A Message from our Club President by Fatima Goines

Dear Fellow Toastmasters and Guests,

Every year many people make New Year’s resolutions to improve their overall quality of life for various reasons. As we journey into the New Year, developing communication and leadership skills are important especially as we launch into our careers as students and in our personal lives.

For this term I am pleased and honored to serve as President. I am committed to making sure that all members have the opportunity to learn, grow, and achieve as a member of GSU Campus Talkers.

During this term we plan to vary the meeting themes. Some of our meetings themes this term include Valentine’s Day, Job Interview Table Topics, Speech-a-Thon, Professional Speaker Series and a Game Show trivia. Later this semester, our club will have a joint meeting with a professional business Toastmasters club which will be an exciting opportunity to meet other Toastmasters.

There is an outstanding officer team that is also ready to serve the club. Patrick Vaughn, Vice President of Education, will be motivating members to achieve their CTM’s and other distinctions while tracking their progress. Patrick will also be responsible for signing up members for roles and facilitating the mentoring program. Rhondre Hall, Vice President of Membership, has done an outstanding job recruiting new members and received the Smedley Award for recruiting five new members in two months. In January, Rhondre was responsible for three new members joining the club. Tony Yeung will serve as Vice President of Public Relations and is responsible for keeping accurate records of the meetings. Raphael Johnson will serve as the Secretary and is responsible for keeping accurate records of the meetings. Dhruv Jangla will serve as the Sergeant at Arms and has taken the initiative to serve our club diligently as a new member. Dhruv is responsible for maintaining all

It’s Spring Time … Ace Your Job Interview by Fatima Goines

It’s that time of the year where there flowers are blooming bright. It’s also the time of year when most students graduate and are going on job interviews. The following are a list of job interview tips to help ace your next job interview:

1. Research the company
   Search online for the company’s annual reports, mission, core values, location of the company’s headquarters, benefits, and other information that is important to you in a career.

2. Outline your resume
   Outline your resume by providing specific examples of scenarios at work where you have solved problems, saved the company money, and other noteworthy accomplishments. You can also mention your participation and achievements in Toastmasters. (STAR technique)

3. Practice makes perfect
   Practice responding to interview questions in a role play, record your voice in a tape recorder to assess your volume, pitch, and the rate at which you speak. Practice interviewing in front of a mirror to also assess any mannerisms that could be distracting during the interview.

4. Look professional
   Dress the part.

5. Arrive 15-30 minutes early
   Arriving early can decrease anxiety and give you time to relax before the interview. If you start to feel nervous, remember to breathe deeply and visualizing yourself interviewing like a professional. Practicing and dressing professionally for the interview can also make you feel more confident during the interview.
WELCOME NEW GSU CAMPUS TALKERS MEMBERS

New Members add necessary pieces to the GSU CAMPUS TALKERS pie. Everyone who joins is immediately welcomed as members of the Toastmasters family.

@driona – March
@aCier - March

As a member of GSU Campus Talkers you have the opportunity to:
- Learn and practice techniques of effective public speaking
- Prepare and deliver formal speeches on subjects of your own choosing
- Give impromptu talks on assigned topics
- Gain speaking experience that relates to specific career needs
- Sharpen your listening / evaluation skills
- Learn proper parliamentary procedure
- Gain personal confidence
- Gain valuable leadership management experience

Schedule of Events

- April 6 — Business Meeting
- April 13 — Educational Meeting
- April 20 — Joint Meeting with AJC Speaks
- April 27 — Educational Meeting / Graduation Party

Joint Meeting Announcement - GSU and AJC Speaks: On April 20th, GSU Campus Talkers will have a joint meeting with the AJC Speaks club. This joint meeting will allow students to see the differences and similarities between a campus and professional Toastmaster’s club. Campus Talkers will meet here on campus then walk several blocks to the Atlanta Journal Constitution Building located on 72 Marietta Street. Guests are welcome to attend.

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club equipment and materials. Dr. White will continue to serve as Treasurer and is responsible for keeping accurate financial records for the club.

