

# CCD Persuasive Speech Competition Winners

## Press Release

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(Denver, CO) The winner of the Community College of Denver (CCD) student Persuasive Speech Competition was Michael Klaasen with “Adopt a Puppy and Change the World;” second place went to Yoruba Jones with her presentation, “Crazy;” and JP Williams took third place honors with “Kid’s WOW!”

Students who were runner ups included: Sandra Esparza, “The Cycling Desperados;” Kerry Russell, “The Legalization of Same-Sex Marriages in the United States;” Amina Semlali; “The Price of Dignity;” Shannon Walsh, “Online Learning Good or Not So Much?” Sandra Sundling, “Self-Checkouts: Killing Society One Barcode at a Time;” John Cheney, “Proper Bicycle Attire; What Not to Wear;” and Brittnei Roybal with, “Thanks But No Tanks.”

Directed by Julie Ireland, CCD faculty, assistant coordinators were Nagham (Nora) Al Karkhi, Alexis Butcher, Dong Yi, Kailyn Morrato, Alexandra De La Cruz, Matt Nesbitt, Carlos Garcia, Adam Glick, j. nick dickert, ZeZo Hassan, and Maria Puigvert Muradas.

The Persuasive Speech Competition was judged by Anne Stanwick, CCD; Mike Monsour, Metropolitan State University; and Carol Zak-Dance, University of Denver.

The winner of the CCD Persuasive Speech Competition will go on to represent CCD in the City Wide Speech competition that includes the metro area community colleges, on Friday, May 9, 11:00 a.m. at Front Range Community College in the Westminster location library (L-211).

Ten CCD students were chosen by their instructors to enter this competition.

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