Attention Seniors:
Participate in Commencement as a SPEAKER!

This is to inform you that the University has begun the process of selecting graduating senior students to participate in the Commencement program on Tuesday, May 12, 2015:

- One (1) student to deliver the student address on behalf of the graduating class

Eligibility:
Graduating seniors who meet the following criteria are invited to submit an application and/or essay for consideration by a selection committee:

- The student must be a graduating senior for the fall 2014 or spring 2015 semester, with no more than 6 credit hours to be completed during the summer of 2015.
- The student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in each of the two previous semesters or a cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- The Student must have completed 99 credit hours as of the close of the fall 2014 semester.
- The student must be in good standing with the University, having no pending conduct issues, probations, outstanding judicial sanctions or financial debts to the University.

Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
The speech reveals an explicit and reasonable theme that will engage graduates, families, and faculty; the speech focuses on issues, events, or questions that extend beyond the experience of the student to the whole graduating class; the speech follows a clear pattern of organization; the language is vivid, interesting, and appropriate; the verbal delivery is appropriate; clear pronunciation and articulation evident; the speech sustains positive interest, feeling and/or commitment among the audience.

Submission Deadline is
Friday, March 13, 2015 at 5 p.m.

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