

## 2024 Asynchronous Speech Championship

### Impromptu Speaking

*Please include prep time in Impromptu videos (this can make starting the video camera easier for students, and assessing time allocation possible for judging). All Impromptu judges will be reminded to allow an initial 15 seconds for competitors to read the quotations, before beginning time. Record 4 speeches in total.*

#### **Preliminary Speech #1 Black American Women**

I have the heart to do it.

**Sydney Barber**  
US Navy Officer  
1st Black Female Brigade Commander

Do not desire to fit in. Desire to oblige yourselves to lead.

**Gwendolyn Brooks**  
American Poet  
1st African-American Winner of Pulitzer Prize

#### **Preliminary Speech #2 Two-Spirit**

I have less tolerance for racism, and I experience it far too often.

**Ma-Nee Chacaby**  
Ojibwa-Cree elder  
Two-Spirit

We started this journey 30 some years ago, our healing journey. And we're still on that journey. We probably will be until we leave and return home to the spirit world.

**Charlotte Nolin**  
Oji-Cree, Métis  
Two-Spirit

**Octofinal/Quarterfinal Speech  
Inmates**

The constant bullying from officers creates contempt, defiance and hatred.

**Duncan Williams, 36**

Time served: six months on remand  
Crime: arson and criminal damage (acquitted)

It's just a warehouse for people.

**Steve Taylor, 24**

Sentence: four months  
Crime: deception

**Semifinal/Final Speech  
Undocumented Immigrants to the United States**

I never thought we'd be living here.

**Jessica Mejía**

Undocumented Immigrant to the US  
2012, Columbia

If you don't qualify for a piece of paper, you're not human.

**Julio Salgado**

Undocumented Immigrant to the US  
1995, Mexico