

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER APPLICATION (May 2012)



The commencement committee seeks three outstanding students to speak at the 2012 commencement ceremonies, May 17 and 19. This is an opportunity to represent your class by delivering an address that inspires, encourages and reflects the vision and hopes of the Class of 2012.

A selection committee will review submissions anonymously and invite the top three candidates for each ceremony to deliver their speeches for final evaluation. After selecting the speakers, committee members will work with the selected students to finalize their speeches.

Eligibility Criteria

1. A grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.61, with expected completion of a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree in 2012
2. Good academic, financial and disciplinary standing at Johnson & Wales University
3. Two faculty signatures; written recommendations are not required
4. Candidates may only apply to speak at the commencement ceremony held for their program
5. Professional staff enrolled as students are not eligible

Visit www.jwu.edu/commencement/prov for more information.

Candidates MUST submit the following to commencementspeaker@jwu.edu no later than 2 p.m. FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

1. A completed commencement speaker application
2. A current résumé
3. One draft copy of your commencement address which must be typed, double-spaced and 3–5 pages long. The address will be evaluated based on grammar/spelling, theme/idea, coherency, creativity, length, organization, potential, audience and voice.

Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Email questions to commencementspeaker@jwu.edu.

Timeline

1. **March 23:** Completed application, current résumé and one typed copy of your proposed commencement address emailed to commencementspeaker@jwu.edu no later than 2 p.m.
2. **March 26–March 30:** Selection committees to review the speeches and select three finalists.
3. **April 4:** Three finalists for each ceremony will be notified by April 4 and asked to deliver their speeches to the respective selection committees.
4. **April 27:** Finalists deliver oral presentations to committees.
5. **May 4:** Finalists notified and confirmed.

Name _____

Student J# _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (specify day/evening or cell) _____ Email _____

Grade Point Average _____ Major _____

Applicant's Signature _____

TWO FACULTY SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR THIS APPLICATION

Signature _____ Printed Name _____

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