## COM 205 WEEK 12 ASSIGNMENT: SPEECH PROJECT - SPEECH DELIVERY

COM 205 Assignment Week 12 revolved around delivering an effective speech. I provided guidelines for giving a speech in the How-To Guide for this particular assignment. Here, I will brief you on the tools and tips you can use to make your speech delivery efficient.

Utilizing tools and resources for speech delivery is crucial for enhancing public speaking skills. These platforms provide valuable insights into crafting compelling speeches, managing anxiety, and engaging audiences effectively. Resources like Toastmasters International and TED Talks offer practical advice and examples from experienced speakers, helping individuals refine their delivery techniques. Online courses and tutorials like Coursera and MindTools provide structured learning paths, covering everything from speech writing to body language. By leveraging these tools, speakers can build confidence, improve clarity, and ensure their messages resonate with their audiences, ultimately leading to more impactful and memorable presentations.

Here are some sites that can help you deliver an effective speech:

### 1. Toastmasters International - <u>Toastmasters</u>

 Offers resources, tips, and practice opportunities for public speaking and speech delivery.

## 2. **TED Talks** - <u>TED</u>

 Provides a vast library of inspirational and educational speeches by expert speakers and tips on effective speech delivery.

# 3. Duarte - Duarte

 Offers speech crafting and delivery resources, including workshops, articles, and guides on effective communication.

### 4. **MindTools** - MindTools

 Features many articles and resources on public speaking skills, speech preparation, and overcoming anxiety.

#### TIPS FOR EFFICIENT SPEECH DELIVERY

- **Practice Regularly:** Rehearse your speech multiple times to become familiar with the content and improve your delivery. Practicing in front of a mirror or recording yourself can help identify areas for improvement.
- Engage Your Audience: Keep your audience engaged by using eye contact, gestures, and varied vocal tones. Ask rhetorical questions or incorporate anecdotes to make your speech more interactive and relatable.
- Focus on Clarity: Speak clearly and at a moderate pace to ensure your audience can follow your message. Avoid filler words and practice enunciating each word to enhance understanding.
- Manage Nervousness: Use deep breathing techniques and positive visualization to calm
  your nerves. Remember to pause and take a breath if you feel anxious during your
  speech, and focus on conveying your message rather than your anxiety.