr.	Houston, Texas	United States
59	Antonio Meza	Paris	France
67	Diana Watson	Taichung	Taiwan
81	Sharon A. Layne	Philipsburg	Sint Maarten
84	Mark Gai	Winter Haven, Florida	United States
96	Reginald Boaler	Richmond, British Columbia	Canada

Semifinal Speech Contest 8			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
16	Michael Boatman	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	United States
34	William Knight	Mexico City	Mexico
43	Angela Belford	Fayetteville, Arkansas	United States
46	Tommy Hoard	Brooklyn, New York	United States
47	Keith Herring	Coconut Creek, Florida	United States
57	James L. Jeffley	Richmond, California	United States
66	Virgil Thornton, Sr.	Hampton, Virginia	United States
86	Roger Caesar	Brampton, Ontario	Canada
91	Jeremy D. M. Robinson	London	England
92	Ajay Chitharanjan	Bangalore	India



Semifinal Speech Contest 9				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
8	Tawanna Watson	Collinsville, Illinois	United States	
9	Mike Anthony	Yakima, Washington	United States	
19	Kory May	Iowa City, Iowa	United States	
23	Byron Taylor	Amarillo, Texas	United States	
35	Michael Frohna	Green Bay,	United States	
		Wisconsin		
58	Geneva Anderson	Taylors, South	United States	
		Carolina		
71	Jim Gregory	Manchester	United Kingdom	
80	Manoj Vasudevan	Singapore	Singapore	
83	Kevin Moulton	Basking Ridge, New	United States	
		Jersey		
93	Robert "Bob" Kienzle	Seoul	Republic of Korea	

Semifinal Speech Contest 10			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
2	Jackie Bailey	Renton, Washington	United States
18	Brian Olds	Baltimore, Maryland	United States
21	Martin Moreau	Victoria, British Columbia	Canada
45	Joseph Grondin	Moncton, New Brunswick	Canada
48	Michael M. Williams II	Bradenton, Florida	United States
55	Michael Carr	Austin, Texas	United States
62	DeAndre Carter	Lansing, Michigan	United States
76	Naoki Tamura	Tokyo	Japan
77	Nelson Ortega	Mobile, Alabama	United States
94	Emmanuel Fadahunsi	Lagos	Nigeria



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Semifinal 1 Semifinal 2 Semifinal 3 Semifinal 4

Winner: Sharookh Winner: James L. Jeffley Winner: Marc Williams Winner: Eric Donaldson

Daroowala

Semifinal 5 Semifinal 6 Semifinal 7 Semifinal 8

Winner: Alain Winner: Dananjaya Winner: Kwong Yue Yang Winner: Kelly Sargeant

Washnevsky Hettiarachchi

Semifinal 9

Winner: Chris W. H. Woo

Congratulations to all the winners of the semifinal speech contests, and to the 2015 World Championship of Public Speaking finalists: **1st Place, Dananjaya Hettiarachchi** of Nawala Rajagiriya, Sri Lanka, District 82; **2nd Place, Kwong Yue Yang** of Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, District 89; **3rd Place, Kelly Sargeant** of Missouri City, Texas, United States, District 56.



Semifinal Speech Contest 1			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
District 21	Sharookh Daroowala	Vancouver, British Columbia	Canada
District 48	Shawn Rhodes	Temple Terrace, Florida	United States
District 49	Libra Forde	Ewa Beach, Hawaii	United States
District 65	Jamel McMullin	Syracuse, New York	United States
District 71	Christopher Boden	Princes Risborough	United Kingdom
District 72	Kingi Biddle	Rotorua	New Zealand
District 78	Wayne M. O'Brien	Helena, Montana	United States
District 81	Pearl Quinn Williams	St. George	Antigua and Barbuda
District 85	Yingdan Liu	Shanghai	China
District 94	Hillary Johnson	Lomé	Togo

