Group Communication Prelims
5-8 students will be placed in each round. The group will be given 40 minutes to complete a problems-solving or decision-making activity. Topics will be different from round to round. Students will be given traditional group communication activities or current events oriented ("Osama bin Laden has been captured. Your group must decide what the USA should do with him.")

One judge (3 in the final) will observe the group and rank the participants first through fifth. Ranks will be based on group communication concepts such as leadership, verbal communication, non-verbal communication, listening skills, goal setting, conflict resolution, setting criteria for solvency and argumentation. There will be three rounds and a final. A Group Communication student may not enter Extemp.

Finals
The group discussion will be observed by **3 judges**. At the conclusion of the student discussion, the judges should dismiss the competitors and the audience. Then take 10 minutes to discuss their feelings about the round. They should, however, rank the round independently (after the discussion). The judges do not need to come to consensus.

In Round
The judge should place the directions in the center of the room and start the timer. The group will have **40 minutes** (Maximum) to complete the activity or solve the problem. The judge should give time signals every five minutes as well as indicating when there is 1 minute left. The judge is to be a silent observer. At the conclusion of the activity, the judge shall **RANK** the members (1-6, ties for 6th). 1 going to the most effective group communicator, 2 to the second most effective……. **Ranking will be done on your e-ballot.**

If you have questions, please call Jeff's cell 847-567-2512

JUDGES, PLEASE START ROUNDS ON TIME. EVEN IF EVERYONE IS NOT PRESENT. ORIENTING LATE MEMBERS IS PART OF GROUP WORK. STUDENTS, IT IS UP TO YOU HOW TO DEAL WITH LATE MEMBERS (OR BE A LATE MEMBER).