



**District 21 – District Level
International Speech Contest
Saturday, April 18, 2026
Location: Grand Ballroom
Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport, Richmond, BC**

Contest Chair

Melody Helleouet, PI5

Chief Judge

Devon Downie, DTM

Sergeant-at-Arms

Bernadette Lam, PM3

Padma Muthukumaran, LD5

Timers

Jenny Qian, DTM

Karen Hall, DTM

Ballot Counters

Vincent Li, DTM

Claudette Yeomans, PM5

Donna Ho, DTM

Calligrapher

Jan Ireland, DTM

Judges

Anonymous

District 21 Conference

Apr 17 – Apr 18, 2026

Executive Hotel Vancouver
Airport

7311 Westminster Hwy,
Richmond, BC

2:15pm

Officials & Contestants Briefing (if needed)

2:45pm

Sergeant-at-Arms / Conference MC

Call to order

2:48pm

Chair's Welcome

Melody Helleouet

International Speech Contest (District Level)

2:50pm

Audience briefing

Melody Helleouet

Contestants (confirmed speaking order):

1. Stefano Cossalter

2. Grace Zhu

3. Aaron Pierce

4. Ven Virah

5. Gregory CN Smith

6. Landon Reid

7. Sugandh Rakha

8. Jason Ho

9. Tatum Freigang

3:55pm

Silence while Judges Submit Ballots

Contestants Interviews

4:10pm

Contest Results Announcement

4:15pm

Contest Adjourns

Land Acknowledgement - I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples– Sḵw̱wú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Səl ilwətaʔ/Səlilwiltulh (Tsleil-Waututh) and xʷməθkʷəy̍əm (Musqueam) Nations.



International Speech Contest

Judge's Guide and Ballot

JUDGING ITEMS		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
		EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	GOOD	FAIR											
Speech Development Structure, Organization, Support Material	CONTENT 50	15	11-14	6-10	0-5											
Effectiveness Clear purpose, Achievement of Purpose, Relevance		10	7-9	4-6	0-3											
Speech Value Ideas, Logic, Original Thought		25	17-24	9-16	0-8											
Physical Appearance, Body Language, Speaking Area	DELIVERY 30	10	7-9	4-6	0-3											
Voice Flexibility, Volume		10	7-9	4-6	0-3											
Manner Directness, Assurance, Enthusiasm		10	7-9	4-6	0-3											
Appropriateness To Speech Purpose, and Audience	LANGUAGE 20	10	7-9	4-6	0-3											
Correctness Grammar, Pronunciation, Word Selection		10	7-9	4-6	0-3											
TOTAL SCORE (100 Points Possible)																

(Detach and submit to chief judge)

Judge's Official Ballot - International Speech Contest

NOTE: Votes must be cast for first, second and third place or the ballot will be voided.

Write contestants' names in the space below. Counters will assign points.

First Place (receives three points): _____

Second Place (receives two points): _____

Third Place (receives one point): _____

(Signature of Judge)

(Judge's Name; Please Print)