Semifinal Speech Contest 2			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
District 04	Claudette Good- ONeill	Fremont, California	United States
District 10	Terry Begue	Hartville, Ohio	United States
District 25	DJ Swinyar	Mansfield, Texas	United States
District 41	Aditya Maheswaran	Mumbai, Maharashtra	India
District 45	Joe Grondin	Moncton, New Brunswick	Canada
District 57	James L. Jeffley	Richmond, California	United States
District 59	Bernard Sarosi	Geneva	Switzerland
District 67	Josh Myers	Taichung City	Taiwan
District 75	Mark Anthony S. Elardo	Lapu-Lapu, Cebu	Philippines
District 80	Sean Seah Weiming	Singapore	Republic of Singapore



Semifinal Speech Contest 3				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
District 03	Michael Desiderio	Gilbert, Arizona	United States	
District 07	Jason Leon	Salem, Oregon	United States	
District 15	AlejAndro Anastasio	Boise, Idaho	United States	
District 22	Wally Long	Mount Vernon, Missouri	United States	
District 38	Aaron Beverly	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	United States	
District 46	Marc Williams	Brooklyn, New York	United States	
District 54	Rudy Segovia	Carpentersville, Illinois	United States	
District 68	Michael Taiwo	New Orleans, Louisiana	United States	
District 77	Weylin Bush	Birmingham, Alabama	United States	
Founder's	Daniel Midson-Short	Dana Point, California	United States	

Semifinal Speech Contest 4				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
District 09	Lynette D. Charity	Richland, Washington	United States	
District 27	Martha MacPhee	Strafford, Virginia	United States	
District 28	Craig Fulton	Oak Park, Michigan	United States	
District 31	Stuart Pink	Attleboro, Massachusetts	United States	
District 32	Hari Alipuria	Tacoma, Washington	United States	
District 43	Eric Donaldson	Memphis, Tennessee	United States	
District 53	Jeffrey Davis	Newtown, Connecticut	United States	
District 63	Jared Throneberry	Nashville, Tennessee	United States	
District 84	Sally Shah	Windermere, Florida	United States	
District 86	Rene Vander Pryt	London, Ontario	Canada	



Semifinal Speech Contest 5				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
District 19	JJ Trotta	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	United States	
District 23	Byron Taylor	Amarillo, Texas	United States	
District 33	Roz Baccus	Las Vegas, Nevada	United States	
District 35	James Homan	Brookfield, Wisconsin	United States	
District 39	Colin McKechnie	Turlock, California	United States	
District 44	Anne Taylor	Mableton, Georgia	United States	
District 50	David Hill	Frisco, Texas	United States	
District 52	Alain Washnevsky	Santa Monica, California	United States	
District 58	Charles P. Austin, Jr.	Columbia, South Carolina	United States	
District 64	Berni G. Plett	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Canada	

Semifinal Speech Contest 6				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
District 05	Antwon Lincoln	San Diego, California	United States	
District 12	Cindy Carpenter	Corona, California	United States	
District 14	Connie Carey	Macon, Georgia	United States	
District 20	Koka Prasad	Doha	Qatar	
District 29	Tara Emory	Falls Church, Virginia	United States	
District 30	Conor Cunneen	Naperville, Illinois	United States	
District 40	David Levy	Cincinnati, Ohio	United States	
District 73	Aaron Ng Ji Yeon	Melbourne, Victoria	Australia	
District 76	Drian Von Golden	Kawasaki, Kanagawa	Japan	
District 82	Dananjaya Hettiarachchi	Nawala Rajagiriya	Sri Lanka	



Semifinal Speech Contest 7			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
District 01	Ivory L. Cooper, Sr.	Long Beach, California	United States
District 08	Sudharshan Anandan	Rolla, Missouri	United States
District 13	Donald J. Michel	Mars, Pennsylvania	United States
District 24	Gene Deyoe	Lincoln, Nebraska	United States
District 36	Sylvia Baffour	Washington, D.C.	United States
District 55	Edison Bennett	Austin, Texas	United States
District 61	J.A. Gamache	Laval, Quebec	Canada
District 74	Lloyd George Munyaradzi Mugabe	Harare	Zimbabwe
District 89	Kwong Yue Yang	Guangzhou, Guangdong	China
District 93	Robert "Bob" Kienzle	Seoul	Republic of Korea

