

## **Masterful Public Speaking & Debate Skills (Middle School)**

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This program provides the students with basic public speaking and debate skills to both prepare them for competitive speaking as well as requirements in future Middle School and High School classes. The course is taught with application to the real world to better motivate the student to learn and improve. Using fun and challenging drills, the student will be able to overcome many of the fears of public speaking and embrace the satisfaction of informative, persuasive and argumentative speaking.

### **About the Instructor**

An accomplished public speaker for many years, Mike Kyle began his competitive speaking career at the young age of 12. That year, he was invited to attend a high school speaking competition, representing South Salem High School. Mike won first place in Humorous Interpretation's Novice category and in the junior division of Lincoln Douglas Debate. From then on and throughout high school, Mike won 78 times, taking home 117 trophies along the way. Among his early accomplishments, Mike became the youngest recipient of the National Forensic League's coveted double ruby, receiving it in his freshman year. Throughout High School, Mike took home the most awards in the Policy Cross Examination debate format, in addition to winning many awards for Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum.

Later on, Mike was awarded a debate scholarship to Arizona State University and continued his tradition of winning speech and debate competitions throughout his college life.

Graduating Magna cum Laude from ASU, Mike began his career in the Printing and Marketing industry where he immediately became a noted and featured speaker. Highly-sought after as a speaker, Mike regularly spoke at industry events around the country. Mike continues to speak and present seminars and classes for his industry peers and clients.

Mike pursues his passion in speech and debate by offering debate training to a local academy. At this academy, Mike has helped his team garner first place trophies at the last two tournaments and through 2011 and 2012 bring home over 12 trophies amongst his students. Mike's students have also gone on to win trophies for their own schools as well while being taught Mike's unique system of research, critical thinking and argumentation style.

Mike looks forward to teaching speech and debate at Broadway Education Center and heading up a team for competition. He wants to be able to show the students how such rigorous training can pay off in real life situations as well as accelerate and enhance their career paths and personal relationships. Students should come prepared to learn, participate, research and engage. Students will prepare both an original speech as well as interpreting material and all students will be participating in some form of structured debate. Research skills will be emphasized as well as presentation and delivery skills.

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**Class Date:** 6/9/12~8/25/12 (Saturday, 5:00~7:00 PM for 12 weeks)

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