

Cascade High School
2023 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 24** *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 19** Practice speech with faculty advisor
- ☐ **April 18-19** 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 24 – May 5** Meeting with Ms. Siemers to review speech
- ☐ **May 15-19** Meeting with Ms. Siemers to review speech

- ☐ **May 26** - Final revisions of speeches due to Ms. Siemers via Google Docs
Changes to scripts after this time will require approval.

- ☐ **June 15 & 16** Practice speeches after graduation practice



Fill out and return with a rough draft speech DUE to Mrs. Cooper in the Activities Center by March 24.

Name

Student ID #

Cell Phone #

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Faculty Advisor Signature

Date