Semifinal Speech Contest 8			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
District 11	Jeanine M. Herold	Fort Wayne, Indiana	United States
District 17	Peter Law	Rockingham, Western Australia	Australia
District 34	Claudia Cano	Toluca, Mexico State	Mexico
District 37	David R. Lindquist	Cary, North Carolina	United States
District 47	Davario Rahming	Nassau, New Providence	Bahamas
District 56	Kelly Sargeant	Missouri City, Texas	United States
District 60	Stephen Grant	Toronto, Ontario	Canada
District 62	Fred L. Johnson III	Holland, Michigan	United States
District 66	Magnyfycent Gregory Channing	Chesapeake, Virginia	United States
District 70	David Griffiths	Sydney, New South Wales	Australia
District 83	Kevin Moulton	Basking Ridge, New Jersey	United States



Semifinal Speech Contest 9			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
District 02	Lee Amatangelo	Bellevue, Washington	United States
District 06	Caroline Lyngstad	Long Lake, Minnesota	United States
District 16	Douglas Winter	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	United States
District 18	Dennis Wright	Abingdon, Maryland	United States
District 26	Rich Hopkins	Broomfield, Colorado	United States
District 42	John Hallett	Medicine Hat, Alberta	Canada
District 51	Palaniappa Subramaniam	Kulim, Kedah	Malaysia
District 69	Elizabeth Neal	Burdell, Queensland	Australia
District 79	Abdallah Aljurf	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia
District 87	Chris W. H. Woo	Kampong Kiarong	Brunei



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Winner: Marlon Avila Winner: Monty Davidson Winner: Chris Nachtrab Winner: Marin Gemill-

Toyama

Semifinal 5Semifinal 6Semifinal 7Semifinal 8Winner: Jon WhiteWinner: Presiyan VasilevWinner: Kingi BiddleWinner: Jabulani

Mangena

Semifinal 9

Winner: Shuroog

AlBanna

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Semifinal Speech Contest 1			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
03	Marlon Avila	Surprise, Arizona	United States
11	Colin William	West Lafayette, Indiana	United States
13	Charlie Wilson	State College, Pennsylvania	United States
16	Tabitha A. Pope	Edmond, Oklahoma	United States
22	Wally Long	Mount Vernon, Missouri	United States
31	Stuart Pink	Attleboro, Massachusetts	United States
47	Kendrick Knowles	Nassau, New Providence	Bahamas
66	Elliott Eddie	Henrico, Virginia	United States
75	Johnny Uy	Cebu City	Philippines
80	Manoj Vasudevan	Singapore	Republic of Singapore

Semifinal Speech Contest 2			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
05	Mila Diamond	San Diego, California	United States
12	Manuel Urrizola	Riverside, California	United States
38	Aaron Beverly	Claymont, Delaware	United States
51	Sim Bock San	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
54	Hayward Suggs	Frankfort, Illinois	United States
65	Dennis Gauda	Buffalo, New York	United States
70	Lesley Stephenson	Sydney, New South Wales	Australia
84	Monty Ray Davidson	Orlando, Florida	United States
85	Clay Williams	Zhengzhou, Henan	China
86	Sheetal Pundir	Sudbury, Ontario	Canada



Semifinal Speech Contest 3				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
07	Ronda Holdridge	St. Helens, Oregon	United States	
09	Lynette Charity	Richland, Washington	United States	
29	Mykal Kvenberg	Fredericksburg, Virginia	United States	
39	Reid Walley	Sacramento, California	United States	
40	Chris Nachtrab	Cincinnati, Ohio	United States	
46	Mark Goldberg	New York, New York	United States	
58	Ray Schnell	Hartsville, South Carolina	United States	
78	Josh Willprecht	Dell Rapids, South Dakota	United States	
83	Rebecca George	Stanhope, New Jersey	United States	

