



CLCON 25: The Power of You





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CLCON 25 offers an unparalleled opportunity to learn from two phenomenal keynote speakers, Craig Valentine and Dr. Farzana Chohan, and to participate in numerous enriching educational sessions. Combine that with the chance to network with fellow Toastmasters, celebrate Hall of Fame inductees, and witness the prestigious Leadership and Communication Award presentation, and you'll return with enhanced skills and invaluable connections.

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Here are several compelling reasons why a Toastmasters member should attend CLCON 25:

1. Learn from World-Class Keynote Speakers:

- Craig Valentine: Gain insights from a renowned storytelling expert and World Champion of Public Speaking. Learn techniques to captivate audiences and deliver impactful messages.
- Dr. Farzana Chohan: Explore the power of communication and leadership from a respected expert. Discover strategies for personal and professional growth.

2. Enhance Your Skills Through Diverse Educational Sessions:

- Participate in multiple educational sessions covering a wide range of topics related to communication, leadership, and personal development.
- Acquire practical tools and techniques that you can immediately apply in your Toastmasters journey and beyond.

3. Experience Unforgettable Entertainment:

- Stand-Up Night: Enjoy a night of laughter and entertainment, providing a fun and relaxed atmosphere to connect with fellow members.





4. Celebrate Excellence and Inspiration:

- **Hall of Fame:** Witness the recognition of outstanding Toastmasters members who have made significant contributions to the organization.
- **Leadership and Communication Award:** Be inspired by the presentation of a prestigious award, recognizing exceptional leadership and communication skills.

5. Expand Your Professional and Personal Network:

- Connect with Toastmasters members from across the district, building valuable relationships and expanding your network.
- Engage in meaningful conversations and share experiences with like-minded individuals.

6. Invest in Your Personal Growth:

- CLCON 25 offers a unique opportunity for personal and professional development
- Immerse yourself in a supportive and motivating environment that encourages growth and learning.

7. Enjoy a Luxurious Setting:

- Experience the comfort and elegance of The Westin Waltham, providing a conducive environment for learning and networking.

8. Revitalize Your Toastmasters Experience:

- Attending CLCON 25 will re-energize your passion for Toastmasters and provide new perspectives on communication and leadership.
- Return to your club with renewed enthusiasm and a wealth of new knowledge.

9. Invest in yourself:

- Attending a conference like CLCON 25 is an investment in yourself, and your future.

CLCON 25 promises a weekend of learning, inspiration, and connection, making it an invaluable experience for any Toastmasters member.

- **#D31LearnandBeCurious**





Meet Our Keynote Speakers For CLCON 25





Craig Valentine, MBA, an award-winning speaker and trainer, has traveled the world helping speakers, executives, and salespeople turn their presentations into profits.

Known as the Master Storyteller, he is a professional speaker and has spoken in the

United States, Taiwan, Canada, Jamaica, Qatar (Doha), England, Bahamas, Hong Kong, China, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Australia, India, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, South Africa, Japan, and Ireland, giving as many as 160 presentations per year. He is the 1999 World Champion of Public Speaking for Toastmasters International, winning out of more than 25,000 contestants in 14 countries.

Craig is also the co-author of the Amazon.com #1 Bestseller, World Class Speaking In Action.

He has used his speaking success formulas to:

- Win Salesperson of the Year (3 times) for Glencoe/McGraw-Hill's Mid-Atlantic Division
- Become an award-winning management trainer for one of the most prestigious and largest seminar companies in the United States (averaging an industry-leading 5.85 on a 6.0 rating scale)
- Produce sales years of 233%, 157%, and 152% of goal for Glencoe/McGraw-Hill • sell more than \$8 million in educational resources in a single year
- Won the Rising Star salesperson award as a rookie with Glencoe/McGraw-Hill
- Won Events Manager of the Year for the National Small Business Council
- Won a Congressional Achievement Award from the United States Congress for excellence in communications
- Earned the Distinguished Alumni Award from Johns Hopkins University • receive hundreds of speaking awards from Toronto to Taipei
- Helped the United Way of Central Maryland exceed its \$45 million fundraising goal in the year 2000 by training their Loaned Executives to present with influence
- Ran an employment academy for homeless men in Baltimore City. During his tenure, Craig and his team had a 100% job-placement rate.