In GSU Campus Talkers we will learn, grow, and achieve while having fun developing our communication and leadership skills. I look forward to serving all of you this semester and I leave you with the following quote:

"Not I—nor anyone else—can travel that road for you. You must travel it yourself."
— Walt Whitman

Fatima Goines

President GSU Campus Talkers

Biography of Fatima Goines:

Major: M.S. Human Resource Development

Hobbies/interests: Love music, going to plays, movies and restaurants, shopping, writing, and going to the beach.

As President, my hope is that all members have the opportunity to develop their communication skills in a supportive, encouraging environment by actively participating in all the meetings.
### Noteworthy Accomplishments — The CTM Stars

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*Continue on the path to earning your CTM!!*  
*In order to develop your communication skills, consistent participation in GSU Campus Talkers is key!*

### Ace Your Interview! (continued)...

#### 6. Follow up

Ask for business card and when the final decision will be made. Always send a thank you letter.

If you don’t get the job, ask for feedback. The feedback could be used to help you in your next interview. Good luck!

### Feature Role: Evaluator

*“Inject passion and creativity in your speech evaluations”*

The evaluation is an extension of a club member speech. The best evaluation is one that is motivating, specific, and honest. Follow these important tips (from Toastmaster Magazine edition January 2005) to give a great evaluation.

#### 1. Likes

State with what you liked. Always put the most important things in first, in speech writing and evaluations.

- “I really liked how you…”
- “That was very impressive how you…”

#### 2. Potential!

Turn up the creativity here and talk about the speech’s potential. Be specific here about the topic, and link it to the speaker’s passion, ambition, desires, etc.

- “Wow! You’re so passionate about this topic! I can see how it…”
- “I can’t wait for part 2! What’s your next move on this?”

*“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”*  
-Martin Luther King Jr. 1929-1968, American Black Leader, Nobel Prize Winner, 1964
The mission of a toastmasters club is to provide a mutually supportive and positive environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

All GSU students are invited to attend club meetings and join as members. GSU Campus Talkers meets every Wednesday from 12:30 pm to 1:15 p.m. in 609 Classroom South Bldg. (6th floor).

“Feature Role: Evaluator” (continued)..

3. Workable Area
Ease into this one. Let them know they’re on the evolutionary path and there are a few pebbles in the way, but not more than three! Focus on style.
— “The one thing I had to look out for in my speech #___ was…”
— “It’s such a small thing, nut be aware of…”

4. End with the Positive
A one-sentence summation should be very positive and encouraging. Never end with a negative.
— “Overall, I very much enjoyed…”
— “All that said, I fell we’re very luck to have you in our club!”

New Member Interview – Reasons for joining GSU Campus Talkers

Anand Mehta, a new member of GSU Campus Talkers shares his reasons for joining Toastmasters in a short interview.

1. Why did you join the Campus Talkers?
I joined Campus Talkers to become a better speaker, strengthen my leadership skills, and meet new people.

2. What do you like best about the club?
The best thing about GSU Campus Talkers is the people. All members of Toastmasters appear to possess a passion and determination to improve their public speaking and leadership skills and are 100% supportive of other member’s goals.

3. How did you find out about Campus Talkers?
I am in the MBA program at GSU and a member of the Graduate Business Association (GBA). We frequently get newsletters and emails regarding different activities and organizations on campus. I heard about Campus Talkers from a GBA email.

4. What are your specific goals as a member of Campus Talkers?
Public speaking is one of the most important skills one can attain in their life. I do not see myself succeeding in life without improving this skill. America is a country of public speakers. People value those who can express their ideas clearly, concisely, and with passion. The only way to move to the top in any organization will be linked to a great degree with your ability to communicate well. I simply want to succeed in my career and I believe Campus Talkers will help me in this regard.

5. Have you delivered your Ice Breaker? If so, what did you learn?
I delivered my Ice Breaker a few weeks ago. It was definitely a positive experience. I learned that I have various strengths and weaknesses. Basically, I want to improve on my weaknesses and maintain my strengths. I think this way I will become a better speaker.

6. How do you think being an active member of Campus Talkers will positively impact other areas of your life?
Being an active member of Campus Talkers will allow me to become more successful in my career, academic, and social life.