

Presenting an Award

Good evening fellow toastmasters and honored guests. Today, we are gathered here not just because of the Toastmaster meeting, but because we are here to celebrate the achievements of one of our very own members.

As some of you may know, Toastmasters International has two tracks towards the Distinguished Toast Master title. On the one hand, we have the leadership track which features a Competent Leader, the Advanced Leader Bronze, and the Advanced Leader Silver. On the other hand, we have a communication track with 4 levels: the Competent Communicator, the Advanced Communicator Bronze, the Advanced Communicator Silver and lastly, the Advanced Communicator Gold. The member we are celebrating has just completed the Advanced Communicator Silver level. In other words, he has completed more than half of his track towards his DTM.

He has been diligently working on his manuals and speeches for a while now. He completed his CTM in January of the year 2006 and received his Bronze ATM in September later that same year. Serving as former VP-Member for this club, he has worked hard in promoting membership and upholding the pledge of Toastmasters International.

Perhaps his most distinguishing characteristics are his insatiable work ethic and his passion to become a great Toastmaster. How do I know he has these two characteristics? Over the past year of knowing him, I know that he has improved tremendously in speaking. He has gained more confidence, more eloquence and has certainly reduced many crutches that appeared in his earlier speeches. I think the most memorable story of all is his one speech that talked about the Toastmaster pledge. At the end of his speech, we were all asked to stand up and recite the pledge with him.