

**Indiana State University**  
**STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**  
**APPLICANT GUIDELINES**  
**Spring 2023**

**General Guidelines:**

**A commencement speech is an address given to graduating students. Your speech should have a coherent message.**

**You may want to consider the following questions to get you started:**

- How does earning a college degree enable you to contribute to the world?
- What role does passion and commitment play in academic success?
- What is the enduring value of a collegiate degree?
- In what ways does ISU help to broaden students' horizons?

**Requirements:**

- Speeches should be as close to **five minutes** as possible, (but no longer)
- **GPA of 2.75** or higher (preferred)
- Speeches should be submitted and retained electronically
- Applicants must be a **Senior (undergraduate) participating in the Spring 2023 Commencement in May**

**Applicants will need to submit:**

- ✓ A final draft of your speech
- ✓ Completed Permission to Check and Publicize GPA form

**Application Deadline is 3:00pm, Friday, March 3, 2023**

- Speeches should be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs by email to: **Lisa.Wrightsman@indstate.edu**.
  - Please use subject line: **Spring 2023 Commencement Speech Submission**
- The Student Commencement Speaker Selection Committee will review all submitted speeches. All applicants will be contacted before end of business on Monday, March 13, 2023, with the committee's decision as to whether or not they were selected to audition. Selected students will be provided a time to audition/ present before the selection committee on Thursday, March 16, 2023, from 3-6:00pm. The presentation will take approximately 15 minutes.  
*(Please hold that date and time.)*

***For an application or additional information, please contact  
the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs,  
Lisa Wrightsman, Executive Assistant to the VPSA at:  
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