

PATHWAYS

Learning Paths at a Glance

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A member's quick guide to every current, vintage, and legacy learning path in the Toastmasters education program.

Pathways is Toastmasters International's education program for building communication and leadership skills. Every member chooses a learning path aligned to their goals; each path contains five levels of increasing complexity, at least 14 projects, and a minimum of 15 prepared speeches.

Current Learning Paths (6)

These six paths are open to all members today and receive Pathways' latest role and speech-series enhancements.

PATH	WHAT IT'S FOR
Dynamic Leadership	Builds strategic-leadership skills. Projects explore leadership and communication styles, how conflict affects a group, and the skills needed to defuse and direct it — plus strategies for leading organizational change. Culminates in a project applying your leadership skills.
Engaging Humor	Builds your skills as a humorous, engaging speaker. Projects develop your sense of humor and how it connects with an audience, including using humor in challenging and impromptu situations. Culminates in an extended humorous speech.
Motivational Strategies	Builds your skills as a powerful, effective communicator. Projects focus on building connections with others, understanding what motivates people, and successfully leading small groups to accomplish tasks.
Persuasive Influence	Builds your skills as an innovative communicator and leader. Projects focus on negotiating positive outcomes while strengthening interpersonal communication and public speaking, with an emphasis on leading through complex situations. Culminates in a self-designed High Performance Leadership project.
Presentation Mastery	Builds your skills as an accomplished public speaker. Projects focus on how an audience responds to you and on strengthening your connection with audience members.
Visionary Communication	Builds your skills as a strategic communicator and leader. Projects cover sharing information with a group, planning communications, and creating innovative solutions, with emphasis on speechwriting and delivery. Culminates in launching a long-term personal or professional vision.

Levels & Projects — Detailed Breakdown (Current Paths)

Every path is built around five levels of increasing complexity. Level 1 and Level 2 projects are required for all members and are identical in name across current paths. From Level 3 onward, each path adds a path-specific required project plus a choice of electives, so members can tailor projects to their interests while building the core competency of their chosen path.

Effective October 2025, **completing the projects alone no longer completes a level** — each level also requires the meeting roles (and, from Level 3, an Education-Series presentation) shown in the “Meeting Roles & Presentation” column of every table below.

How to record a role: log it in Base Camp under your Profile → “Meeting Roles,” noting the date you served. Your club officers validate each entry before your level completion request is approved. Roles must be completed *while you're actively working in that level* — a role served in Level 3 can't be claimed for Level 4. Already-completed levels aren't affected retroactively. A “Specialized Role” covers unique club needs (e.g. Online Moderator, visual-aids support) not otherwise listed.

Dynamic Leadership

Strategic leadership — understanding leadership/communication styles, defusing group conflict, and driving organizational change.

LEVEL	REQUIRED PROJECTS	ELECTIVE PROJECTS	MEETING ROLES & PRESENTATION
Level 1 Mastering Fundamentals	- Ice Breaker - Writing a Speech with Purpose - Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language - Evaluation and Feedback	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: - Table Topics Speaker (before your Ice Breaker) - Evaluator - Timer OR Ah-Counter
Level 2 Learning Your Style	- Understanding Your Leadership Style - Understanding Your Communication Style - Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: - Grammarian - Table Topics Master - Evaluator - One of: Toastmaster, Timer, Ah-Counter
Level 3 Increasing Knowledge	Negotiate the Best Outcome	Choose 2 of: - Active Listening - Connect with Storytelling - Connect with Your Audience - Creating Effective Visual Aids - Deliver Social Speeches - Effective Body Language - Focus on the Positive - Inspire Your Audience - Know Your Sense of Humor - Make Connections Through Networking - Prepare for an Interview - Understanding Vocal Variety - Using Descriptive Language - Using Presentation Software - Researching and Presenting	Roles: - Toastmaster - Evaluator - One of: TT Master, TT Speaker, Introductory Mentor Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series presentation
Level 4 Building Skills	Manage Change	Choose 1 of: - Building a Social Media Presence - Create a Podcast - Manage Online Meetings - Manage Projects Successfully - Managing a Difficult Audience - Public Relations Strategies - Question-and-Answer Session - Write a Compelling Blog	Roles: - Toastmaster - General Evaluator - Evaluator - One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Better Speaker Series presentation

