**Special Occasion Speeches:**

Special occasion speeches can occur during a multitude of events such as award ceremonies, eulogies, roasts, and when introducing another speaker. A more comprehensive list of special occasion speeches is listed below. These speeches can be either informative or persuasive in nature, but the main goal is usually that of entertainment, celebration, commemoration, inspiration, or agenda setting (O’Hair, Stewart, & Rubenstein, 2018, pp. 442-443).

**Types of special occasion speeches:**

* Speeches of Introduction
* Speeches of Acceptance
* Speeches of Presentation
* Speeches of Inspiration
* Roasts and Toasts
* Eulogies and Tributes
* After-Dinner Speeches

When giving a special occasion speech, the guidelines you should follow will vary based on the nature of the speech. Determine what your goal of the speech is prior to preparing the content. Are you going to be informative? Persuasive? Is this speech for a celebratory event? Regardless of the type of speech, you will want to practice and prepare before delivering the speech itself.

For more information about each type of speech as well as helpful information to include, Lumen Learning provides [many helpful examples](https://courses.lumenlearning.com/publicspeaking/chapter/types-of-special-occasion-speeches/) and resources. Here, you will find examples of each type of speech as well as examples of famous speeches that have been given for that occasion.

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