

Advanced Global Messenger Speech Tips

- ✍ When walking/pacing while giving a speech, make sure that your movement is diversified and not repetitive. Don't just walk from side to side but come to the audience, walk diagonally once in awhile, side to side every now and then, and just cycle through different walking motions to help your audience stay alert and engaged in what you are saying.
- ✍ Be Confident! You cannot persuade your audience to action unless they are assured that you are confident and believe in what it is you are presenting.
- ✍ When talking, make sure that you are not talking too loud but that you are talking loud enough that everyone in the room can clearly hear what it is you are saying.
- ✍ **DO NOT PUT YOUR HANDS IN YOUR POCKETS.**
- ✍ When speaking make sure that you keep eye contact but remember that it is important to keep eye contact all around the room. Do not just continually look at the same person while your presenting but let everyone in the room know that you are truly interested in having everyone in that room be involved in what it is you are presenting by consistently looking and speaking to everyone in the room.
- ✍ Make sure that you have a clearly defined sentence or two that summarize everything you will be talking about throughout the presentation-also known as a thesis statement.
- ✍ Organize your speech topics according to what will be the most important concept for the audience that you are speaking to.
- ✍ Use your introduction to grab the attention of your audience-this is vital for a good speech.
- ✍ Make sure that when you are going from one idea to another that it is smooth and your audience is clear that you are moving on to a new point or topic.
- ✍ Make sure that you are very educated on what it is that you are presenting. Have note cards as something to refer to but make sure that you know your presentation well enough that most of the time you are presenting you are looking at the audience. This is important because you need to let them know that you are very well educated in what it is you are involved in presenting. An important note to make is that if you are reading a direct quote from another person, then you need to read the quote word for word.
- ✍ Last of all is just practice, practice, practice! Whether it is with your mentor, family, or in front of the mirror, make sure that you have practiced the speech several times before you actually present.