2013 Commencement Student Speaker Application

1. Eligibility to be a student speaker

   1. Must be a graduating student in the 2012-2013 academic year
   2. Must be graduating with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (applies to both undergraduate and graduate students)
   3. Must submit a complete application package by 5:00 PM April 8, 2013
   4. If invited, must present the proposed 2 minute speech to the Graduation Program Board during the week of April 22.

2. Application package

   1. Current resume including phone number, email address, student ID, major or field of study, GPA, and term graduating
   2. Script of proposed commencement speech (may be no more than 2 minutes when delivered verbally)
   3. Statement of interest (see next section)
   4. Letter of recommendation from a faculty member
   5. Video of you presenting the written script of your speech from point 2 above

3. Statement of Interest

   In 250 words or less, please describe why you want to address your peers as one of the student speakers at the 2013 commencement. Note that this statement is different from your actual commencement speech. Respond to 2-3 of these questions:

   1. In what ways do you think your experience at PSU is both similar to and different from other students?
   2. What about you makes you a good representative of the graduates?
   3. What is one experience you had at PSU that has shaped you and you will never forget?
   4. If a visitor from another country had just arrived in the United States for the first time, and that person wanted to know what makes PSU unique, what would you tell her? What one place on campus would you show her to explain the essence of PSU?

Submitting Your Application

Applications are due by April 8th, 2013 at 5:00 PM. #1-4 of the application must be submitted electronically to commencement@pdx.edu as one PDF; #5 (the video) should be submitted in WMV or MP4 format. Please bring the video on a flash drive to the Viking Information Center, located at ASRC 101A.

Applications will be reviewed by the Graduation Program Board. Selected applicants will be invited to present their speech in an audition in front of the Board during the week of April 22nd. Speakers for both commencement ceremonies will be selected by May 1st.