



SSIS Spring 2020 Commencement Ceremony 1:30 PM

Student Speaker Application Process

Speeches due Friday, February 28, 2020

The College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies is offering the opportunity for a graduating student to speak at the Spring 2020 commencement ceremony for their primary major on Saturday, May 16, at 1:30 PM at the Golden 1 Center. Any graduating SSIS degree candidate, in an undergraduate or graduate program, is eligible to apply. Majors participating in the 1:30 PM ceremony are Asian Studies, Economics, Ethnic Studies, Family & Consumer Sciences, Gerontology, Political Science, and Women's Studies.

Application Process

1. Complete the Student Speaker Application Form, available at "[SSIS Student Commencement Speaker Application Spring 2020 1:30 PM](#)," by Friday, February 28, 11:59 PM.
2. Submit a typed draft speech with the application, no more than 250 words, following the guidelines below.
3. List two references from within your department and/or from within the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies on your application.
4. Be prepared to present your speech to the selection committee.

Speech Criteria and Guidelines

The speech must meet all of the following in order to be eligible for the College of SSIS Commencement Ceremony:

1. Appropriateness for graduation and respectful of the College and University
2. Well organized and sincere with a clear, defined message relevant to all graduates
3. Expresses appreciation to faculty, staff, family, friends, supporters
4. Speaks to the role of graduates after graduation
5. Creative and original
6. No longer than 250 words

Selection Process

1. A committee comprised of representatives of SSIS administration, faculty, students, and staff will rank and select up to three speeches from the submissions.
2. The students selected will be asked to present their speech to the committee, which will make the final decision.
3. Presentations to the committee will take place between March 16 and 25. Speeches will be heard by appointment, arranged around your school/work schedule as much as possible.
4. Upon final selection, the student speaker will be required to meet up to three times, as necessary, with the Commencement coordinators to practice the presentation of the speech prior to the ceremony.

For questions about the process please contact
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