Dear Graduating Student,

Thank you for applying to become the Student Speaker for the 2015-2016 Commencement in May. Whether you are an undergraduate or a graduate student, Commencement is the culmination of a great deal of effort and hard work. You should be proud of your accomplishments and excitedly look forward to the forthcoming transitions!

I would like to take this opportunity to outline some important points about the process:

- The Student Commencement Speaker will be chosen to speak at the large, campus-wide Commencement that is held in Geisling Stadium. **This is not a departmental selection process, nor is it the ceremony in which you receive your diploma.**

- Graduate and undergraduate students are eligible to apply for the speaker position, provided you are graduating (or have graduated) in one of the following months: December 2015, May 2016, or August 2016.

- Applicants will be judged on how well they represent the ideals and values of Carnegie Mellon University, utilizing three broad areas for evaluation:
  1. The content and delivery of the speech
  2. The student’s commitment to the high academic standards put forth by the university
  3. The student’s efforts to improve the campus through involvement during their academic tenure

- All applications must be completed and submitted by **5PM on Monday, February 1st, 2016.** **Materials can be submitted in two ways:**
  1. **Paper (Attention: Michaela Page, or Grace Kim) to the Student Life Suite in Morewood Gardens.**
  2. **Electronically to mspage@andrew.cmu.edu**

- The Student Commencement Speaker is required to work with a coach to revise and refine her or his speech from the time of the selection through the graduation ceremony.

If you have any questions about the process or the selection, please feel free to contact me at mspage@andrew.cmu.edu, or via phone at (412) 268-2142.

Good luck in the process!

Sincerely,

Michaela Page
Coordinator of Student Life,
Student Life Suite
Student Commencement Speaker Application 2016
Carnegie Mellon University

Name _____________________________________________ E-mail address ________________________________

Local Address __________________________________________________________________________________

Phone _____________________________________________________________________________________________

College __________________________ Department ____________________________

☐ Graduate Student ☐ Undergraduate Student

Graduating in:
☐ December ‘15 ☐ May ‘16 ☐ August ‘16

1. Please describe your interest in presenting the Commencement address.

2. Please highlight your achievements at Carnegie Mellon as well as your qualifications for presenting the student commencement speech that sets you apart from other candidates.

3. What has been the hallmark of your Carnegie Mellon experience?

4. Please submit a document that includes the following two sections: (1.) a brief overview of the message and focus of your proposed speech (include topic area and key points) and (2.) a current FULL draft of the speech (no bullet points will be accepted). Please note that the commencement speech is limited to 6-9 minutes.
   *No submissions will be considered without a written draft of the speech.
   Please note: Portions of your submission may be used in future publications/events. All work will be attributed to its author.

5. Please submit current resume.

6. Recommendation:
   Please ask a faculty or staff member to submit a written recommendation as a part of your application material for the commencement student speaker. This letter should be sent directly to Student Life Office, Morewood Gardens, attention Michaela Page/Grace Kim, or can be submitted electronically to mspage@andrew.cmu.edu. These letters need to be received by Wednesday, January 27th.

Statement of Integrity

I verify that I am in good academic and conduct standing with Carnegie Mellon and give permission to the Student Life Office to verify my status as part of the application process. I also certify that the information in this application is complete and accurate.

Signature ____________________________ Date ____________