

International Collegiate Oratorical Competition

Urban Financial Services Coalition (UFSC) International Oratorical Competition is the premier public speaking competition for professionals in the financial service industry. Each year professionals prepare themselves for upward mobility by sharpening their speaking and presentations skills through their participation local, regional and international competitions. The competition provides professionals an opportunity to become proficient board room presenters, while they inform, educate and inspire UFSC members and the public. 2013 Oratorical Topics Contestants entering the competition will choose one of the six oratorical topics to create their 5 to 10 minute speeches.

The 2013 UFSC Collegiate Oratorical Topics:

- Leading in Times of Crisis
- Civil Rights: Affirmative Action and Diversity
- How to Overcome Fear and Failure
- Housing Market Crash: Solutions, Programs and Initiatives to Stimulate the United States Housing Market and Decrease Foreclosures
- The Effect of the Securities on Our Daily Lives

Leading in Times of Crisis

The job of a leader is difficult in any environment. However, in a time of crisis, leaders have even more challenges and pressure to grapple with. What are some of the concrete leadership strategies that leaders should utilize to make difficult choices, connect with their stakeholders and take action in the face of uncertainty to deliver results and move organizations forward in a turbulent, demanding and resource-constrained world?

Civil Rights: Affirmative Action and Diversity

From Brown vs. the Board of Education to the University of Michigan Lawsuit, civil rights issues are still impacting America's society. Corporate America has embraced Diversity as a measuring stick to show its commitment of inclusion to its stakeholders. However, many view Diversity as a "touchy feely" fad that can change with the budget. Compare and contrast Affirmative Action and Diversity in the workplace and the impact of Civil Rights.

How to Overcome Fear and Failure

Failure can be an absolute or relative experience. The major differences between those who can move forward and those who stagnate after a mistake or failure are one's perception of and response to the underlining situation. Knowing that failure can cultivate an inert fear that paralyzes, how can we overcome the fear of failure and use our failures as learning opportunities?

Housing Market Crash: Solutions, Programs and Initiatives to Stimulate the United States Housing Market and Decrease Foreclosures

The decline in the United States housing market in 2007 caused the U.S. economy to collapse and later became known as the housing market crash recession. In a matter of two years, the U.S. went from having the highest housing prices in 2006 to the lowest housing prices in 2008. What are the solutions to stimulating the housing market?

The Effect of the Securities on Our Daily Lives

The securities market has good days and bad days. Think back to last major U.S. market crash in 2008. The government spent billions of dollars in bank and automotive industry bailouts. How do the “good days and bad days” of the securities market and government bailouts affect our daily lives?

2013 Rules and Guidelines

Since the UFSC Oratorical Competition is extremely competitive, it is important that everyone involved in the competition follows the rules and guidelines.

To be eligible to compete on any level of the UFSC International Oratorical Competition, individuals must be in good standing with their local chapter and/or the international organization. To be in good standing, individuals must be current with dues and membership status with the local chapter and/or the International Organization.