

**Indiana State University**  
**STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**  
**APPLICANT GUIDELINES**  
**Winter 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 is preferred.
- Speeches should be submitted and retained electronically.
- Applicants must be a **Senior (undergraduate) graduating in December 2024 and participating in the Winter 2024 Commencement program.**

**Applicants will need to submit:**

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

**Speech Submission Deadline is Monday, September 30, 2024**

- Speeches should be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs by email to: **Lisa.McDaniel@indstate.edu**.
  - Please use subject line: **Winter 2024 Student Commencement Speech Submission**
- The Student Commencement Speaker Selection Committee will review all submitted speeches. All applicants will be contacted by Monday, October, 7, 2024, with the committee's decision as to whether or not they were selected to audition.
- Students with selected speeches will be provided a time to audition/present before the selection committee on Monday, October 14, 2024, between 4:00-6:00pm. The presentation will take approximately 15 minutes.
- *Please hold October 14th, from 4-6pm, as that will be the only opportunity to audition.*

***For 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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