

Spring 2015 Commencement Student Speaker Selection Pilot Concept Proposal

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, there were 23 undergraduate candidates who had earned a 4.0 GPA. Past experience indicates that, when asked, some eligible speaker candidates have declined the honor to speak in their class; therefore, a speaker application process would both confirm a student's initiative to address the graduating class and provide an equitable process for selecting speakers from a pool of applicants. Two students awarded the honor to present the "Student Address" at the two ceremonies would be represented in the ceremony program book with a brief biography highlighting their achievements.

The proposed selection criteria honors and balances the values of academic performance, leadership, and through civic engagement, research and/or creativity. Candidates anticipating *summa cum laude* (greater than or equal to 3.95 cum GPA calculated at end of prior term) would be eligible to be selected. Students who earned at Stockton would also be considered. Transfer students must also meet a minimum cumulative GPA criterion. Student must have earned a minimum of 64 credits at Stockton (required for Latin honors). Additionally, a faculty nomination is required.

Students meeting the minimum criteria will be invited to self-nominate or can be nominated by a faculty member. A selection committee will review applications using the criteria listed below and select candidates for a brief interview. Speakers will be notified approximately 6 weeks prior to the commencement ceremony.

Selection Criteria:

- Minimum 3.95 CUM GPA (*summa cum laude*), two spring 2014 ceremonies included 10 students with a 3.95 GPA or higher from the 259 students with a 3.75 GPA or greater.
- Demonstrated campus impact through civic engagement, research and/or creativity
- Minimum RSC 64 credits earned and review of transfer GPA (if applicable) as posted on transcript
- Faculty nomination written in support of a student speaker candidate
- No social probation on record

Tentative Selection Cycle Timeline:

	Spring 2015
Call for speaker applicants	