



## **108<sup>th</sup> Commencement**

### **Student Speaker Application Instructions**

#### **About the Student Speaker**

For each commencement ceremony, one student is awarded the honor of representing the graduating class and delivering remarks. The evening before Commencement, the student speaker will be recognized at a special reception for honorees and guests. During the ceremony, the student speaker will be an official member of the platform party and will be seated on stage in full academic regalia.

#### **Commencement Schedule**

The 108<sup>th</sup> Commencement will be held on Friday, May 4, and Saturday, May 5, in the Vadalabene Center. One student speaker will be chosen for each ceremony.

##### **Friday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

- Graduate School (BUS and NURS)
- School of Business
- School of Nursing

##### **Saturday, May 5 at 9:00 a.m.**

- Graduate School (ED)
- School of Education

##### **Saturday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m.**

- College of Arts and Sciences (undergraduates only)

##### **Saturday, May 5 at 5:00 p.m.**

- Graduate School (ENG and CAS)
- School of Engineering
- School of Pharmacy

#### **The Student Commencement Address**

The content of the student address should be relevant, uplifting and memorable for the students and guests at the ceremony. The student speaker should reflect on his or her academic experience at SIUE and the University's mission, vision and values. The student address should be personal and sincere, but the overall message should be universal and relatable.

## **Criteria for Eligibility**

To be eligible for selection as the student speaker, candidates must meet the following minimum qualifications.

- Candidate must be in good academic standing and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2
- Candidate must be on track to complete all academic requirements by the end of the Spring 2012 semester

## **Application Process**

To be considered for selection as the student speaker at the 108<sup>th</sup> Commencement, submit the following application materials.

- Letter of interest (please include your student ID number and degree program)
- Outline of your proposed speech
- Two letters of recommendation from SIUE faculty members
- A current copy of your resume including
  - Academic accomplishments, involvement or recognition/ honors
  - Involvement in student organizations, committees or boards
  - Scholarships/awards
  - Volunteer work
  - Research or unique student opportunities

**All application materials should be submitted for consideration by Friday, March 30, 2012.**

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*If you have any questions regarding the selection process, please contact the Commencement staff via email at [commencement@siue.edu](mailto:commencement@siue.edu) or by calling 618-650-2252.*