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Craig Valentine is the author of the groundbreaking book, *The Nuts and Bolts of Public Speaking*, Co-Author of the book, *World Class Speaking*, and contributing author for the books *Guerrilla Marketing on the Front Lines*, *Success Secrets of the Social Media Marketing Superstars*, *The Speaker's Edge*, and *Guerrilla Marketing Remix*. He has an MBA from Johns Hopkins University and he is certified as a Co-Active Coach and a Guerrilla Marketing Coach. Craig is also the Co-Founder of the World Class Speaking Coach Certification Program which certifies speech coaches around the globe. He is the Founder of the Speak and Prosper 6-Week Series, Co-Founder of the World Class Product Creation Program, and Founder of Craig Valentine's Speak and Prosper Academy. Most recently, Craig founded the Inner Circle for Speakers. Craig has two kids and a wife.





Meet Our Keynote Speakers For CLCON 25



Dr. Farzana Chohan is an award-winning Thought leader who believes in the power of human excellence. Her purpose-driven work helps organizations in creating strategic, transformational work culture of continuous improvement.

A dynamic leader, who is recognized as a Subject Matter Expert, with professional working experience on two continents. Dr. Farzana is a published author, who writes about the impact of leadership, belonging to work culture and Artificial Intelligence in our world. She is a recipient of the “Presidential Citation” award from Toastmasters International.

Dr. Farzana’s credentials include Doctor of Management, Master’s in Architecture and have valuable experience of serving as Board of Directors of multiple organizations. She is a Distinguished Toastmasters, and has given a TEDx talk.





CLCON Education Sessions

AI is more Intelligent than HI : Dr. Farzana Chohan

In our rapidly evolving technological landscape, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has seamlessly integrated into our daily routines. It is essential for us to understand the basics of AI without becoming overwhelmed by complex jargon. This session will address few key topics, including:

A clear definition of Artificial Intelligence, comparison between AI and human intelligence, highlighting the areas where AI excels, interactive insights into the future of AI, and ethical considerations and potential advancements in the field.



A Stand Up Guide for Public Speaking and Workshop with : Steph Dalwin

Steph Dalwin (she/her) is a Boston-based standup comedian. She draws inspiration from her upbringing in a Vietnamese and Jewish household and in everyday situations like shopping while plus size, trips to the grocery store, and her quest for the perfect chicken nugget. Steph regularly performs in the Boston area, and recently performed at the Far From Here Comedy Festival in Toronto.





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The DESIGN of Exceptional Communication : Amanda Greaves

Speaker

Amanda Greaves is a dynamic and entertaining speaker, personal coach & business consultant, author, and interior designer. Through her talks and consulting work Amanda embodies the importance of collaboration, communication, and creativity and is fully committed to serving others on a deep and meaningful level with connection and confidence.

Session

Through her signature Keynote: DESIGN, Amanda speaks about the three steps to Exceptional Communication within six areas of connection: Discover, Evaluate, Sense, Identify, Gauge and Navigate. Her witty and inclusive presentation grants the audience the power to assess their own communication style, while simultaneously understanding the style of others, and then learning how to adapt and adjust as needed to reach deeper levels of connection, and higher levels of leadership, understanding, productivity, and fulfillment.

o With entertaining and personal stories that are totally relatable to the audience, Amanda provides valuable information about personal growth and persistence to achieve one's dreams, while also presenting realistic take-aways that the participants can use immediately in their conversations and connections with others.





