



CONSTITUTION DAY September 17, 2020
ORATORICAL CONTEST
**Sponsored by: SPC Student Life & Social and Behavioral
Sciences**



GENERAL INFORMATION

- The purpose of this constitutional oratorical contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States among SPC students.
- Also, the contest aims at developing leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently.
- The contest will help SPC students to accept the duties, responsibilities, rights, and privileges of US citizenship.

RULES

- The prepared oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. See the suggested topics below.
- **It must be the original effort of each contestant and must not take up less than six minutes or more than 10 minutes for delivery.**
- Contestant may consult a copy of their prepared oration (front of an index card allowed). However, they should not read directly from their prepared notes.

SUGGESTED TOPICS

- Amendment 1: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances. A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.
- Amendment 2: A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.
- Amendment 4: The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.
- Amendment 14: Section 1: No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.
- Amendment 15: Section 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

AWARDS (Check or gift card)

- The contest will have a total of five winners, including a grand prize winner (Announced on 9/17/2020).
- The Grand Prize winner will receive \$200, the 2nd will receive \$100, the 3rd & 4th places will each receive \$75, and the 5th place will receive \$50 in cash or gift card.

