

**Cascade High School**  
**2024 Commencement Speaker ~ Application and Timeline**

The privilege of delivering an address at Graduation is open to all graduating seniors. Interested seniors must follow the timeline listed below. All candidates who meet the following guidelines will present their speeches to representatives and staff.

**Timeline**

- ☐ **March 1** Applications available in the Activities Center and online.
- ☐ **March 22** ***Applications and rough draft of speech DUE to Mrs. Cooper in the Activities Center. Applications must be stapled to the front of the rough draft and must have a parent signature and faculty advisor signature.***

*One or Two speeches will be delivered at Senior Tea along with three speeches at Commencement. These speeches will be approximately 3-5 minutes each.*

- ☐ **March 1 – April 15** Practice speech with faculty advisor
- ☐ **April 16 or 17** Present speech in Career Center after school (audition).

**Criteria for speeches**

Sincerity      Organization      Voice      Originality      Appropriateness      Delivery

**Speech suggestions**

*Tips for your class moving forward; Significant changes between Freshmen year and now; Recount the highlights of 4 years in high school; See your high school with a sense of humor; Leave audience inspired; Give a clear call to action*

- ☐ **April 22 – May 3** Meeting with Ms. Vafaezadeh to review speech
- ☐ **May 13 - 17** Meeting with Ms. Vafaezadeh to review speech

- ☐ **May 28** - Final revisions of speeches due to Ms. Vafaezadeh via Google Docs  
*Changes to scripts after this time will require approval.*

- ☐ **June 13 & 14** Practice speeches with Ms. Vafaezadeh



***Fill out and return with a rough draft speech DUE to Mrs. Cooper in the Activities Center by March 22.***

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Student ID #

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Cell Phone #

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Faculty Advisor Signature

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