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Toastmasters is not just Speaking, it's Civic Engagement : Trevor Crippen , DTM Speaker

Trevor Crippen is a two-time Distinguished Toastmaster and a Past District Director for District 31 Toastmasters. He first visited a Toastmasters meeting at his employer in 2014 because he heard there was free pizza in the boardroom, and has since learned this organization can offer so much more than an occasional free lunch. In his time as a Toastmaster, he's given over a hundred speeches, served in dozens of leadership roles and the club and district levels, and he keeps coming back for more. In his day job, he works in corporate rights analysis and intellectual property in the education industry. He lives in a suburb south of Boston with his wife, daughter, and chocolate labrador dog.

Session

Many people feel powerless and disengaged in a world where it feels like we're continually moving further apart from each other. How can we make a difference in this world? Especially when we're all so busy and exhausted all the time? It may seem like Toastmasters should be pretty low on our priority lists given all the other stresses in our lives. However, Toastmasters can fill a void in our lives for civic engagement, community building, and self-empowerment at a time where those things are desperately needed. In addition to the positive impacts we can make on others in the organization, it is also a confidence builder that can help us successfully move into other forms of civic engagement to address the issues we care about. In this session, we will discuss how Toastmasters is "entry-level" civic engagement, why civic engagement like Toastmasters is critical for us as individuals and as a society, and how we can better prioritize Toastmasters (and other civic engagement) in our lives.





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Ace Your Next Interview: Mastering the Art of Interviewing : Maryann Murphy, DTM Speaker

Maryann Murphy, DTM, has been a member of Toastmasters since 2007, and is both the 2024 District 31 Tall Tales Champion and Mentor of the Year. She is the President of South Coast Toastmasters Club and a past President and continuing member of Upper Cape Toastmasters. She is a past Area and Division Governor in District 31, and a past president of the New England chapter of the National Speakers Association. Maryann has worked as a clinical social worker, professional speaker and professional organizer, and as a manager in human services and government positions, she has hired over 2,000 part-time and full-time employees, giving her extensive experience and insight into what is needed to stand out in an interview situation. She is the author of "STOP Wasting Your Precious Time – 60 Easy Strategies for Eliminating Your Biggest Time Wasters at Work", a time management book available on Amazon.

Session

Interviews can be nerve-racking, but with the right skills, you can turn them into opportunities to shine. Whether you're applying for a job, seeking a promotion, or preparing for any high-stakes conversation, communication is key. As Toastmasters, we learn how to speak effectively in public, but interviewing requires a unique approach—one that you can learn, practice, and perfect. This interactive session will equip you with the tools to confidently navigate interviews and leave a lasting and positive impression. Join us for a hands-on experience where you'll discover how to prepare effectively, avoid common pitfalls, and communicate your value with confidence. Through live coaching, real-time feedback, and practical exercises, you'll gain insights into what to say—and not to say—to position yourself as the ideal candidate. For a more personalized experience, bring your resume and receive tailored feedback to help you shine in your next interview. Don't leave your success to chance—learn how to stand out and make the best possible impression!





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Your Pen...YOUR POWER : Lisa Axios

Speaker:

After years of personal growth and learning from incredible mentors, I've gained valuable insights into leadership, financial wisdom, intentionality, decision-making, time management, empowering others, and, most importantly, leading myself first. These lessons have shaped who I am today and fueled my passion for helping others create authentic, purpose-driven lives. Experienced Marketing with a demonstrated history of working in the real estate industry. Skilled in Negotiation, Luxury Sales, Real Property, and New home sales.

