

### Context

As smart and talented people who will be the future business and community leaders of tomorrow, you need to practice that art of the toast. At some point in your life, you will need introduce someone at a meeting, celebrate someone at a wedding, or eulogize someone at a funeral. You need to work on getting in front of people and speaking on the spot. Strong public speaking comes through modeling and rehearsal.

### Assignment

You will be partnered with someone in the class

You need to interview your partner

You need to prepare a two minute toast of your partner

You need to toast your partner in front of the class

Your partner needs to do the same for you

### Tips

\*Get the audience's attention and provide a quick introduction

\*Use a hook

=Question / Anecdote / Quote / Statistic / Imagery

\*Tell a story

=Have a Beginning \* Middle \* End / Entry Point \* Journey \* Resolution

=Use one or two anecdotes to drive the story

=Be sincere and show personal connection

=Use humor

=Be positive and appropriate

=Do not use gimmicks

=Use imagery – Provide specific visual and sensory details

\*Practice the 4 Ps – Poise, Posture, Pace, Projection

=Be up, be energetic, be steady, be clear

=Start from memory but focus on delivery (it is okay to use notes as you go)

\*End big

=Package the message in a memorable way

=Give thanks and compliments

=Spread the love and best wishes

\*Raise a glass / Get a cheers / Have a hug or handshake

### Interview

\*What are your hobbies / interests?

\*What are your academics / arts / athletics / activities?

\*What do you care about? What are you passionate about?

\*Where are you from (city/family)? Where are you going (goals / dreams)?

### Rubric

Content	Performance
Intro	Pace
Hook	Poise
Story	Posture
Finish	Projection

