Student Speaker Applications

The College of Liberal Arts has a tradition of selecting a graduating senior to speak at each of the spring commencement ceremonies. This is a unique opportunity for a graduate to sit among faculty and other distinguished members of the University of Minnesota community while they address their fellow graduates, friends, and family.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit the following by Wednesday, April 12:

• Cover sheet with your name, major, and contact information (phone and e-mail)
• Speech proposal (1-2 pages) about why you would like to speak at commencement and the topic you would like to address

The student representatives of the CLA Commencement Committee and CLA Student Board will review all submissions and interview the top three applicants before making their final decision.

Send submissions to:
Kendra Knudsen
Office of the Assistant Dean
105 Johnston Hall
101 Pleasant St. S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
OR
kknudsen@class.cla.umn.edu

Invitations

Invitations to participate in the spring commencement ceremonies will be sent the week of March 24. If you have not received an invitation by Monday, April 10, please contact Carol Hondl via e-mail at chondl@class.cla.umn.edu or by phone at (612) 625-2020. The ceremonies will be held on Sunday, May 14, at 3:00 and 7:00 p.m. in the Northrop Memorial Auditorium. To learn which ceremony you will be invited to attend, visit the commencement web site list below.

www.class.umn.edu/commencement wcommencement@class.cla.umn.edu

Setting the Stage

Each year, the Commencement Committee invites faculty members from the College of Liberal Arts to participate in commencement by being part of the faculty procession. In an effort to involve CLA students in the faculty invitation process, the Commencement Committee invites you to submit the names of faculty who have had an impact on you during your time here at the University. It may be a professor that you had for a class, a faculty member in your major department who served as your mentor, or someone who helped to make your experience at the University a positive one.

You will have the opportunity to submit the names of faculty members you would like to extend invitations to when you RSVP for you and your guests.

GradFest 2006

Great Hall, Coffman Union
March 29, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
March 30, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

GradFest is the University of Minnesota's official "one-stop" source for graduation information, services and products, and has promised "no hassle for a tassel" to University graduates for 12 years. GradFest is a great way to save time and money while beginning preparing for commencement and life after college. For more information, go to the GradFest 2006 web site.

http://www.bookstores.umn.edu/grad/gradfest.html

Upcoming Deadlines

Wednesday, April 12:
Last day to submit student speaker application materials

Wednesday, April 21:
Last day to RSVP to participate in the ceremony