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Happy Winter "Holidays" from all the team!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR FIRST COMPETITION IN 2022 – PUBLIC SPEAKING!

What a great start to the academic year! Schools throughout Chile were invited to our annual Public Speaking Competition (PSC) conducted between March and April. Despite the pressure of the pandemic, we were delighted with the participation of 21 schools. One contestant from each school prepared an original 5-minute speech based on the theme "We expect too much from our heroes." The speeches were recorded and sent via email attachment to be viewed by our judges, after which Semi-final and final Heats were scheduled via zoom. As this year's PSC was completely virtual, it allowed for an interesting cross-section of participating schools throughout Chile.

Special thanks are extended to our PSC judges who volunteered their time and expertise, juggling this great responsibility with their families and careers!
A brilliant contribution!

2022 ESU PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION JUDGES

Loreto Abascal, Jonathan Callund, Dominga Chamorro, Cindy Cifuentes, Gloria Faundes, Cristina Jeppesen, Harold Mayne-Nicholls, Lisa Miller, Marcela Moya, Colin Rogers, Carlos Torres, Eduardo Vasquez.

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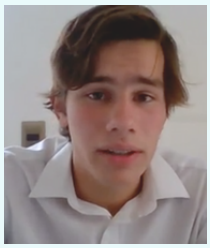
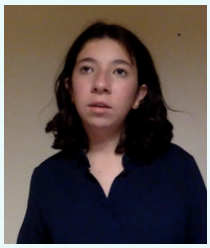
Our Final Heat Panel of Judges brought the event an impressive level of experiences: Jonathan Callund, former ESU Chile Chairman, presently Chairman of ESU International; Eduardo Vasquez, General Manager of the Instituto Chileno Británico de Cultura and long-time judge, sponsor and supporter of the ESU; and Harold Mayne-Nicholls, President of Ganamos Todos who kindly offered us an excellent "Keynote Speech" to kick-off the event.

Our judges had their work cut out, but Julia, Nicolas, Clara, and Emilia were deserving finalists.
The First Place Gold Medal Winner, Julia Rantakyro, from The International School La Serena, was invited to represent Chile in the International Public Speaking Competition (IPSC), hosted by the ESU London UK. The IPSC includes participants from 60 different countries.

1st Place Gold Medal:
Julia Rantakyro,
The International School La Serena
"So That Their Laughter Is Nothing But Pure Sound Of Joy"



2nd Place Silver Medal:
Nicolás Larrain,
Colegio Cumbres
"The Beauty In Our Flaws"



3rd Place Bronze Medal:
Clara Costa Vergara,
The Grange School
"Why Modern World Politics Are Failing"

Honorable Mention:
Emilia Aninat Duque,
Craighouse School
"Change Is The Only Constant In Life"

The PSC prize-giving ceremony will be held in mid-August at the Prince of Wales Country Club followed by a workshop for the top-ten finalists offered by Jane Chambers, ESU Chile's Public Speaking Coach and Consultant.

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Poetry Recitation Competition
Grades 3 - 8 Ages 7 – 14
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1st August 2022

Olympiad Global Issues
Grades 7 - 12 Ages 12 – 19
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 5th August 2022

Debate Tournament
Grades 8 - 12 Ages 13 – 19
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
1st August 2022

Click the underlined links for further information and visit **this link** for the winter and spring activities: CraigMun (Model United Nations), Creative Writing and Duologue Competitions.

STOP PRESS!

Take advantage of an excellent opportunity to improve your school´s ranking via the ESU CHILE Affiliate Award Program: https://www.esu.cl/for-schools/

If a school is an active paid member of the ESU Chile, it automatically qualifies to boast the title "ESU Oracy Affiliate School" and display the corresponding "ESU Oracy Affiliate Award" badge on its website and school communications according to its level of achievement.

This ESU initiative aims to raise the profile of oracy (speaking and listening) education in schools. It recognizes that Chilean schools take oracy education seriously by raising the status and priority of oracy in education, equipping and empowering teachers to embrace initiatives to help develop students' oracy skills, and by providing the tools and resources needed to raise overall oracy levels.

WAIT! THERE´S MORE…
If one or more pupil, member of school staff, alum or parent participates as an ESU volunteer, judge or sponsor, with the approval of the school principal, for one or more ESU Chile competition, the school will automatically be entitled to gain the award above its current qualification. For example: the school can jump from Bronze to Silver, from Silver to Gold, or from Gold to Platinum.

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

There are many ways in which you can volunteer with the ESU. You might choose to engage at a participating school, help to organize events, fundraise, or dedicate some time helping a local branch. You may possess a public speaking or drama club background, talent or experience that lends itself to help promote our work, or you might like to participate by coordinating or judging one of our worthy competitions.

However you choose to donate your time with us, you will become a valued member of a dedicated established network of volunteers who help to ensure that young people in Chile have the speaking and listening skills they need to thrive in a quickly-changing world.

https://www.esu.cl/join-donate-volunteer/

OUR NEXT VOLUNTEER MEETING:

Tuesday 26th July at 18:30 we shall be holding a meeting at the Villa Maria Academy with all who are interested in participating in this wonderful opportunity to contribute. Here, you will meet the current ESU Volunteer leaders of the different committees:

- Lynnann Lovejoy: Senior and Middle School - Public Speaking, Global Issues Olympiad, Model United Nations; Creative Writing & ESU APP
- Jacinda Forster: Junior and Kinder - Poetry Recitation, Spelling Bee, Duologue Competition
- Ana Maria Tomassini: Debating Tournament
- Philip Ray: International Oracy Teacher Award, Stakeholder Engagement & Forums

We would like to thank the Villa Maria Academy for their generous support in providing a meeting room for our monthly meetings.

DAVID BAMFORD
Retired Headmaster & ESU Volunteer since 2005

"The fascinating thing for me as a teacher and lover of language has been to see the enthusiasm with which young people engage in ESU activities. I have admired the sophistication which participants in the PSC engage with the topics and the authority with which they express themselves. As a writer of "Duologues" for that competition in the early days, it was obviously a source of pride to see and hear my words spoken in public. However, more than that has been a pleasure in seeing how those who take part have made these words their own. Every activity presents unique opportunities for an engagement which adds relevance to the process of expression in a foreign language, which cannot but enhance the learning process."

On behalf of the members of ESU Chile, congratulations Your Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, upon reaching several recent milestones - 70 years as Queen and 96 years of age!