Semifinal Speech Contest 4			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
02	David Reed	Kirkland, Washington	United States
04	Henry O. Miller	San Jose, California	United States
06	Kenny Ray Morgan	Eden Prairie, Minnesota	United States
18	Marin Gemmill- Toyama	Columbia, Maryland	United States
48	Shawn Purvis	Largo, Florida	United States
61	J.A. Gamache	Laval, Quebec	Canada
62	Paul Artale	Okemos, Michigan	United States
64	Jenny Gates	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Canada
87	Rebecca Chieng	Kuching, Sarawak	East Malaysia
Founder's District	Mun jen Ng	Lake Forest, California	United States



Semifinal Speech Contest 5			
District	Member Name	City and State	Country
01	Jon White	Studio City, California	United States
21	Alan Warburton	Surrey, British Columbia	Canada
32	Hari Alipuria	Tacoma, Washington	United States
42	Aparna Verma	Calgary, Alberta	Canada
43	Willie Johnson	Fayetteville, Arkansas	United States
52	Carl Walsh	Pasadena, California	United States
69	Kayt Duncan	Fairfield, Queensland	Australia
71	William Dempster	London	United Kingdom
81	Anthony Alleyne	Bridgetown	Barbados

Semifinal Speech Contest 6					
District	Member Name	City and State	Country		
23	Robert Barnhill	Lubbock, Texas	United States		
28	Steve Helwig	Perrysburg, Ohio	United States		
30	Presiyan Vasilev	Chicago, Illinois	United States		
36	Clarence Featherson	Silver Springs, Maryland	United States		
49	Jarrard Galbreath	Ewa Beach, Hawaii	United States		
68	Darryl Sims	New Orleans, Louisiana	United States		
73	Yuri Ptschelinzew	Melbourne, Victoria	Australia		
76	Naoki Tamura	Kita-Ku, Tokyo	Japan		
77	Wayne Goode	Huntsville, Alabama	United States		
82	Dananjaya Hettiarachchi	Nawala Rajagiriya	Sri Lanka		



Semifinal Speech Contest 7				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
10	Terry Begue	Hartville, Ohio	United States	
35	Eric Upchurch	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	United States	
41	Avinash Agarwal	Mumbai, Maharashtra	India	
53	Jerry Aiyathurai	West Simsbury, Connecticut	United States	
55	Michael Carr	Austin, Texas	United States	
59	John Zimmer	Geneva	Switzerland	
60	Mary Ann Stumpf	Toronto, Ontario	Canada	
63	Thomas Saulsberry	Lantana, Texas	United States	
67	Anson Sat	Kaohsiung City	Taiwan	
72	Kingi Biddle	Rotorua	New Zealand	

Semifinal Speech Contest 8				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
08	Matthew Prose	Troy, Missouri	United States	
14	Connie Carey	Macon, Georgia	United States	
17	Martin Albert Lindsay	Perth, Western Australia	Australia	
25	DJ Swinyar	Mansfield, Texas	United States	
26	Cristina Andruzak	Denver, Colorado	United States	
33	Carolyn K. Pelletier	Las Vegas, Nevada	United States	
37	George Vinoj Vincent	Raleigh, North Carolina	United States	
45	Andrew Keddy	Bible Hill, Nova Scotia	Canada	
50	Darren McDonald	Dallas, Texas	United States	
74	Jabulani Mangena	Midrand, Gauteng	South Africa	



Semifinal Speech Contest 9				
District	Member Name	City and State	Country	
15	Bryant Pergerson	Idaho Falls, Idaho	United States	
19	Vilma Bergstrom	Urbandale, Iowa	United States	
20	Shurooq AlBanna	Dubai	United Arab Emirates	
24	Andy Allen	Papillion, Nebraska	United States	
27	Chie Tamaki	Arlington, Virginia	United States	
34	José Antonio Vega	Metepec, Edomex	Mexico	
56	Donna Stevenson	Galveston, Texas	United States	
57	Ray Engan	Petaluma, Caifornia	United States	
79	Kamal Alborno	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia	
89	Kwong Yue Yang	Guangzhou, Guangdong	China	