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African American History Month
Oratorical Competition Co-Chairmen
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The National Association of University Women Suburban Philadelphia Branch is pleased to announce its **16th Annual African American History Month Oratorical Competition**. We encourage any local high school student (grades 9-12) to enter the competition by following the rules listed below.

The competition will take place on:

**Saturday, February 25, 2023,
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.:
LOCATION TDB**

Topic: "Laws like the Crown Act passed in several states overstep the employer hair and appearance policies that impact all employees. As long as employers are not intentionally targeting one protected group over another, they should be free to regulate hair in the workplace." Refute or defend this statement.

Format:

- 300-500 Word **Oration**
- Each page should contain student's name and page number
- Submitted as a Word Document
- 12 point font
- Double spaced

- Notice on Plagiarism: essay should be written and presented in the students' own words; facts should be cited from reputable sources.

Noted Judges will judge each oration based on the following criteria:

- Content, Originality, Logic, Organization, Grammar, Delivery, and Cited Research
- Opinions that are based on facts and cited resources.

Cover Sheet: (see last page)

- Please complete and submit with your application via email.

Deadline Date:

Friday, February 3, 2023, on or before 11:59 pm, via e-mail as a Word Document

Attachment to: nauworatoricalcompetition@gmail.com

Rehearsals: Each competitor is required to attend 1 virtual practice session and 1 in person practice session which will be scheduled prior to the competition.

Awards:

There will be **three winners**; each will receive a trophy and a monetary award.

- All competitors will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- Since this is an oratorical competition, **competitors must deliver their persuasive essays** to be eligible for the awards; orations may be recorded prior to the competition depending on the number of contestants and available technology
- Seniors who compete in this contest are eligible for our annual Scholarship Award in May. More information will follow.

We appreciate your support and participation in our 16th Annual African American History Month Oratorical Contest. For more information and/or for further clarification, please email:

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Senior High Schools and Churches



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African American History Month Oratorical Competition Cover Sheet

Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

Telephone Number (H) _____ (C) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of School _____

Address of School _____

Your Grade _____

Your Principal's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

I have read the rules for the NAUW Oratorical Competition; I agree to abide by them.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

I give my son/daughter permission to participate in this Oratorical Competition. I will make sure that my child follows the rules.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____