

Public Speaking Contest Winners Announced

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Yesterday, for the 21st consecutive year, the Department of Communication hosted the Fall round of the Institute Public Speaking Contest. More than 45 students, friends, faculty and administrators attended.

The Contest finalists were Ryan Burst, an Information Technology major from the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, who took the first place prize of \$400 with his speech entitled "The Danger of Online Phishing Scams." Scott Bureau, an Advertising & Public Relations major from the College of Liberal Arts, won the \$200 second prize with his speech entitled "Memory." Kyle O'Neill, a Graphic Media Marketing major from the Saunders College of Business, earned the Contest's \$100 third prize for his speech, "News Source Variation in Our Society."

From October 20-24, approximately 40 students from across the Institute competed in preliminary rounds of speaking. Participants were charged with delivering a 6-8 minute informative speech on a topic of interest to the RIT community and of national or international importance.

Congratulations to all the finalists! Stay tuned – and check the Department of Communication's web site, www.rit.edu/communication -- for information on the Spring Quarter round of the contest.