

## Public Speaking Handout #1

- What good is public speaking?
- WHAT and HOW

### Main activities in this class

- reporting
- debating
- presenting speeches
- develop skills in critical thinking and listening
  
- Three goals of Public speaking
  - To *Persuade* people to do something that you feel is right
  - To *Inform* people about things they don't know
  - To *Entertain* people and make them happy and feel good about themselves.
  - Or, in other words,: to change peoples' understanding by getting across your message effectively
  
- Public speaking and conversations
  - Similarities
    - Organizing thoughts logically
    - Tailoring the message to the audience
    - Telling a story for maximum impact
    - Adapting to listener feedback
  - Differences
    - Public speaking is highly structured
    - Public speaking requires more formal language
    - Public speaking requires a different method of delivery
  
- Nervousness and Anxiety
  - Nervousness is normal; if you're not nervous, you should be!
  - Your body reacts to stress by producing extra adrenalin
  - Dealing with it
    - Acquire speaking experience
    - Prepare, Prepare, Prepare
    - Think Positively
    - Don't expect perfection
  
- Critical thinking
  - Focused, organized thinking
  - The ability to see the relationships among ideas clearly
  - Organizing a speech should shape the ideas you are trying to convey.

### HW

Watch Bono's speech, first 10-15 min is enough, analyze how he grabbed attention of the audience. Go to the following website and click 'CSPAN real video'

<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/bononationalprayerbreakfast.htm>

prepare controversial topics for debate with explanations why they are controversial