



Spring 2025 Commencement Speaker Application

The Commencement Student Speaker Selection Committee is seeking nominations for students to speak at the upcoming Spring Commencement, May 16, 2025, at the 4:00 pm ceremony (graduate and doctoral students) and May 17, 2025, (undergraduates). The time allotted for the student commencement speech is 3 minutes. The most well-received speeches are those that reflect on the common educational experience and share, in a personal way, the value of the education received at UNLV. The Selection Committee will review the applications and make recommendations of the top candidates. Final selection will be made by the President's Cabinet.

Name of Nominee: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Email: _____ Cell Number: _____ Home Number: _____

College/School: _____ Department/Program: _____

Major/Minor (for undergraduate applicants): _____

Student Status: ☒ Undergraduate ☒ Graduate Graduation Date: _____

Degree(s): _____

(e.g. Bachelor of Arts, English)

Self-Nominated: ☒ Yes ☒ No If self-nominated, please skip this.

Name of Nominator: _____ Title: _____

College/School: _____ Department/Program: _____

Office: _____ Email: _____

The following materials **must** be included in all Commencement application packets, as a **single file** (PDF only). Please check the items off as you put them into the application packet and sign the sheet, verifying completion. The Selection Committee will not consider incomplete applications.

☒ Two-page application form

☒ Commencement speech – should be no longer than 3 minutes, approx. *1-2 pages double-spaced*

The following materials are highly recommended but not required:

☒ Current Curriculum Vitae/Resume of nominee

☒ Letter(s) of nomination – addressing your civic involvement, scholarly achievements, and awards

I verify that the contents of the application packet are accurate and that all of the required materials noted above are included in the Commencement application packet. If selected, I agree to give only the submitted speech. I understand that if I materially deviate from the submitted speech or if I speak for more than 3 minutes, my microphone may be muted, I may be escorted from the stage, and I may be subject to dismissal from any program in which I am enrolled, as it could indicate a lack of professionalism or unethical conduct. Finally, I understand that a material deviation from the submitted speech may also subject me to discipline under the Student Conduct Code and any other applicable policy, which may result in a hold on my transcript among other sanctions.

Nominator's Signature

Date

Nominee's Signature

Date

Nominator's Printed Name

Nominee's Printed Name

Application Deadline: Friday, April 4, by 11:59 pm. Please email the complete application packet (in Word or PDF format) to *ryder.hankins@unlv.edu*. This form should be the first page of the Commencement application packet.

Identify any organizations you are involved with at UNLV and your role within these organizations.

Identify any community service you have been involved with while a student at UNLV.

Identify any awards you have earned while a student at UNLV.