

May 2017

Dear Future Public Speaking Student:

The Public Speaking class, an Eastern Connecticut State University course, offers three college credits for the fee of \$75*, if the student earns a “C” or higher. The course is an excellent opportunity for you to begin your college academic experience before you leave the NFA campus. If you have not yet registered for the Eastern credit, you will be given the opportunity to register in the fall.

Purchase the book, *Talk Like TED: The 9 Public-Speaking Secrets of the World's Top Minds* by Carmine Gallo. Amazon sells the paperback version for \$7.00 - \$10.00.

A Public Speaking summer packet will be emailed to you before the end of the school year. You will need to refer to the packet in order to effectively complete the Summer Reading Assignment. This material will also be available on NFA’s website under ‘Summer Reading.’

Summer Reading Assignment

Part I:

Go to www.ted.com and **view** two speeches: Birke Baehr’s, “What’s Wrong With Our Food System?” and Clint Smith’s “The Danger of Silence.” The speech transcripts can be found in the Public Speaking summer packet. **Annotate** both of the transcripts.

After reading the **entire** Public Speaking summer packet, choose **one** of the speeches that you viewed, and answer the prompts found on the first page of the packet. Turn your answers into a coherent **essay**, and submit this essay on the **first day of school**.

You will be graded on the thoroughness and accuracy of your answers. A rubric is included with the prompts in the packet. The essay must be typed in 12 point, Times New Roman font, be double spaced, have one inch margins, and include a proper heading (Teacher’s Name, Your Name, Channel, Date).

Part II:

Read the book, *Talk Like TED: The 9 Public-Speaking Secrets of the World's Top Minds* by Carmine Gallo. On one of the first days of class, you will be given an **in-class assignment** where you will apply the contents of the book to the two speeches you watched.

If you have any questions, please contact one of us before the end of the school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Caulfield, Mrs. Derusha, Mrs. Dziavit, and Mrs. Kendall

***Contact your prospective college or university to ensure the transfer of these credits.**