

Texas A & M University – Corpus Christi

Process for Selecting Student Speaker for Spring Commencement

Eligibility

Any TAMU-CC student graduating in the Spring Semester 2012 is eligible to apply for commencement speaker for the May graduation ceremony. They may be a full-time, part-time, undergraduate or graduate student. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and no disciplinary record on file with the Office of Student Affairs.

What Is The Application & Selection Process?

- The selection committee will review applications and select the top applicants for a personal interview.
- In-person interviews of the top applicants will be conducted by the selection committee. Also, the top applicants selected will be required to present a five (5) to ten (10) minute commencement address to the selection committee.
- The selection committee will recommend the top qualified applicants to President Flavius Killebrew. President Killebrew will interview the finalists and select the student commencement speaker for each graduation ceremony in the Spring Semester.

If you have any questions, please contact Angela Walker, Associate Dean of Students, in the Division of Student Affairs at 825-2612.

Instructions for the application are as follows:

- Complete the application form
- Write a statement which explains why you should be chosen to be the Spring Commencement Speaker
- Submit a sample copy of your commencement speech
- Submit a current resume

All of the materials listed below must be turned in to the Office of Student Affairs located in the University Center, Room 318 no later than Monday, March 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

What Is Necessary For Preparation?

Once a student is selected as the commencement speaker, he or she will meet regularly with the Communication Coordinator and the Ceremonies Representative to prepare the speech. The Communication Coordinator will provide oversight of the speech and work with the student regarding appropriateness and length of topic, as well as, serving as a mentor for the speaker in other areas relative to the address as needed. The Ceremonies Representative will serve as a liaison in providing details about the commencement ceremony including rehearsals, time and location of the ceremony, etc. The final commencement address must be completed two weeks prior to the ceremony and will be reviewed by the Communication Coordinator and Ceremonies Representative for appropriateness, length and content. The commencement address should be 10 minutes long or less, of a theme which would be appropriate and of interest to the graduating class and family members. It may not include any political endorsements or profanities and must be suitable for a mixed audience.

