

OATS #4 (2025-26)

Impromptu Speaking

Students will submit two videos. Impromptu prompts will be quotations from marginalized groups.

We trust all students and coaches to adhere to Limited Prep guidelines and ethical competition choices for preparation. Please include prep time in Impromptu videos (this can make starting the video camera easier for students, and assessing time allocation possible for judging). All Impromptu judges will be reminded to allow an initial 15 seconds for competitors to read the quotations, before beginning time.

Video #1

It requires wisdom to understand wisdom: the music is nothing if the audience is deaf.

Walter Lippman
American writer and reporter

We don't think so much about how to lead. We think about trying to do the right thing.

Hu Shuli
Chinese journalist
Editor-in-Chief, Caixin Media

Video #2

My job is to bear witness.

Marie Catherine Colvin
American journalist
Foreign affairs correspondent

I want to be scared again. That's the only way I learn.

Connie Chung
American journalist