LEVEL	REQUIRED PROJECTS	ELECTIVE PROJECTS	MEETING ROLES & PRESENTATION
Level 5 Demonstrating Expertise	• Lead in Any Situation • Reflect on Your Path	<i>Choose 1 of:</i> • Ethical Leadership • High Performance Leadership • Leading in Your Volunteer Organization • Lessons Learned • Moderate a Panel Discussion • Prepare to Speak Professionally	Roles: • General Evaluator x2 • Toastmaster x2 • Evaluator x2 • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Ah-Counter, Timer, Grammarian, Club Mentor, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Leadership Excellence Series presentation

Engaging Humor

Using humor effectively as a speaker — understanding your comedic style, handling challenging situations, and impromptu humor.

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Level 1 Mastering Fundamentals	• Ice Breaker • Writing a Speech with Purpose • Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language • Evaluation and Feedback	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Table Topics Speaker (before your Ice Breaker) • Evaluator • Timer OR Ah-Counter
Level 2 Learning Your Style	• Know Your Sense of Humor • Connect with Your Audience • Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Grammarian • Table Topics Master • Evaluator • One of: Toastmaster, Timer, Ah-Counter
Level 3 Increasing Knowledge	• Engage Your Audience With Humor	Choose 2 of: • Active Listening • Connect with Storytelling • Creating Effective Visual Aids • Deliver Social Speeches • Effective Body Language • Focus on the Positive • Inspire Your Audience • Make Connections Through Networking • Prepare for an Interview • Understanding Vocal Variety • Using Descriptive Language • Using Presentation Software • Researching and Presenting	Roles: • Toastmaster • Evaluator • One of: TT Master, TT Speaker, Introductory Mentor Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series presentation
Level 4 Building Skills	• The Power of Humor in an Impromptu Speech	Choose 1 of: • Building a Social Media Presence • Create a Podcast • Manage Online Meetings • Manage Projects Successfully • Managing a Difficult Audience • Public Relations Strategies • Question-and-Answer Session • Write a Compelling Blog	Roles: • Toastmaster • General Evaluator • Evaluator • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Better Speaker Series presentation
Level 5 Demonstrating Expertise	• Deliver Your Message With Humor • Reflect on Your Path	Choose 1 of: • Ethical Leadership • High Performance Leadership • Leading in Your Volunteer Organization • Lessons Learned • Moderate a Panel Discussion • Prepare to Speak Professionally	Roles: • General Evaluator x2 • Toastmaster x2 • Evaluator x2 • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Ah-Counter, Timer, Grammarian, Club Mentor, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Leadership Excellence Series presentation

Motivational Strategies

Building connections and motivating others — emotional intelligence, motivation techniques, and leading small groups.

