



## Student Commencement Speaker Selection Process 2019

### Requirements:

- Speaker must be a graduating student, eligible to participate in commencement and have no more than 6 credit hours to complete following the 2019 spring semester.
- Speech must be 3-5 minutes in length (approximately 500-700 words).
- One speech per graduating student may be submitted.
- Two students may collaborate on a speech, but only one student will be permitted to deliver the speech and sit on the commencement stage.
- Speech should be addressed to the University community in general, including traditional and non-traditional students, family members, guests, faculty and staff.
- It is suggested that the speech reflect the student's experience as a member of the University Community.
- Selection is based on quality, originality of content and oral presentation.

### Oral Presentation:

- **Two or more submissions will be selected to be presented orally for the committee on Wednesday, March 27th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM in Portland (location TBA).** \*If you submit a speech, please block out this time on your schedule. You will be notified by March 22nd if you will be invited to present before the committee.\*

### Submission Process:

- Information is available online at the Commencement website: [usm.maine.edu/commencement](http://usm.maine.edu/commencement)
- Submit your speech by **Friday, March 8, 2019 by 4:00 PM** via the [Google Form](#)
  - *Note, you must be logged in to your @maine.edu email in order to access the form*
- Contact Alex Carrier via email with questions at [alexandrea.carrier@maine.edu](mailto:alexandrea.carrier@maine.edu)

### Additional Information:

- The student speakers are chosen by a committee made up of students, faculty and staff.
- Commencement 2019 will be held at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland, Maine on Saturday, May 11, 2019 beginning at 9:00 AM.
- If you need special services, assistance or accommodation to participate fully in this program, contact – TTY 780-5646.
- The selected speaker will be awarded a gift donated by the USM Alumni Association.
- For any writing assistance, you are encouraged to contact the Learning Commons on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Glickman Library in Portland, or the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Bailey Library in Gorham; or Writing Center at LAC