



Oral Presentation Assignment

July 23, 2013

You will each deliver a brief oral presentation during our session this Friday. Your presentation will be limited to **4 minutes**. We recommend that you plan for 3 minutes. That isn't much time, so think hard about what is most important and quickly get to your key points.

The Content

Divide your presentation into **two distinct sections**. First, briefly discuss your own Strengths profile. Offer concrete examples or stories that illustrate your strengths in action. We strongly recommend that you consult with your spouse, parents, friends, co-workers, etc. as you develop your ideas. Quite often the people closest to us can give us excellent anecdotes that demonstrate our strengths.

In the second part of your presentation, share a few poignant observations about your randomly chosen fellow participant. Observe "your person" this week, in class, during breaks, at dinner, etc. Watch for examples of that person's particular Strengths profile. We hope you will keep this exercise anonymous until the moment you begin talking about "your person" in your presentation on Friday.

The Rules, etc.

No notes, please. The spirit of this presentation is a semi-impromptu talk, delivered in a professional yet casual manner. Talk to your audience; don't read to us or regurgitate rehearsed words.

No PowerPoint slides.

With respect to time, unfortunately, we must hold you to the 4 minute limit. If you reach the four minute mark, we will have to interrupt you to insure that everyone has a chance to present. On the other hand, make your presentation substantial... 1-2 minutes simply isn't enough.

As an audience member, be prepared to offer both written and oral feedback to the speaker. After each speaker presents, we will ask at least one audience member to give the presenter kudos for one thing done well, as well as advice on one thing to work on (with respect to presenting skills).

If you have any questions during the week, please feel free to email John Krajicek at Jkrajicek@mays.tamu.edu

We look forward to your presentations.