MIT SWE WiSE Speech Contest 2010 --- Information

Description

MIT Society of Women Engineers (SWE) hopes to use the speech contest as a catalyst for discussion of current issues surrounding science and technology, and their impact in today's world. This is a great opportunity for students to voice their opinions and engage themselves in further developing their interests in these fields.

Contestants are asked to compose and deliver a four to five minute speech on a chosen topic, which will be released along with additional contest details and registration confirmation provided on February 20th, 2010. Contestants are allowed to bring notes with them as aid during their speeches, but contestants are expected to deliver their speeches with reasonable and appropriate use of their notes. The contest will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday, March 13th, 2010 and end with an awards ceremony after all contestants have spoken.

Upon arrival, contestants will draw a number to determine speaking order and will remain in a waiting room until their turn to speak. After delivering their speeches, contestants are welcome to remain in the audience and listen to the remaining speeches. Family and friends of contestants are welcome to listen to all of the speeches.

Eligibility and Registration

The essay contest is open to all high school girls who possess interest in science, engineering, and technology. In order to be considered as a contestant, the registration form and publicity release form must be fully completed and postmarked by February 6th, 2010. Full details regarding submission instructions may be found in Part III of the registration form.

Judging

Members of MIT SWE, along with members of MIT faculty and affiliates, will serve on the panel of three judges for the contest. Speeches will be judged blindly and will be based on the scoring criteria provided. The winner will be determined by the highest sum of the total score received from each judge. The winner and runner-up will be announced during an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the day.

Prize

Each contestant will receive a certificate of participation. The winner and runner-up of the speech contest will be invited to attend a semi-formal lunch (of no cost to students) with an MIT professor and a member of MIT SWE.