

Graduation Speaker Selection Process

Graduation speakers will be chosen from a group of nominees selected by the faculty. If you want to be a graduation speaker this year, **you must be nominated by a faculty member**. Once you have been nominated, you must complete an application which includes a copy of the speech you intend to give. Materials to help you write the speech will be provided in February.

February 2017

- **February 6-10:** Seniors in English classes will receive information about the graduation speaker nomination and selection process. Resources for speech writing will be available as well.
- **February 13-24:** Faculty nominations will be collected. Faculty members may nominate as many seniors as they want. Seniors wishing to be considered for selection as a graduation speaker must find a faculty member willing to nominate them.
- **Feb. 27:** Students who have been nominated by a faculty member will be notified and encouraged to apply to be a graduation speaker. All applications are due on **March 24, 2017**. This application includes a copy of the speech written by the nominee.

March 2017

- **March:** Students who would like support to write their speech can come to a graduation speaker resource that will be offered twice a week during the month of March.
Mondays in March: Graduation Speaker Resource with Mrs. Wathen
Tuesdays in March: Graduation Speaker Resource with Mrs. Walny
- **March 24:** Applications are due in the High School Office.

April 2017

- **Week of April 3:** Graduation Speaker Selection committee (two junior students, Principal, one faculty member, one guidance counselor, and one parent) will meet to select five of the nominated seniors to continue in the application process. The five selected seniors are contacted and asked to prepare speeches for delivery on April 25.
- **April 25:** The five selected seniors audition for graduation speaker, and two are chosen.

May 2017

- **May 1:** Two selected seniors are notified and given instructions about contacting a faculty member for final approval of content and delivery.
- The two selected speakers are **required** to work with a faculty member to finalize the content and delivery of the speech.

June 2017

- **June 2: Required** dress rehearsal in auditorium with Ms. Anderle, principal, and faculty member. All speakers will receive final approval to speak at graduation after this rehearsal. If speakers are not prepared in any way or do not attend this rehearsal, they will not be allowed to speak at graduation.

June 4, 2017

- Graduation



Graduation Speaker Application

Nicolet High School

2016/17

Instructions:

1. **Attach your graduation speech to this application.** Your speech must be word-processed.
2. Graduation speeches must be no longer than four minutes. Speeches that are too long will not be considered.
3. The speech content must be appropriate for the formality of the ceremony. The selection committee will choose the speech that is the most appropriate for the occasion.
3. The Selection Committee will choose the five best speeches to move on to the final round of auditions.
4. The five selected speakers will audition on April 25, 2017. Students must attend this audition if they want to be selected. Speakers must be on time to deliver their speeches to the selection committee. Memorization is NOT required, but it is encouraged.
5. Two students will be chosen by the committee. If chosen, students must work with a faculty member to have the content and delivery of the speech finalized for approval.
6. Graduation speakers are required to meet for a final rehearsal in the auditorium prior to graduation on Friday, June 2. Students who do not attend this final rehearsal or who are not prepared to speak will not be allowed to speak at graduation.

Name: _____

1. Why do you want to give the graduation speech?

Print name as you wish it to appear on the graduation program.

Applicant's Signature

Return application to the High School Office by March 24, 2017

