



SPEAK

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Mission

“Empowering Voices, Inspiring Change”

SPEAK is a space for young voices to grow, share, and make an impact. Created to uplift, unite, and inspire, we believe every voice is a seed with the potential to transform the world.

Who

SPEAK is a youth poetry and spoken word conference that brings together high school students, educators, community leaders, and creatives from across Southwest Alabama for a transformative experience in art, culture, and empowerment.

What

SPEAK is designed to amplify youth voices, cultivate storytelling skills, and provide mentorship through competitions, workshops, panels, and networking. This is a place to create, connect, and challenge boundaries.

When

April 5, 2025 • 9:30am-4:00pm

Where

St. Paul's Episcopal School
161 Dogwood Lane, Mobile, AL 36608

Why

SPEAK was created to honor those we've lost by lifting others up. This conference is dedicated to resilience, creativity, and community — values inspired by the people who've helped us become who we are today. SPEAK bridges generations, cultures, and communities by providing a powerful space for youth to express, connect, and grow.

What to Expect

Poetry & Spoken Word Competitions

Students will showcase their talents in various poetry categories, competing for exciting prizes and recognition.

Keynote Speaker

Featuring Keynote Speaker Dr. Agenia Walker Clark, President of Fisk University, an advocate and leader in education.

Breakout Sessions

Choose from interactive workshops such as “The Art of Storytelling,” “Performing with Impact,” and “Writing from the Heart,” led by accomplished poets, educators, and artists.

Panel Discussions

Panels will explore racial reconciliation, community building, generational unity, empowering youth, and bridging economic and social divides. Our diverse panelists include authors, community leaders, and public figures committed to creating positive change.

Author Exhibit

Meet authors, explore local literature, and discover new perspectives at our exclusive exhibit featuring books and works by local poets and creatives.

Networking Opportunities

This conference goes beyond the stage. Students will connect with peers, mentors, and professionals, forging bonds that will last far beyond the event itself.

Planting Seeds for Growth

Each participant will leave with a symbolic gift — a plant or seed packet — to represent growth and potential. SPEAK believes every voice is a seed that can change the world.

Wellness & Self-Care Session

Because your well-being matters, SPEAK will offer a safe space to explore wellness, mental health, and self-care, supported by compassionate facilitators.

Interfaith Fellowship Opportunities

Join us in interfaith fellowship gatherings leading up to the conference, where participants can connect, share, and build a community of mutual respect and understanding.

Calling All Teachers, Youth Groups & Organizations!

SPEAK is a unique opportunity for young people to develop their voice, creativity, and confidence. We invite teachers, youth group leaders, and community facilitators to encourage students from Southwest Alabama to attend as participants, competitors, or audience members.

Our goal is to have 300 students join us. Let's work together to make this a reality! SPEAK welcomes everyone and aims to be a space where every voice is heard and valued. To learn more or to get your group involved, visit our Social Media [**@SPEAKPoetryConference**](#) or email us at [**SPEAKPoetryConference@gmail.com**](mailto:SPEAKPoetryConference@gmail.com).

Student Ambassador Program

Join the SPEAK Team with other students selected from different schools to promote SPEAK within their communities and inspire student ownership.

Social Media & Engagement

Stay updated with all things SPEAK!

- Instagram: @SPEAKPoetryConference
- Facebook: SPEAK Poetry Conference
- YouTube: @SPEAKPoetryConference
- Email: SPEAKPoetryConference@gmail.com

FAQs and Contact

For questions or further information, please reach out to our SPEAK team at SPEAKPoetryConference@gmail.com or 251-214-1125.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Registration

Register for the Conference:

<https://forms.gle/axrMUKCLX7pRWdSQ8>

or scan the QR code



Register for the Competition:

<https://forms.gle/bDKyPouNWMCaKmA9>

or scan the QR code. Registration Deadline is February 28, 2025



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