

# 2026 Gulf Coast District Speaking & Convention

**Location: Wharton County Fairgrounds, Crescent, TX**

## 9:00AM - District Officer Candidates - Test, Interview

- All Check in will take place in Crescent Hall
- All District Officer Candidates will need to arrive by 8:45am to submit their application and begin their test.
  - Application must be turned in at check in prior to completing any other part of the process
  - Officer candidates need to bring a computer to take the test on - hot spot will be provided for wifi
  - Election process will take place in the Directors Room
- Per our District Policy & Procedure Guide, 7 students will be elected into office

## 9:00AM - Speaking Events

- All speakers need to check in at 8:45am and speaking events will begin shortly after check in
- Speakers will need to bring 1 copy of their manuscript and statement of originality
- Speaking contest will be stacked due to limited rooms
  - Please have patience but be ready to speak when it is your turn
- Speaking rotation will be sent closer to convention once registration is over
- Speaking will take place in Crescent Hall

## 11:00AM - District Convention Registration

- Please do not arrive prior to 11 as speaking will be taking place in this building. If you need to bring convention attendees with speakers/officer candidates they might need to remain in vehicles until the conclusion of speaking.
- Convention will take place in Crescent Hall.
- Delegates will sit near the stage in designated chairs after they have signed in. All non voting delegates will sit behind the delegate section

## Current District Officers

- ALL current district officers need to be present by 8:30AM to assist with setting up for convention
  - Unless they are preparing to compete, once they have competed they will assist with officer duties and responsibilities
  - Current district officers might compete in their respective contest at the beginning so they can get ready for convention.