



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 by April 7th.)

Criteria and Procedure:

Eligibility:

- Cleared to graduate in the Fall of 2022 or Spring of 2023

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)

Submission process:

Eligible and interested students are required to submit an application to Commencement@slu.cuny.edu, by April 7th. 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 or designee, 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