The presence of a speech class in a student’s high school curriculum is perhaps the single most important factor in his or her future success. According to Thomas Ensley, students who have taken a speech class are 75% more likely to have a grade point average above 3.5 by the end of their senior year of college than are students who have not taken a speech class (42). Also, students with a high school speech course in their background out-earn their counterparts by over a million dollars by the time they retire (Alexander 78). In addition, “the confidence given to a student in a speech class is an integral part of the skill set they will need to climb to the top of the corporate ladder” (Alexander 16). Finally, a speech student learns how to dress, as well as learning how to speak, and those skills can’t be found in any other course (Ensley 33).

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