Original Oratory Comment Sheet

NATIONAL SPEECH & DEBATE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL FORENSIC LEAGUE

Contestant Name Alexander Andrés **Code** A123

Round 3 **Section** 1 **Speaker Time** 9:59

Title/Topic Project Engagement

Judge Name Jung-Hee Judge **Judge Affiliation** Hired

Directions: Using the prompts below, please provide constructive feedback to the competitor. Your comments should highlight areas of strength as well as provide areas for growth. Be as specific as possible in your feedback. Use the space to expand your thoughts on any of these areas or to comment on specific moments or lines that stood out to you. Please do not comment on participants' attire or appearance; this should not play a role in your decision.

Importance *Is the topic significant? Is the thesis clearly established? Does the delivery assist in establishing the importance of the topic?*	• There's a clearly established thesis about the lack of one-on-one engagement. The speaker's delivery in the intro and conclusion really aided the speech. The body of the speech could have been more fluid in delivery with greater emphasis when examining the impacts. • The point about how instant communication has become was something everyone can relate to. Showing how parents, students, siblings, those in relationships, and coworkers are all impacted helped establish the extensive nature of the problem.
Relatability *Can the audience relate to the topic? Is the delivery personable? Does the speaker establish how others are impacted by their topic? Is the rhetoric of the speech inclusive?*	• The use of a dating game as the vehicle in the speech was unique. Other speeches talk about face-to-face communication and interpersonal relationships, but this one was done in a fresh manner. • The examples of breaking up via text were a bit cliche, but the personal story concerning the deaf brother was powerful.
Originality *Does the speaker address the topic in a unique, inventive way? Are the supporting examples new and interesting?*	• I enjoyed the speech a great deal and thought the idea was well thought out. The composition of the speech was exceptional with great supporting details and evidence. While the personal story was incredibly moving, the speaker stumbled a bit on wording, working on remembering wording could have assisted in making it even more impactful overall.

Reason for Decision: *(Why did this performance earn the rank that you assigned?)*

If not for the delivery issues in the body of the speech, the speaker would have been ranked first. Good job!

Contestant Rank 2 / 6

Judge Signature Jung-Hee Judge

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