



UF/IFAS Leon County Extension
4-H Department
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Dear School Winner and Parents/Guardians,

Congratulations on being selected as your school's representative to the 4-H Public Speaking County Contest! You should be very proud of your achievement! The contest is scheduled for **Saturday, January 24th, 2026**, in Perry Paige Auditorium, located at 1740 Martin Luther King Blvd., on the campus of Florida A & M University. We have provided you with a copy of the scoring sheet the judges will use and judges feedback from previous speeches. We thought these two items would be helpful to you as you prepare for this year's competition. Remember that you are representing your school. Take pride in your appearance. Being neat and clean will help to make you proud and confident. The 4/5th grade contest will begin at 8 a.m. and the 6th grade competition is scheduled to start at 12:45 p.m. the same day

Awards will be presented for the TOP FOUR speeches in the elementary school (4th/5th) as well as the middle school (6th) competition. In addition, the most original topic, best informational, inspirational, persuasive, and humorous speeches will be selected for both levels.

To participate, we need you to **complete both forms** in this packet and **bring them with you** on Saturday, January 24th, 2026. These forms are:

- * **Permission to Participate/Audio Visual Production Release**
- * **4-H Speaking Program Youth Survey**

Thank you for taking care of these details. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Leon County 4-H Office. We are very proud of your accomplishment and wish you the best of luck on Saturday, January 24th, 2026, at the County 4-H Public Speaking Contest on the campus of Florida A&M University.

Sincerely,

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