Bergen Community College
Spring 2010 Speech Competition on Contemporary Global Issues

Summary of the Event

On Thursday, April 8, 2010, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., 39 students participated in the Spring 2010 Speech Competition on Contemporary Global Issues. Speakers' themes were drawn from the United Nations Millennial Development Goals and other contemporary global issues. The speakers were judged by twenty faculty members, administrators and staff, and a Director of the Bergen Community College Foundation. This year for the first time, the competition was held in two rounds. The top 6 speakers were invited to compete in the awards round on Thursday, April 15th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in front of a panel of 5 judges. A reception and awards ceremony followed immediately after this round. The BCC Foundation sponsored $2000 in prizes to the top speakers. The winners are:

The Awards Ceremony was attended by 65 students and their guests. President G. Jeremiah Ryan presented the awards to the top speakers. Student Life Vice President Raymond Smith, the Dean of the Division of Arts, Humanities and Wellness, the Chair of the Department of Communication, Elin Schikler, and John Johnson, a Director of the Bergen Community College Foundation, addressed the group and commended them on their efforts. All participants received certificates of recognition. The BCC College Bookstore donated three $10 gift cards. The Director of the Competition, Assistant Professor Jane Phelps, notes that this is the third in Bergen's recent series of speech competitions, and the third time the competition was funded by grants from the Center for the Study of Intercultural Understanding and the Center for Instructional Research and Development.

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Jane Phelps, Director of the Competition Date
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