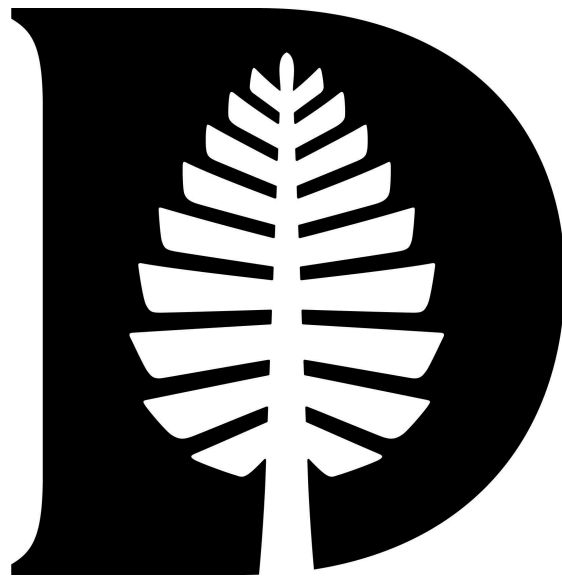


The Benjamin F. Barge,
Class of 1866,
& Speech at Dartmouth
Prizes for Oratory



Speech Contest

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Sanborn Library

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PROGRAM

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Paul B. Klaas, '74

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**Darlene K. Drummond,
Associate Professor of
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**Svetlana V. Grushina,
Senior Lecturer in Speech**

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**Josh Compton, Professor
of Speech**

The Speech professors would like to thank Charlotte Brackett, Julie Kalish, Mishka Murad, Clara Lewis, and Julie Sandberg for their help with this year's contest.

CONTEST ORGANIZERS

Josh Compton

Professor, Speech at Dartmouth

Josh Compton is Professor of Speech at Dartmouth College. He has studied persuasion inoculation to confer resistance to influence for over 20 years. Persuasion inoculation is modeled after medical inoculation: a weakened form of a challenge motivates resistance to stronger challenges encountered later. Most of his work of late focuses on the theory itself—how it works, why it works, and whether it might work better. His applied work is mainly in mis- and disinformation, science communication, health communication, and sport. He has been named Distinguished Lecturer by Dartmouth College, has won the Outstanding Professor Award from the National Speakers Association, and has twice won the L. E. Norton Award for Outstanding Scholarship. His courses at Dartmouth include Speech 20: Public Speaking, Speech 25: Persuasive Public Speaking, Speech 30: Speechwriting, Speech 34: Image Rhetoric, and Speech 40: Resistance to Influence.

Darlene K Drummond

Associate Professor, Speech at Dartmouth

Darlene K. Drummond is an intercultural health communication scientist. She studies how cultural differences influence relationships and healthcare in the context of living with various chronic illnesses. She is specifically interested in equity in public health and explores the intersection(s) of race, gender, age, status, and sexual orientation in achieving quality health care. She has critiqued the AIDS rhetoric of the former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and examined racial discordance in advanced cancer care end-of-life decision-making, social support in the context of living with diabetes, and uncertainty management in the context of living with high cholesterol. Her current research explores patient-provider communication in the context of living with type 2 diabetes and functional disabilities. She teaches Speech 20: Public Speaking, Speech 27: Intercultural Communication, and Speech 37: Health Communication.

Svetlana V. Grushina

Senior Lecturer, Speech at Dartmouth

Svetlana (Yana) Grushina explores how people and organizations communicate for and about sustainability. She has studied multinational teams, sustainability reporting, and community-building via new media. Her fieldwork sites have included Australia, Bermuda, Brazil, Germany, Jamaica, and the U.S. Her research has been published in *Organization & Environment*, *Organizational Dynamics*, *European Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology*, and other outlets. She was the CCNH 2021 Presidents' Good Steward Award recipient at Dartmouth College for her work engaging students with the community via Social Impact Practicum projects in her Speech courses. Her courses at Dartmouth include Speech 20: Public Speaking, Speech 26: New Media Communication, and Speech 36: Organizational Communication and Sustainability.

THE COMMITTEE OF AWARD

N. Bruce Duthu (United Houma Nation)

Samson Occom Professor; Chair of Native American and Indigenous Studies, Dartmouth College

Professor Duthu is the author of *Shadow Nations: Tribal Sovereignty and the Limits of Legal Pluralism* (Oxford University Press 2013) and *American Indians and the Law* (Viking/Penguin Press 2008) and was a contributing author of Felix S. Cohen's *Handbook of Federal Indian Law* (2005), the leading treatise in the field of federal Indian law. His co-edited special volume of *South Atlantic Quarterly*, "Sovereignty, Indigeneity and the Law," won the 2011 CELJ (Council of Editors of Learned Journals) award for Best Special Issue. He co-produced the documentary feature film *Dawnland* (2018), which focuses on state removal of Indian children from their families. In 2019, *Dawnland* received an Emmy award for Outstanding Research.

