

UCI Paul Merage School of Business

Student Commencement Speaker Instructions for Application

The Paul Merage School of Business is pleased to welcome a student speaker representing the entire Class of 2018 (all levels and degrees) to its Commencement Ceremony program on June 18, 2018. Special reserved VIP seating will be provided for the student speaker's family/guests at Commencement.

Following are the instructions and timeline for application:

- The student speaker must be a graduating member of the Class of 2018 of any of the major degree programs of the Merage School.
- The speech must be limited to no more than three minutes.
- Please submit the following by **April 4, 2018**, to Diane Sagey at dsagey@uci.edu:
 - a written copy of your speech in a Word document (that can be edited). Include your name and degree program at the front of the document only.
 - a 1 minute video of you (framed from the waist to the top of your head) giving the first minute of your speech. Video quality will not be judged: don't worry about perfect lighting; set camera setting to low resolution so file size is small enough to email.
- You will receive a confirmation of receipt from Diane by April 6.
- Judging will be based on the applicability of the message to all audience members (specifically all ages/programs of graduates, and even family and guests), how well it stirs thought and emotion, and overall poise.
- Depending on the number of entries, a group of semi-finalists may be chosen to partake in public speaking coaching (a valued skill whether you are the finalist or not) in **mid-April (exact date and time TBD)**.
- The semi-finalists will give their speech live to the judging panel on or about the week of **April 16** in the late afternoon.
 - Final judging will be based on final live delivery/performance of content.
- One finalist will be announced on or about **May 1**.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Sagey at dsagey@uci.edu.