



# LA LUMIERE SCHOOL

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## La Lumiere School Announces Speech Contest Winners

With an alumnus serving as Chief Justice of the United States, it will come as no surprise that La Lumiere School has a long history of cultivating effective orators. The development of communication skills is a key objective of La Lumiere's curriculum. In pursuit of that goal, every student participates in our annual Speech Contest. The freshmen and sophomores perform declamation speeches while the upperclassmen are required to author and present original speeches. Twelve students were chosen this year as finalists and invited to compete in the annual competition held on campus Tuesday evening. Liz Bernel, Marketing and Special Events Coordinator at Purdue University North Central; Walt Binder, retired trial lawyer; and Dave Moon, retired retail executive served as judges.

We are pleased to recognize the following winners and participants:

### Original Speech

- 1<sup>st</sup> Justin Knoll, Senior
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Conor Luck, Junior
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Robert J. Lake, Junior

Finalists: Evelyn Hale, Arturas Rosenbacher, Hillary Zawada  
Alternates: Frankie Meyer, Soo Bin Oh, Theresa Siedlecki

### Declamation Speech

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shubhra Murarka, Sophomore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Margo Gaza, Sophomore
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Catherine Brown, Freshman

Finalists: Christian J. Allen, Laima Augustaitis, Daisy Costello  
Alternates: Haley Luck, Joy Ndukwu

Kevin Spingler, Academic Dean, commented, "At a time when 'no child left behind' and high-stakes testing are crowding out opportunities for students to cultivate public speaking skills, La Lumiere School has continued to provide and create opportunities for students to develop excellent oratory skills. Last night's performance was an excellent example of the outstanding performances our students produce on a regular basis."