



2017 Fall Commencement Student Speaker Application

The Colleges of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering, and Letters & Science invite their graduating seniors to apply as the student speaker at the 2017 Fall Commencement Ceremony taking place on **Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

In order to qualify, you must:

1. Be earning a degree from UC Davis
 2. Must have a minimum of 150 units completed by the end of Summer Quarter 2017
 3. Must be in good academic standing
 4. Must have registered to participate in Commencement.
- Application Deadline: 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 13
 - Application Review & Initial Interviews: Week of October 16
 - Final Interview & Speech Audition: Week of October 30
 - Finalist Notified: by November 6

Application Procedure:

1. Your speech must be 3-5 minutes in length.
2. Prepare a draft of your speech. Please include a title. Your draft doesn't need to be perfect, however it should sufficiently convey the tone and content of your speech (*note: please no political or religious messages*).
3. Submit your application and draft to the Commencement Coordinator by: dropped off, mailed, or emailed to (commencement@caes.ucdavis.edu) with "*Student Speaker*" in the subject line; to: College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean's Office; UC Davis; One Shields Avenue; 150 Mrak Hall; Davis, CA 95616

Selection Procedure:

The selection committee will review applications and invite a select number of candidates for interviews and auditions. We are looking for students who have an inspirational, unusual, funny or exceptionally moving story to tell, or an interesting way to tell it. Traditional speeches are also always welcome too, but feel free to be creative. The speech should make a connection to all attendees: faculty, family, friends, and others who have supported the efforts of the graduating students during their education here.

The speaker is chosen on the basis of speech content and presentation skills. Candidates who are invited to the audition should attend with a final version of the speech completed and be ready to give the speech as if at the actual commencement ceremony. The Final Interview & Audition is in front of a panel, consisting of the Commencement Coordinator, faculty, staff and selected students.

If you are selected to be the student speaker, you will be seated on stage during the ceremony, will have the opportunity to have pictures taken by a professional photographer, and are eligible to receive additional commencement tickets (based on availability) with VIP reserved seating.

Please provide the following information in your application:

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone: _____

Major(s): _____

Degree anticipated: (circle one) *B.A.* *B.S.* *B.A.S.*

On a separate sheet of paper or separate page please:

1. Summarize your intended presentation. Include specific points or topics while sufficiently conveying the tone and content.
2. Explain your experience/qualifications to deliver this commencement speech.