The College of Biological Sciences invites all graduating seniors to apply as the student speaker at the 2017 Spring Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 16, 2017.

We are looking for students who have an unusual, funny, inspirational, off-beat or exceptionally moving story to tell, or an interesting way to tell it. Traditional speeches are welcome too, but feel free to be creative and submit a: poem, song, rap, or an interpretive dance. Or tell us about how your mountain climbing, volunteering, and world traveling has given you particular insight about the next steps awaiting you and your classmates.

Your speech or presentation must be 3 - 5 minutes in length.

**In order to qualify, you must:**
1. Be earning a degree from the College of Biological Sciences by Spring 2017.
2. Have a minimum of 160 units completed by the end of Winter quarter 2017.
3. Be in good academic standing.
4. **Register** to participate in commencement

- **Application deadline:** Friday, April 14, 2017
- **Application Review & Scheduling of Interviews:** Week of April 17th
- **Informal Speaker Interviews:** Week of April 24-28th
- **Speaker auditions:** Week of May 1st-May 5th
- **Finalists notified:** Friday, May 5th

**Applications can be submitted to the CBS Events Manager:**
by email to cbs-commencement@ucdavis.edu with “Student Speaker” in the subject line; or in person/mail to CBS Dean’s Office; UC Davis; One Shields Avenue; 221 Life Sciences, Davis, CA 95616.

- **Please provide the following information:**
  - Name: ____________________________________________________________
  - UCD email: ______________________________________________________
  - Phone Number (we will call you for auditions and if you are selected):
    - Ph: 1_________________________________________ Ph: 2_________________________________________
  - Student Id Number: _______________________________________________
  - Major: ___________________________________________________________
  - **Expected Degree: (check one) □ A.B. □ B.S. □ B.A.S.**

- **On one (1) separate sheet of paper please:**
  - (A) Summarize your intended presentation. Tell us about the tone and content of your speech/presentation by providing specific points or topics
  - (B) Explain your unique qualifications to deliver this speech/presentation