



**CUNY SCHOOL OF LABOR  
AND URBAN STUDIES**  
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

**Commencement Student Speaker Nomination**

**Nomination for:** \_\_\_ **Self** or \_\_\_ **\*Student** **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If you are nominating a student, please make sure the student is aware of the nomination prior to your submission. Commencement staff will be contacting nominated students once this nomination has been sent to us.*

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Program:** \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ **Undergraduate** \_\_\_ **Graduate**

**Student SLU Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation Term & Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nomination submitted by:** \_\_\_ **Self** \_\_\_ **Student** \_\_\_ **Faculty** \_\_\_ **Staff**

Reason for Nomination: (Nominees, please submit all supporting documents to [Commencement@slu.cuny.edu](mailto:Commencement@slu.cuny.edu) by March 30<sup>th</sup>.)

**Criteria and Procedure:**

**Eligibility:**

- 3.25 GPA
- Cleared to graduate in the Spring of 2019

**Guidelines:**

- The speech should be between 3-5 minutes (400-650 words)
- The speech should address experiences common to all CUNY SLU students
- The speech should discuss their personal story
- The speech should discuss the educational experience at SLU – and the power of education in promoting positive change (particularly related to the fortunes of labor and urban communities)
- Include examples from course work, internships, public events, etc.

**Submission process**

Eligible and interested students are required to submit an application to [Commencement@slu.cuny.edu](mailto:Commencement@slu.cuny.edu) , by March 30<sup>th</sup>. This application must include a draft speech and a brief bio (no more than 500 words). Eligible applicants may also include a short video of themselves presenting a portion of the speech.

**Selection process:**

The selection committee will consist of: the Dean of SLU, and two members of the commencement committee. The selection committee will consider the following when making their selection of speakers:

- Clarity of ideas
- Quality of speech content
- Length
- Extent to which the address speaks to the values of SLU and their personal story
- The degree to which the speakers own bio reflect the values of SLU