FIU exec wins 2 speaking awards

James Bussey has accomplished a rare feat. He captured first place in both West Kendall Toastmasters speech contest and the Table Topic contest on Feb. 28.

"I give tremendous credit to my toastmasters experience in releasing my communication skills and talents," he said.

Bussey is the chief of staff to the dean of the College of Business Administration at Florida International University and represents the university on various community boards and committees. He also teaches a variety of interpersonal communication courses at the university.

Bussey will represent the West Kendall Club in the Area 1 Toastmasters International Speech and Table Topic Contest on April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Miami-Coral Gables Elks Club, 6304 SW 78th St.

West Kendall Toastmasters is affiliated with Toastmasters International, the world's leading organization in communication and leadership development.

Meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Steak and Ale Restaurant, 9090 SW 97th Ave.

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