

**Indiana State University**  
**STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**  
**APPLICANT GUIDELINES**  
**Spring 2024**

**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 2024 Commencement Program in May**

**Applicants will need to submit:**

- A final draft of your speech with contact information

**Application Deadline is 3:00pm, Friday, March 1, 2024**

- Speeches should be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs by email to: [lisa.mcdaniel@indstate.edu](mailto:lisa.mcdaniel@indstate.edu).
  - Please use subject line: **Spring 2024 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 11, 2024**, with the committee's decision as to whether or not they have been selected to audition. Selected students will be provided a time to audition/present before the selection committee on **Thursday, March 19, 2024, 4:00- 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 McDaniel, Executive Assistant to the VPSA at:  
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