

Toastmasters Pick Top Five Speakers of 2000

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When they speak, people listen. They have captured our attention, challenged our intellect and inspired us toward action with their eloquence, humor and personal style.

They are the Top Five Speakers of 2000, chosen by members of Toastmasters International in an annual survey of their favorite communicators. Nominees were selected for their ability to motivate and educate the public and for their achievements and contributions in their respective fields.

The Top Five Speakers of 2000 are:

- Commerce and Industry: Denis Waitley, Ph.D., an expert on peak performance, is a keynote speaker and counselor to top executives, Olympic athletes and NASA astronauts. His audio album, "The Psychology of Winning," is the all-time best-selling program on self-improvement. He is the author of 12 nonfiction books, including two New York Times bestsellers, and numerous audio programs.
- Government: Alan Keyes, Ph.D., two-time Republican presidential candidate, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, radio talk show host, founder of "Citizens Against Government Waste."
- Inspirational or Motivational: Wayne Dyer, Ph.D., psychologist, professional speaker, prolific author of 16 self-help books, including the best-selling "Your Erroneous Zones," and many audio programs.
- Educational or Social: Dr. James C. Dobson, psychologist and radio host, founder and president of Focus on the Family, political activist, author of many books on Christian and family themes, including the popular "Dare to Discipline."
- Mass Media or Arts: Meredith Vieira, journalist, co-host of the ABC morning talk show, "The View." Famous for leaving a promising journalism career at "60 Minutes" in favor of spending more time with her family.

Since its founding in 1924, Toastmasters International has helped nearly four million men and women develop their communication and leadership skills. Headquartered in Southern California, the nonprofit educational organization has approximately 8,800 clubs and 175,000 members in 70 countries.

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