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## EDUCATION CHAPTER OF BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT (BIG) STUDENT ORATORICAL COMPETITION

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This year, the U.S. Department of Education Chapter of Blacks in Government (ED BIG) will host its annual Student Oratorical Competition, **Friday, May 20th, 2016**, from 9 Am – 12 Noon. The theme for this year's oratorical competition is *"21st Century Racial Equality, Justice or Injustice: Where are we headed?"* The competition reflects an increasing need to assist our students with developing and enhancing their oral and written communication skills in order to be competitive in the global workplace. The competition is open to students in grades nine through twelve in the DC, MD, and VA metropolitan area. The deadline for student submissions is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The awards for first, second and third place are \$200, \$100, and \$50 respectfully. The first place winner proceeds to compete at the BIG Region XI Council regional competition in Silver Springs, Md. on June 25, 2016. The first place regional winner will have hotel and transportation costs paid in order to compete against other students from across the nation at BIG's National Training Institute conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey (August 22-25, 2016).

BIG is a national organization of African-American government workers committed to excellence in government through equality of opportunity. Please contact the following individuals or visit the ED Chapter's website for additional information:

<http://www.edbig.org/events.html>

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