Paul B. Klaas, '74

Principal, North Coast Arbitration Chambers, Minneapolis; Arbitrator Member, Maitland Chambers, London; Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School

While he was a student at Dartmouth, Professor Klaas won both the Class of 1866 Speech Contest and the Barge Medal for Oratory. After graduation, he attended the Harvard Law School, graduating with a J.D. degree in 1977. He is dual-qualified as a member of the Minnesota Bar and as a barrister of England and Wales. After many years of representing clients in the U.S. and English courts, he now serves as an arbitrator of international commercial disputes before the London Court of International Arbitration, the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris, and the International Centre for Dispute Resolution in New York City. Professor Klaas has taught Speech 32: Legal Rhetoric at Dartmouth and the international arbitration courses at the Harvard Law School and the University of Minnesota Law School and, for many years, has guest lectured on international law at the Tuck School. He is also a member of the peer-reviewed medical journal *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* editorial board.

Hon. Mary Miles Teachout

Vermont Superior Court

Mary Miles Teachout received a B.A. in literature from Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges in 1968 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1975, having studied law at the University of Washington and the Harvard Law School. She was an attorney in private practice in Norwich, Vermont, for 17 years before her appointment in 1992 as a Superior Court Judge in Vermont. She has been a Trustee of the first Vermont chapter of the American Inns of Court, an organization that promotes excellence in the practice of law, since its founding, also serving twice as President, and has been active in judicial education throughout her career as a judge. She lives in Norwich with her husband, Professor Peter R. Teachout of Vermont Law School.

CLASS OF 1866 AND SPEECH AT DARTMOUTH PRIZE CONTESTANTS

Muhammad Aizaz Salahuddin '27

Book Smarts are Better than Street Smarts

Hometown: Lahore, Pakistan

Major: Economics, Public Policy, and Middle Eastern Studies

Aizaz spends his free time at the 8-Ball lounge and the squash courts, always ready for a friendly challenge from anyone, any time. On campus, he's a Hill Winds Program member, ambassador with the Dartmouth Civics, and president of the Pakistani Students' Association (PSA). With the end of his first year at college, he is excited most to hear Roger Federer speak at Commencement, travel to Morocco for his LSA+, and move out of his room in the Fays, in that order.

Gemma Stowell '27

Isolated Injury: Breaking the Silence on the Invisibility of Concussions

Hometown: Lyndon, Vermont

Major: Sociology; Minor: Public Policy

Gemma is a first-year student involved in human rights advocacy. She is a class council officer and a Foundations social impact non-profit consultant on campus. She has completed the Dartmouth Leadership, Attitudes, and Behaviors program and is involved with the First-Generation Office. Gemma hopes to attend law school after completing her undergraduate degree. In her free time, you can see her taking photos, thrifting, and spending time with the incredible people she's met here.

Yuri Naidu '27

On The Mortifying Concoction that is Fabric Softener

Hometown: Goa, India

Major: Computer Science

Yuri is a '27 from the sunny coastal state of Goa in India. His passions extend from poetry to policy, and economics to the environment. He is an aspiring CS major and consultant who knows four languages. Known to his friends as an "encyclopedia personified," he loves collecting and sharing facts and information.

Shreya Gandhi '26

Fair Trade and Local Coffee Options

Hometown: Baltimore, Maryland

Major: Physics, Economics

Shreya is a sophomore at Dartmouth studying Physics and Economics with an interest in Earth Sciences. She loves running, doing Legos, hiking, and cooking. On campus, she researches the aurora borealis in the Lynch Rocket Lab, is involved in the Dartmouth Physics and Astronomy Society, and is a WISP mentor. Outside academics, Shreya is a Women's Club Hockey team captain and has been a first-year trip leader. After graduation, she hopes to continue her studies in physics.

Julia Abbott '26

The Path to Peace

Majors: Economics and English

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Julia is a '26 from sunny Los Angeles who never expected to spend so much time in the snow. She loves to hike, go on walks, dance, and explore New England! On campus, she is a reporter for *The Dartmouth*, President of MENA, treasurer for the Dartmouth Dance Team, and member of the Club Ski team.

Tyler Brown '26

Saving Lives: Arming Police Officers with Naloxone

Hometown: Orange Park, Florida

Major: Anthropology modified with Human Centered Design

Tyler has always been fascinated by art and medicine. She attended high school and college simultaneously and received an Honors Associate's Degree and her high school diploma. She pursued her passion for creative arts while earning certifications as an EMT and CNA. She also graduated from the Tuck Bridge School of Business Program. Combining her interests in art and medicine, Tyler believes that art can be a powerful tool for healing, and her ultimate goal is to see Alzheimer's disease eradicated.

Madison Davis '26

Stuck Procrastinating?

Hometown: Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Major: Computer Science and Human-Centered Design Minor

Madison is a '26 at Dartmouth studying primarily computer science and human-centered design, but she is interested in various other subjects, including languages, psychology, and law. One of her greatest passions is languages, as she grew up speaking Czech while visiting her family in Czechia and recently studied abroad in Rome to learn Italian. Madison enjoys participating in Model UN, biking, and cooking.

