

FY 2020 Bishop B.A. Gibert Oratorical Contest

To: All t.Lab Students, Parents, and Community at Large.
t.Lab is pleased to announce the 5th Bishop B.A. Gibert Oratorical Contest for students between grades K-12th.

Topic for the FY 2020 Bishop B.A. Gibert Oratorical Contest

Why is voting important to Education?

The deadline for submission of the essay is on November 2, 2020.

Contest Dates: (winners move on to next rounds)

1 st Round: Friday, November 6, 2020	05:00 PM
2 nd Round: Saturday, November 7, 2020	05:00 PM
3 rd Round: Saturday, November 21, 2020	12:00 PM

Contest Summary Requirements:

1. 2-page essay addressing why voting is important to education. Grades K-4th are to be 3-8 minutes long and Grades 5th-12th are to be 5-8 minutes long.
2. If a student advances to the championship round, their speech may be given a maximum of 4 times.

Competing Groups:

K - 4th Grades 5th - 8th Grades 9th - 12th Grades

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/tLabOratorical-2020>

Venue: 1st and 2nd Rounds: Recreation Center, Schoolcraft College Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff St., Garden City, MI 48135
Final Round: Kehrl Auditorium, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, MI 48152

Cash Prizes: (within each group)

1st Place = \$150
2nd Place = \$100
3rd Place = \$75
Grand Winner: Tablet (based on competition among winners from each group)

Any questions, please contact us at 888 327-3387 ext. 0.

Bishop B.A. Gibert Oratorical Contest Rules

Students must formally register for one of 3 competing groups including K-4th, 5th-8th, and 9th-12th grades.

The contest will be held on November 6, 2020 (Friday), November 7, 2020 (Saturday), and November 21, 2020 (Saturday) at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, MI.

Contest Requirements:

Contestants are to complete registration (including \$25 fee), write a two (2) page essay on why voting is important to education, and deliver up to 8 minutes long.

Speeches must be typed in full and submitted by November 2, 2020 to: tlab@tlab-global.com and tlabadmin1@tlab-global.com.

- Because the speech is to be an oration, appropriate gestures are allowed. Speeches for Grades 5th-12th are to be 5-8 minutes long and Grades K-4th are to be 3-8 minutes long. Speeches outside of the requirements will be penalized.
- When using facts and statistics, contestants must ensure to use the most current information available and may be penalized by judges for using inaccurate information.
- Criteria for judging speeches include: Clarity, Energy, Passion, Examples and Enduring Truth.
- Speech content may not be significantly changed as a contestant advances, though fine-tuning for minor corrections, timing, etc. are allowed and encouraged.
- Memorization is not required and it is acceptable for contestants to use notes or refer to their written speeches if necessary.

Prizes:

Winners in each major group will compete for \$ in cash. All students competing in the Oratorical Contest will receive a gift for their accomplishments.

Dress & Appearance

- Young Ladies
Dresses or Skirts, Blouses, and Blazers
- Young Men
Suits – 3 piece, Blazers, Shirts, Ties, or Bow Ties

Preferably Power Oriented Colors

Oratory/Speech Approach

- Acknowledgement
God
Bishop B.A. Gibert
Bishop Andrew Merritt
Dr. Clarence Nixon, Jr. (t.Lab)
Judges
Parents, Guests, Visitors
- Overall Speech Goals
- Speech
- Speech Summary
- Wrap-up and request support/sale

Contest Judging Criteria

Student speeches will be based on the following criteria:

Clarity

Was main purpose or premise of the speech understandable?

Energy

Did the student deliver the speech with the appropriate level of enthusiasm at the appropriate time? Did it align with the purpose and premise of the speech?

Examples

Did the student provide examples that “made clear” main purposes and premises of the speech?

Emotion

Did the student make use of emotion that “made clear” purposes and premises of the speech?

Enduring Truth

Did the student provide fact (s) that are lasting truths and irrefutable?



Bishop Benjamin A. Gibert

Born in Chicago, Bishop B.A. Gibert, Ph.D., was an authority on key entrepreneurial success factors including self development and organizational effectiveness. He was inspired early in life for business leadership by God, his parents, community leadership, and an outstanding public school system. Through diligence, Bishop Gibert leveraged the power of his influencers to excel and graduate from General Motors Institute (Kettering University) with the B.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering; Stanford University with the Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering and the Master's Degree in Business Administration; and the Lifetime Learning Doctorate from Ashwood University in Business Management Leadership.

Through faith and wisdom, Bishop Gibert's meteoric rise through the executive ranks within General Motors, Ford, and Chrysler included accountability for thousands of employees and multi-billion dollar budgets.

Bishop Gibert was noted for his ability to innovate and transform poorly performing assets into profitable enterprises. Bishop B.A. Gibert was the Senior Pastor of Detroit World Outreach Church and the Chief Executive Officer of the Joseph Business School at Detroit World Outreach Church. He was also the Chairman of the Board of t.Lab until he passed in 2017.