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Local Woman Earns Semifinalist Slot in the World Championship of Public Speaking Competition

Stephanie Coleman of Saline, MI, rose above a pool of 30,000 contestants around the world

Detroit, Michigan, July 16, 2018 — When top speakers from around the planet gather in Chicago on August 25 for the Toastmasters World Championship of Public Speaking® competition, Stephanie Coleman of Saline, Michigan, will be among the semi-finalists. Stephanie will represent Toastmasters District 28, composed of 130 clubs in SE Michigan, SW Ohio, and Southern Ontario, vying for one of 10 spots in the finals. The Toastmasters International Speech Contest began in 1938 and is the world's largest speech contest, involving 30,000 participants from 141 countries.

A resident of Saline, Michigan, Stephanie surpassed fierce competition to win over District judges with her speech, "Lasting Impact." The speech addressed the major impact small actions can have on our lives. When it comes to connecting with an audience, she says, "The key is to be authentic, and passionate about your story."

Stephanie will compete against 105 other district winners from around the world, each of whom advanced to the semifinal round after a six-month process of elimination through club, area, division and district speech competitions. Their five- to-seven-minute speeches were judged on content, organization, gestures, and style.

"Toastmasters speech contests force me out of the comfort zone of speaking only in front of my home club or people I know," Stephanie says. Stephanie works as a Cycle Planning and Resource Management IT Supervisor at Ford Motor in Dearborn, Michigan. She joined Toastmasters a dozen years ago to become a better speaker and leader at work and in the community. "I believe in teamwork in everything I do and always work on improving" she says. "I recommend Toastmasters to absolutely everyone."

To interview Stephanie, learn more about the contest or Toastmasters club membership, contact District 28 PR Manager Linda Anger at the email or number listed above. Follow @Toastmasters International on Twitter to track Stephanie's progress.

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