

2015 NBC Oratorical Contest Report

The Oratorical Contest was held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, in the Detroit COBO Convention Center. The theme was “**Making Disciples for Christ**” Matthew 16: 24-26

There were 14 contestants – 7 females and 7 males-from the following states, Florida (Brittany Cooper), Illinois (Sherena Kendrick), Louisiana (Donald Fountain), Michigan –Wolverines (Hasani A. Hayden), Michigan BME (Morgan Webb), East Mississippi (Kiana Walker) Mississippi (Casey Kelly), Nebraska (LaKendra D. Black), New Jersey (Teryon Lowery), North Carolina (Candace Spencer), Oklahoma (Kendard Johnson), Ohio (Marcus Hasan), Tennessee (Shante Dobson), and Kansas (Andre J. Lewis). There were approximately 600 persons in attendance, 5 judges and 4 individuals responsible for the tallying of the scores. In addition to the monetary awards again this year 3 Hewlett Packard tablets were donated through the efforts of Sister Lisa Cook, and the Office Depot/Office Max Dream Maker’s Scholarship Program. Again this year a former winner served as a judge, and he is now in his final year of college at the University of Oklahoma. A special thanks to with Hanna Palmer-Tesema, OH and Nehemiah Barrett, TN from the Youth Orchestra, who so graciously performed for the Oratorical contest. A special thank you to our Congress President, Dr. George W. Waddle, our Congress Dean, Dr. Elliott Cuff and the congress staff.

Now for the winners:

The THIRD place winner receiving \$1,000 and a HP tablet is Ms. Morgan Webb of the MBE State Convention of Michigan, where she attends the New Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. Robert Smith, Pastor. Morgan will be attending the University of Michigan, majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in French.

The SECOND place winner receiving \$1,500 and a HP tablet: is Ms. Candace Spencer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. where she attends the Malaby’s Crossroads Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. James S. Utey, Pastor. Candace will be attending Greensboro College, majoring in Theatre: Acting and Singing.

The FIRST place winner receiving \$5000 and a HP tablet is Ms. Chante’ Dobson of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary & Educational Convention, Inc. where she attends the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Donald R. Ester, Sr, Pastor. Chante will be attending Southwest Tennessee Community College, majoring in Business Administration.

The Oratorical theme for 2016 is:

***“Jesus Christ Keeps Using My Life to Inspire My Generation
to Follow Him” Luke 9:23***