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Level 1 Mastering Fundamentals	• Ice Breaker • Writing a Speech with Purpose • Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language • Evaluation and Feedback	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Table Topics Speaker (before your Ice Breaker) • Evaluator • Timer OR Ah-Counter
Level 2 Learning Your Style	• Understanding Your Communication Style • Active Listening • Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Grammarian • Table Topics Master • Evaluator • One of: Toastmaster, Timer, Ah-Counter
Level 3 Increasing Knowledge	• Understanding Emotional Intelligence	<i>Choose 2 of:</i> • Connect with Storytelling • Connect with Your Audience • Creating Effective Visual Aids • Deliver Social Speeches • Effective Body Language • Focus on the Positive • Inspire Your Audience • Know Your Sense of Humor • Make Connections Through Networking • Prepare for an Interview • Understanding Vocal Variety • Using Descriptive Language • Using Presentation Software • Researching and Presenting	Roles: • Toastmaster • Evaluator • One of: TT Master, TT Speaker, Introductory Mentor Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series presentation
Level 4 Building Skills	• Motivate Others	<i>Choose 1 of:</i> • Building a Social Media Presence • Create a Podcast • Manage Online Meetings • Manage Projects Successfully • Managing a Difficult Audience • Public Relations Strategies • Question-and-Answer Session • Write a Compelling Blog	Roles: • Toastmaster • General Evaluator • Evaluator • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Better Speaker Series presentation
Level 5 Demonstrating Expertise	• Team Building • Reflect on Your Path	<i>Choose 1 of:</i> • Ethical Leadership • High Performance Leadership • Leading in Your Volunteer Organization • Lessons Learned • Moderate a Panel Discussion • Prepare to Speak Professionally	Roles: • General Evaluator x2 • Toastmaster x2 • Evaluator x2 • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Ah-Counter, Timer, Grammarian, Club Mentor, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Leadership Excellence Series presentation

Persuasive Influence

Negotiation and complex leadership — conflict resolution, leading in difficult situations, and self-designed leadership projects.

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Level 1 Mastering Fundamentals	• Ice Breaker • Writing a Speech with Purpose • Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language • Evaluation and Feedback	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Table Topics Speaker (before your Ice Breaker) • Evaluator • Timer OR Ah-Counter
Level 2 Learning Your Style	• Understanding Your Leadership Style • Active Listening • Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Grammarian • Table Topics Master • Evaluator • One of: Toastmaster, Timer, Ah-Counter
Level 3 Increasing Knowledge	• Understanding Conflict Resolution	Choose 2 of: • Connect with Storytelling • Connect with Your Audience • Creating Effective Visual Aids • Deliver Social Speeches • Effective Body Language • Focus on the Positive • Inspire Your Audience • Know Your Sense of Humor • Make Connections Through Networking • Prepare for an Interview • Understanding Vocal Variety • Using Descriptive Language • Using Presentation Software • Researching and Presenting	Roles: • Toastmaster • Evaluator • One of: TT Master, TT Speaker, Introductory Mentor Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series presentation
Level 4 Building Skills	• Leading in Difficult Situations	Choose 1 of: • Building a Social Media Presence • Create a Podcast • Manage Online Meetings • Manage Projects Successfully • Managing a Difficult Audience • Public Relations Strategies • Question-and-Answer Session • Write a Compelling Blog	Roles: • Toastmaster • General Evaluator • Evaluator • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Better Speaker Series presentation
Level 5 Demonstrating Expertise	• High Performance Leadership • Reflect on Your Path	Choose 1 of: • Ethical Leadership • Leading in Your Volunteer Organization • Lessons Learned • Moderate a Panel Discussion • Prepare to Speak Professionally	Roles: • General Evaluator ×2 • Toastmaster ×2 • Evaluator ×2 • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Ah-Counter, Timer, Grammarian, Club Mentor, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Leadership Excellence Series presentation

Presentation Mastery

Accomplished public speaking — audience connection, persuasive speaking, and managing difficult audiences.

