### **Delivering the Speech Discussion**

Complete the Delivering the Speech discussion.

### **Discussion Overview**

This discussion forum explores strategies for matching verbal and nonverbal communication in speech delivery.

### **Discussion Goal**

You will participate in the discussion forum, including responses to the initial question and responses to at least two other students’ posts.

### **Discussion Topics**

1. Consider the following information.
   * *Integrated communication* refers to the energy public speakers bring to their presentation through the excitement of their voice, the sincerity of their face, their body language and gestures, and the intensity of their connection with listeners. When used together, these dimensions of integrated communication can create a powerful public speech. When communication is not integrated, a public speaker's verbal communication often does not match his or her nonverbal signals. For example, imagine a news anchor who smiles while talking about an accident caused by a drunk driver or a speaker persuading an audience to travel to Hawaii with a monotone voice and lackluster appearance.
2. Respond to the following questions, and if it's relevant, include your own personal experience:
   * Think about how you feel when your communication partner's verbal statements clearly don't match his/her nonverbal communication. What message does the audience receive when this happens with a speaker?
   * Give an example of when you experienced nonintegrated communication, and explain what could have been done to improve the speaker's communication integration. If you have never experienced this, think about the examples provided here and explain the steps public speakers in general should take to ensure their verbal communication matches their nonverbal signals.
3. Read other students' posts and respond to at least two of them. In addition to other comments you may have, address the following in your response posts:
   * Do you think that most public speakers understand the importance of integrated communication? Why or why not?
   * Does learning about the correlation between verbal and nonverbal communication make you more aware of your own habits? How will you employ some of these steps in your own life?
4. Post your discussion to the discussion board.
5. Read other students’ posts and respond to other students.  
   **Note:** You may use your personal experience to support or debate other students' posts. If you have a difference of opinion, debate the issues and provide examples to support your opinion.

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