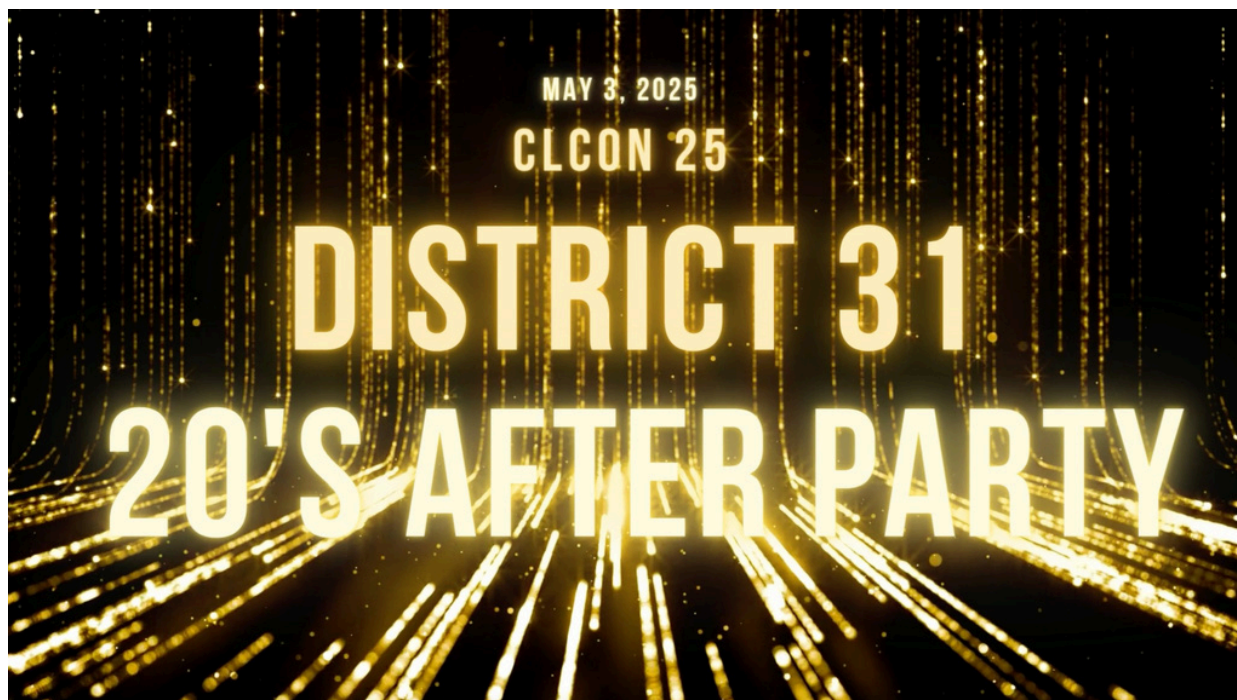
Session:

Is a transformative leadership session that reveals how the simple act of writing can unlock clarity, confidence, and unstoppable momentum. Through intentional reflection, goal-setting, and dreaming, participants will discover how putting pen to paper doesn't just capture ideas, it ignites action. Live a Life by Design, Not by Default





District 31 Social Event: 20's After Party



Dust off your flapper dresses and zoot suits, District 31 is throwing a Roaring 20's themed After Party Social following the second day of CLCON 25! Join fellow Toastmasters on May 3rd at Craft Food Halls, located at 200 5th Ave., Waltham, MA, for an evening of vintage fun and celebration. Get ready to Charleston the night away to the electrifying beats spun by our very own talented Toastmaster, David Gilman, as he delivers a DJ performance that will transport you straight to the jazz age, making this a dazzling conclusion to a fantastic conference weekend.

Register Now:

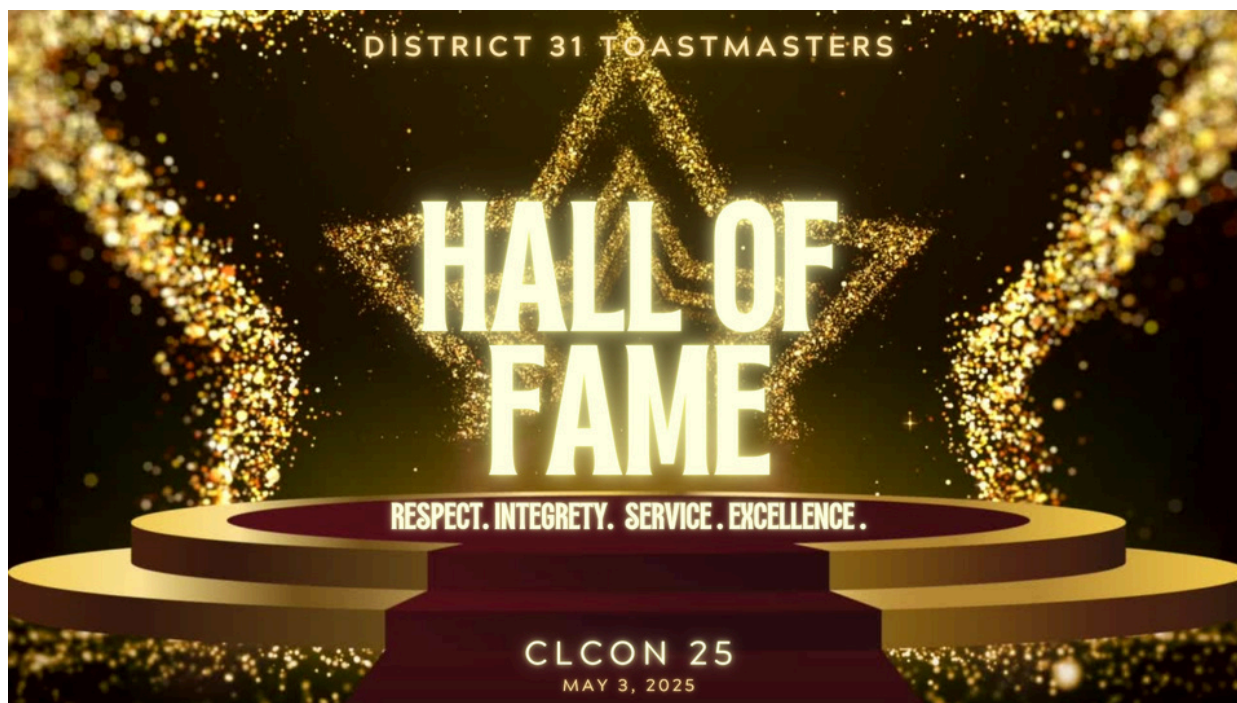
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Online Speech Contest:

Witness the best speakers from across our district compete for the chance to advance! Prepare to be inspired, entertained, and moved by powerful speeches delivered from the comfort of your own home. **Date: Thursday, May 1st Time: 7:00 PM EST** Platform: Zoom
What to Expect: Compelling speeches from talented Toastmasters. A showcase of diverse speaking styles and topics. An engaging and interactive online experience. An opportunity to support your fellow Toastmasters. Don't miss this exciting event! Grab your virtual seat and be part of the District 31 Online Speech Contest.

Online Speech Contest Register (\$10) :

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Parade Of Banners



District 31 clubs, showcase your spirit and pride at CLCON 25's vibrant Parade of Banners on Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 AM! This is a fantastic opportunity to visually represent your club and connect with fellow Toastmasters from across the district in a lively and celebratory procession. Bring your club banner and a few enthusiastic members to participate in this exciting display of unity and camaraderie, setting an energetic tone for the conference and highlighting the strength and diversity of District 31. Let's make this year's Parade of Banners a memorable highlight of "The Power Of You" conference!





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Attending a District Speech Contest offers Toastmasters members a unique and valuable experience, packed with benefits that go beyond the typical club meeting. Here's why you should consider attending:

- Witness Exceptional Speaking
- Networking and Connection
- Educational Growth
- Motivation and Inspiration
- Support and Camaraderie

Attending a District Speech Contest is an investment in your personal and professional development. It's an opportunity to learn, connect, and be inspired by the best speakers in your district.

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Themed Baskets



To add to the excitement of CLCON 25, we're calling on clubs to donate themed baskets for our raffle. This is a chance for your club to collaborate on a creative project, highlight your club's personality, and gain visibility among fellow Toastmasters. Baskets will be displayed at the conference, and raffle proceeds will contribute to the overall success of CLCON 25. We encourage clubs to be as imaginative as possible with their basket themes! Your participation will be greatly appreciated.





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Conference Agenda

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Conference Agenda and Virtual Program

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