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Level 1 Mastering Fundamentals	• Ice Breaker • Writing a Speech with Purpose • Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language • Evaluation and Feedback	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Table Topics Speaker (before your Ice Breaker) • Evaluator • Timer OR Ah-Counter
Level 2 Learning Your Style	• Understanding Your Communication Style • Effective Body Language • Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Grammarian • Table Topics Master • Evaluator • One of: Toastmaster, Timer, Ah-Counter
Level 3 Increasing Knowledge	• Persuasive Speaking	<i>Choose 2 of:</i> • Active Listening • Connect with Storytelling • Connect with Your Audience • Creating Effective Visual Aids • Deliver Social Speeches • Focus on the Positive • Inspire Your Audience • Know Your Sense of Humor • Make Connections Through Networking • Prepare for an Interview • Understanding Vocal Variety • Using Descriptive Language • Using Presentation Software • Researching and Presenting	Roles: • Toastmaster • Evaluator • One of: TT Master, TT Speaker, Introductory Mentor Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series presentation
Level 4 Building Skills	• Managing a Difficult Audience	<i>Choose 1 of:</i> • Building a Social Media Presence • Create a Podcast • Manage Online Meetings • Manage Projects Successfully • Public Relations Strategies • Question-and-Answer Session • Write a Compelling Blog	Roles: • Toastmaster • General Evaluator • Evaluator • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Better Speaker Series presentation
Level 5 Demonstrating Expertise	• Prepare to Speak Professionally • Reflect on Your Path	<i>Choose 1 of:</i> • Ethical Leadership • High Performance Leadership • Leading in Your Volunteer Organization • Lessons Learned • Moderate a Panel Discussion	Roles: • General Evaluator x2 • Toastmaster x2 • Evaluator x2 • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Ah-Counter, Timer, Grammarian, Club Mentor, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Leadership Excellence Series presentation

Visionary Communication

Strategic communication — sharing information with a group, planning communications, and creating innovative solutions.

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Level 1 Mastering Fundamentals	• Ice Breaker • Writing a Speech with Purpose • Introduction to Vocal Variety and Body Language • Evaluation and Feedback	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Table Topics Speaker (before your Ice Breaker) • Evaluator • Timer OR Ah-Counter
Level 2 Learning Your Style	• Understanding Your Leadership Style • Understanding Your Communication Style • Introduction to Toastmasters Mentoring	<i>No electives at this level</i>	Roles: • Grammarian • Table Topics Master • Evaluator • One of: Toastmaster, Timer, Ah-Counter
Level 3 Increasing Knowledge	• Develop a Communication Plan	Choose 2 of: • Active Listening • Connect with Storytelling • Connect with Your Audience • Creating Effective Visual Aids • Deliver Social Speeches • Effective Body Language • Focus on the Positive • Inspire Your Audience • Know Your Sense of Humor • Make Connections Through Networking • Prepare for an Interview • Understanding Vocal Variety • Using Descriptive Language • Using Presentation Software • Researching and Presenting	Roles: • Toastmaster • Evaluator • One of: TT Master, TT Speaker, Introductory Mentor Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series presentation
Level 4 Building Skills	• Communicate Change	Choose 1 of: • Building a Social Media Presence • Create a Podcast • Manage Online Meetings • Manage Projects Successfully • Managing a Difficult Audience • Public Relations Strategies • Question-and-Answer Session • Write a Compelling Blog	Roles: • Toastmaster • General Evaluator • Evaluator • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Better Speaker Series presentation
Level 5 Demonstrating Expertise	• Develop Your Vision • Reflect on Your Path	Choose 1 of: • Ethical Leadership • High Performance Leadership • Leading in Your Volunteer Organization • Lessons Learned • Moderate a Panel Discussion • Prepare to Speak Professionally	Roles: • General Evaluator ×2 • Toastmaster ×2 • Evaluator ×2 • One more: TT Speaker, TT Master, Ah-Counter, Timer, Grammarian, Club Mentor, Specialized Role, or repeat a role above Presentation: 1 Successful Club Series + 1 Leadership Excellence Series presentation

New Legacy Additions: The Vintage Paths (2)

Introduced in 2026, these two “**Vintage Paths**” give members access to retired, historic Toastmasters content on Base Camp. Any member who has completed Level 1 of another path may add one. They earn full Distinguished Club Program credit and new badges, offering a window into the organization's past alongside the modern curriculum.

