

# Oral Communication

**Student Learning Outcome:** Students will demonstrate an ability to engage in clear and concise live communication.

## The Value of Oral Communication

Oral communication consists of both extemporaneous and prepared communication, and is intended to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in the listeners' attitudes, values, beliefs, or behaviors. Oral communication is fundamental to individual, professional, and social growth. It enables the free expression and exchange of ideas, allowing individuals, organizations, and

communities to understand and learn from one another through expression. Oral communication is vital, because it is an empowering skill that allows individuals to become "upstanders," rather than bystanders —people who are confident and neither silent nor afraid to speak at critical individual, professional, and social junctures.

## Supporting Skills

1. Students will demonstrate a clearly and consistently observable organizational pattern (specific introduction and conclusion, sequenced material within the body and transitions) within the context of a presentation.
2. Students will make language choices in the context of a presentation that are thoughtful, appropriate to the audience, and generally support the effectiveness of the presentation.

