Improvisational Speaking Judges

Hooray! You get to see student creativity at its finest by judging this unique category. DON'T WORRY! We know you haven't judged this before. None of us have. This category is truly just for entertainment and joy. You do not even need to write critiques, as this is not something they will do beyond today.

How it will work: speakers will blindly choose a topic from one envelope and a quotation from the other. A student might draw "dusty computer" and "I never realized unicorns could fly.". **They will have only 1 minute to prepare (after they receive the topic and quote) and up to 3 minutes to perform.**

The speakers can choose to make this more of an Interp piece by acting out a storyline, or more of a P.A. by informing or persuading. **Simply put: however the student chooses to address the topic is up to them entirely!** For the example above, a student might choose to create a dramatic performance about a horrific experience with a computer, a humorous story about a computer that taught them valuable lessons (some about unicorns), a persuasive speech about why we should eliminate computers from our lives, an infomercial about computers with a unicorn as the salesperson, etc.

We ask that students keep things school-appropriate, but mostly, we want them to HAVE FUN with this and make it their own. **They should be judged on their ability to create a clearly defined speech and their ability to entertain. It doesn't have to make you laugh. Think about the public speaking basics. Did they create a smooth and engaging presentation?**

Because this is an extra category, students will likely be speaking out of order and will be coming into the room somewhat sporadically. Feel free to entertain yourself between speakers.

Judging Notes:
Begin timing as soon as the speaker receives the selections
Give a verbal cue at 30 seconds while the speaker preps.
Hold up a "c" with your hand at 2 minutes and 30 seconds to indicate that the speaker has 30 seconds left
Students can be cut off at 3 minutes