

Kurt-Böhme-Rednerwettbewerb

For the first time *this speech competition* took place on the 19th of August 1988 as part of the celebration week for the inauguration of the new buildings of the Deutsche Oberschule Windhoek in the school hall (now Delta Secondary School Windhoek). It was organised by the Student Council (SMV), and the AGDS took on the patronage. Each year, a trophy was awarded to the junior and senior winners.

On the recommendation of an educational advisory board and with the consent of the relatives of the late chairman of the AGDS (1974-1984), the speech competition was named "Kurt-Böhme-Speech-Competition". This happened in recognition of Mr. Böhme's efforts in promoting the goals of the association, particularly for his approach of reconciliation through discussions and exchange of ideas.

The last speech competition took place on the 6th of August 2022 at the Deutsche Höhere Privat Schule in Windhoek. A heartfelt thank you goes to the teachers Mrs. Trusch, Mrs. Jenner and Mrs. Kernstock who organised the competition. The following schools participated:

- Deutsche Höhere Privat Schule
- Private School Swakopmund
- Delta Secondary School Windhoek
- Otjiwarongo Secondary School

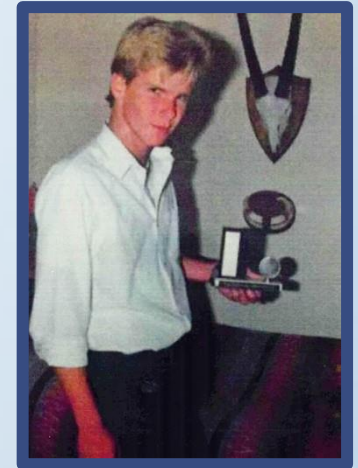
The competition consisted of two parts, a prepared speech and an impromptu speech, with a preparation time of 20 minutes. The topics for the prepared speeches were as follows:

Juniors:

- Trophy hunting - killing for pleasure
- True beauty
- The power of sports

Seniors:

- Happiness as a goal of life
- Unconditional basic income
- Sorry, no time



The winner of the first speech competition in 1988, Heino Detering

Humor, personal experiences and a strong Namibian connection dominated the speech competition. The jury, consisting of Dr. Andreas Götze (German Embassy), Naita Hishoona (Namibia Institute for Democracy), Erika von Wietersheim (journalist & author), and Jasko Rust (Hitradio Namibia), had a tough time deciding.

Congratulations to the winners Gabriella Ritzdorf (Grade 9 DHPS, topic "Trophy hunting - killing for pleasure") and Maike Metzger (Grade 11 DHPS, "Happiness as a goal of life"), who each received a prizemoney of N\$ 5 000 from the AGDS.

Winner of the past 10 years – Juniors Grade 9

Jahr	Schüler	Schule	Thema
2022	Gabriella Ritzdorf	DHPS	Trophy hunting-killing for pleasure
2021	<i>Did not take place</i>		
2020	<i>Did not take place</i>		
2019	Cara Köpplinger	DHPS	Fridays for Future – we are taking part!
2018	Ngazutue Tjombe	DSSW	Age restrictions – do they still have a purpose
2017	Lea Hoffmann	DHPS	Driving from the age of 16?
2016	Nicole Reischauer-Buchert	PSS	Cacao and child labour – the bitter side of chocolate
2015	Uetutiza Kuzatjike	DSSW	School – do we really need this type of education?
2014	Aliena Rumpf	DHPS	
2013	Jana Schutte	PSS	It is pretty simple, we are parents...

Winner of the past 10 years – Seniors Grade 11

Jahr	Schüler	Schule	Thema
2022	Maike Metzger	DHPS	Happiness as goal of life
2021	<i>Did not take place</i>		
2020	<i>Did not take place</i>		
2019	Valerie Trübenbach	DHPS	Womens right to vote for 100 years does not mean gender equality
2018	Nicole Reischauer-Buchert	PSS	It's all fake– can we still trust the media?
2017	Ueta Kuzatjike	DSSW	School - What are we actually doing here?
2016	Marcel Lang	DSSW	Only Grandparents and thieftes need cash – will the society of the future be cashless?
2015	Jana Schutte	PSS	25 years of independence in Namibia. Dreams and reality in a young democracy.
2014	Jerome Kenny	DHPS	
2013	Carsten Horn	DHPS	How glad I am to be gone!