Michael Oddo '25

The Dilemma of America's Aging Leaders

Hometown: Cross River, New York

Major: Government with concentration in Public Law; Minors: Economics and Philosophy

Michael is a former White House intern at the Office of Management and Budget, where he assisted in preparing the President's Budget as the youngest Biden Administration OMB intern. He has also interned at the Office of the Senate Majority Leader and the Office of the New York State Attorney General.

Michael is a member of the Dartmouth Law Journal and was a second-round finalist for the National JFK Library *Profile in Courage Essay Award*. He competes as a rower on the Varsity Lightweight Crew team.

Vynateya (Teya) Purimetla '25

Against Anti-Americanism

Hometown: Boca Raton, Florida

Major: Economics and Government

Teya is interested in development economics and international development. In addition to the United States, she has lived in India, Mexico, and the Czech Republic and speaks 3 1/2 languages. She is involved with Dartmouth Economics Research Scholars, Model UN, World Outlook, War & Peace Fellows, the Political Economy Project, and Law & Ethics Fellows. After graduation, Teya plans to pursue a career in finance, followed by graduate school in business or law (or both). She enjoys writing book reviews, trying new recipes, traveling, riffing with friends, and exercises like pilates and barre.

BENJAMIN F. BARGE PRIZE FOR ORATORY CONTESTANTS

Adam Salzman '24

Damn Bottled Water!

Hometown: Port Washington, New York

Major: Government Modified with Economics

Adam Salzman '24 is a senior at Dartmouth College, majoring in Government with a modification in Economics and minoring in Environmental Studies. As the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the World Outlook Journal of International Affairs at Dartmouth, Adam leads the production of a biannual undergraduate journal, directs podcasts with former ambassadors and experts, and oversees the club's growing online blog presence. His other on-campus activities have included peer tutoring in the government department, interning for Dartmouth's Sustainability Office, moderating a Dartmouth TEDx conference, and holding board positions at both Hillel and Chabad. Beyond his academic pursuits, Adam is an avid hiker, a Spikeball enthusiast, and a dedicated fan of the New York Mets.

Jahnavi Sodhi '24

Chilling Bias: The Case for Raising the Thermostat in Our Workspaces

Hometown: New Delhi/J&K, India

Major: Government and Economics

Jahnavi is a senior studying government and economics. At Dartmouth, she worked as a student assistant at the Rockefeller Center and is currently a War and Peace Fellow at the Dickey Center. In her free time, she enjoys baking, reading, going on long walks, and traveling. After graduation, she plans to pursue a career in international security research.

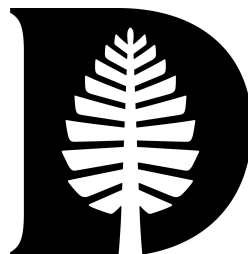
Emma Supattapone '23

Why You Should Encourage Your Children to Read YA Dystopia

Hometown: Hanover, New Hampshire

Major: Engineering Sciences

Emma Supattapone is a mechanical engineering student pursuing a BA in engineering but soon to be a BE student. She enjoys CAD modeling and helped construct offshore wind turbines using 3D modeling software for an internship. She also serves as a teaching assistant in Computer Aided Design and Kinematics. Emma loves hiking and music. She is a leader in the Dartmouth Outing Club for Cabin and Trail and plays piano in the Individual Instruction Program. Emma is a collegiate All-American squash player and plays on the club squash team.



About the Benjamin F. Barge Prize for Oratory

The Benjamin F. Barge Prize for Oratory was established by Benjamin F. Barge (1832-1902) in 1901. The award is presented to a senior class member who is determined by a panel of three judges to “write and pronounce in public an English oration in the best manner.” Judges are instructed to consider content and delivery equally when determining the contest's winner. One ‘24 winner will be named and receive a medal and a cash award.

About the Class of 1866 Prizes for Oratory

The Class of 1866 Prizes for Oratory were established in 1905 by Waldemer Otis and Dr. James A. Spaulding, both members of the Class of 1866. Two prizes will be awarded “for excellence in original orations,” one to the ‘24 contestant delivering the second highest ranked speech and one to the ‘27 delivering the highest ranked speech. Winners will receive a certificate, a commemorative book, and a cash award.

About the Speech at Dartmouth Prizes for Oratory

The Speech at Dartmouth Prize for Oratory was established in 2020 by the Speech faculty and may be awarded annually to one junior and one sophomore. The award is supported by the Gerald D. Kleinman '55 Memorial Fund, which supports activities that develop and strengthen students' writing, speaking, and critical thinking abilities. Winners will receive a certificate and a cash award.

The call for the 2025 Benjamin F. Barge, the Class of 1866, and the Speech at Dartmouth Prizes for Oratory will be released during the Winter 2025 term.

About Speech at Dartmouth

Speech at Dartmouth reflects speech at its best. We've created a forum for dynamic conversations to push our thinking about speech and other forms of communication. You'll find this spirit of curiosity and enthusiasm reflected in how we talk about, think about, write about, and do speech. You'll also see our commitment to speech through thoughtfully designed courses that help students become more confident, effective, and informed communicators. Speech at Dartmouth is a recipient of the national Rex Mix Program of Excellence Award, which recognizes top undergraduate communication programs.