PATH	WHAT IT'S FOR
Basic Training For Toastmasters	Works through a version of the original Basic Training for Toastmasters manual, first introduced by TI founder Ralph C. Smedley in 1943. Its 12 speeches — from “The Ice Breaker” to “Carrying On” — cover foundational skills still valuable to speakers at every level, presented in their historic form on Base Camp.
The Communication Series: Entertaining Speaker + Storytelling	Draws on beloved retired content first used in clubs in the 1990s. Levels 1–3 use the Competent Communication manual; Levels 4–5 add the advanced Entertaining Speaker and Storytelling manuals, building humor, dramatic delivery, and storytelling craft.

Levels & Projects — Detailed Breakdown (Vintage Paths)

Basic Training For Toastmasters

A restored version of the original 1943 Basic Training manual by TI founder Ralph C. Smedley — 12 classic speech projects, on Base Camp.

LEVEL	REQUIRED PROJECTS	ELECTIVE PROJECTS
Level 1 Mastering Fundamentals	• Speech 1: “The Ice Breaker” • Speech 2: “Be In Earnest” • When You Are Table Topics Chairperson	<i>No electives at this level</i>
Level 2 Learning Your Style	• Speech 3: “Building a Speech” • Speech 4: “Hands Up”	<i>No electives at this level</i>
Level 3 Increasing Knowledge	• Speech 5: “Vocal Variety” • Speech 6: “Speech Building”	<i>No electives at this level</i>
Level 4 Building Skills	• Speech 7: “Reading the Speech” • Speech 8: “Illuminating the Speech” • Speech 9: “Working With Words”	<i>No electives at this level</i>
Level 5 Demonstrating Expertise	• Speech 10: “Special Types of Speeches” • Speech 11: “Organizing the Speech” • Speech 12: “Carrying On”	<i>No electives at this level</i>

The Communication Series: Entertaining Speaker + Storytelling

Retired content first used in clubs in the 1990s — Competent Communication (L1–L3), then The Entertaining Speaker and Storytelling (L4–L5), on Base Camp.

LEVEL	REQUIRED PROJECTS	ELECTIVE PROJECTS
Level 1 Mastering Fundamentals	• Intro to Competent Communication • Project 1: Ice Breaker • Project 2: Organize Your Speech • Project 3: Get to the Point	<i>No electives at this level</i>
Level 2 Learning Your Style	• Project 4: How to Say It • Project 5: Your Body Speaks • Evaluate Your Progress, Part 1 • Project 6: Vocal Variety	<i>No electives at this level</i>
Level 3 Increasing Knowledge	• Project 7: Research Your Topic • Project 8: Get Comfortable with Visual Aids • Project 9: Persuade with Power • Project 10: Inspire Your Audience • Evaluate Your Progress, Part 2	<i>No electives at this level</i>
Level 4 Building Skills	• Intro to The Entertaining Speaker • Project 1: The Entertaining Speech • Project 2: Resources for Entertainment • Project 3: Make Them Laugh • Project 4: A Dramatic Talk • Project 5: Speaking After Dinner	<i>No electives at this level</i>
Level 5 Demonstrating Expertise	• Intro to Storytelling • Project 1: The Folk Tale • Project 2: Let's Get Personal • Project 3: The Moral of the Story • Project 4: The Touching Story • Project 5: Bringing History to Life	<i>No electives at this level</i>

Retired Legacy Paths (5)

As of October 23, 2024, these five original paths closed to new purchases. Members already working in them may continue but do not receive newer role and speech-series enhancements.

PATH	WHAT IT'S FOR
Effective Coaching	Interpersonal-communication and coaching skills for guiding others' development (no longer available for new purchase).
Innovative Planning	Project-management skills — time management, planning, and execution — culminating in running a real event.
Leadership Development	Strategic-leadership skills, including managing group dynamics and organizational change.
Strategic Relationships	Building strong professional relationships alongside public-speaking skill.
Team Collaboration	Skills for leading and motivating small groups to accomplish shared goals.

Note on terminology: Toastmasters International officially labels the two newest additions “Vintage Paths” and keeps the term “Legacy Paths” for the five retired 2024 paths above. Both groups are sometimes referred to informally as “legacy” because they preserve older program content.