

# NEW LOCATION!!

ACSA Region 15  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORATORY CONTEST  
*Wednesday, March 5, 2025*

***“Your Story, Your Journey”***

\$1000 scholarships for three winners\*  
\$350 scholarships for all other finalists



In a speech *no longer than 3 minutes*, please address this year’s ACSA Region 15 theme: **“Your Story, Your Journey.”**

Each of us is the author of our own story, navigating a unique journey shaped by our experiences, challenges, and choices. Your life is a journey, defined by the decisions you make and the experiences you encounter, both in school and out of school. Share the story of your personal journey—the pivotal moments that have shaped who you are today and how educators played a part. Reflect on the challenges you’ve faced, the lessons you’ve learned, and how your unique path has influenced your values and perspectives. Use this opportunity to connect with others by sharing the story that only you can tell.

## **Region 15 Student Oratory Contest**

**Wednesday, March 5, 2025 6:00 PM**

Rosemont Middle School

4725 Rosemont Ave.

La Crescenta-Montrose, Ca 91214

Judging conducted by independent oratory judges

Family, friends, and school supporters are welcome

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**PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS FLIER TO YOUR 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ENGLISH, SPEECH, DEBATE, AND DRAMA TEACHERS.**

\*\$1000 scholarship requires participation at the Spring Awards Banquet on April 25, 2025.



# ACSA REGION 15

## 2025 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORATORY CONTEST

Dear Charter Presidents, High School Administrators, and Superintendents:

We are pleased to invite your high school students to participate in our annual High School Student Oratory Contest. This year's topic is "Your Story, Your Journey." We are looking for innovative and inspiring speeches. You may submit one student finalist from a single district charter and two finalists from a multi-district charter. Please note, the two students finalists from multi-district charters must not be from the same school.



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### Helpful Hints and Important Reminders:

- Hold and complete site, district and multi-district charter oratory events before 2/7/25
- Complete the linked High School Student Oratory Contest Finalist Information Form by 2/14/25: <https://bit.ly/2025oratorycontest>
- Rubric Link [here](#)
- Following these timelines will ensure the finalist's name will be listed in the program
- In order to be allowed to compete on Wednesday, 3/5/25, the charter finalist's information form must be submitted no later than 2/14/25.
- **One student finalist may be submitted for a single district charter**
- **Two finalists may be submitted from a multi-district charter. Please note that the two submissions may not be from the same High School.**

**On Wednesday March 5, 2025, charter finalists must check in at Rosemont Middle School by 5:45PM.** At this final Oratory Contest, three students will be selected as the Region 15 winners and will each receive a \$1000 scholarship, which will be presented at the Region 15 Spring Awards Banquet on Friday, April 25, 2025. All other charter finalists who participate in the Oratory Contest on March 5, 2025 will receive a scholarship of \$350 from ACSA Region 15. Please note, if winners are unable to attend the Spring Banquet, the scholarship amount will be \$350.

The three Region 15 finalists will present their speech during the ACSA Region 15 **Spring Conference and Awards banquet** on **Friday, April 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Castaway Restaurant in Burbank.** *Students must be present at the banquet and deliver their speech to receive the \$1000 scholarship.* Dinner will be provided for each of the three Region 15 finalists and two guests. Additional guests are welcome to attend at the regular cost of the banquet.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and participation in this annual student public speaking event. Questions? Contact **Kevin Despard** at [kdespard@rowlandschools.org](mailto:kdespard@rowlandschools.org)