

GSC Student Commencement Speaker Search Rubric 2024 - Round 1 Written Speech					
	1	2	3	4	5
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Structure/Tone/Quality					
Speech is logically written and coherent	Very poorly written with no recognizable structure or coherency; more or less a rambling	Has some structure, but deviates from overarching thesis or theme often throughout the speech	Has some structure and coherency, but is not easy to follow	Has structure and coherency and is overall easy to follow	Has a logical structure and organization; it is easy to follow making it a more memorable speech
Tone of speech is appropriate to a commencement ceremony	Not at all appropriate for commencement ceremony; overly political, extensive unnecessary profanity, blatant disdain for the university etc.	Not appropriate for commencement ceremony due to several instances of unnecessary profanity, offensive language and themes, etc.	Generally appropriate for commencement ceremony but has questionable language and themes, but can be dry at times or fall flat	Appropriate to a commencement ceremony	Excellent representation of a commencement speech; engaging, appropriate use of humor and effective and visual language
Speech is generally free of grammatical/spelling errors	Written speech shows little to no effort of proofreading with many mistakes in grammar and spelling	Written speech has several mistakes in grammatical and spelling errors	Written speech has some grammatical and spelling errors	Written speech has relatively few errors in grammar and spelling	Written speech shows effort taken to have no grammatical or spelling errors
Theme/Message Relatability					
Speech contains overall inspiring message to student body that is easily understood and memorable	Speech contains no inspiring message to the student body	Speech contains no inspiring message to the student body, or attempts to but it is neither easily understood nor memorable	Speech contains an inspiring message, but is difficult to understand or is not memorable	Speech contains an inspiring message that is understood and memorable	Speech contains an inspiring message that is extremely understandable and will be memorable to audience members
Speech employs creative thinking and original thought	Speech contains no original thought or creative thinking	Speech contains little creative thought, overuses cliches and quotes	Speech contains creative and original thought, but relies heavily on quotes and cliches to make inspiring message	Speech displays creative and original thinking and makes for a generally enjoyable speech	Speech displays an exceptional level of creative and original thinking that is not too alienating
Speech strives to highlight experiences of the CGU student body as a whole and is generally relatable	Speech is not relatable at all	Speech is not very relatable; speech overuses personal stories, focuses too much on one department, gender, ethnicity, etc	Speech is generally relatable, but has instances that are too individualistic that will cause audience to become disengaged	Speech is relatable and encompasses student experience, but is too cliché or not true or does so negatively	Speech excellently highlights student experience in a positive way that allows students and general audience members to relate.
Total Each Category					
Total Overall Score					

GSC Student Commencement Speaker Search Rubric 2024 - Round 2 Final					
	1	2	3	4	5
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Structure/Tone/Quality					
Speech is logically written and coherent	Very poorly written with no recognizable structure or coherency; more or less a rambling	Has some structure, but deviates from overarching thesis or theme often throughout the speech	Has some structure and coherency, but is not easy to follow	Has structure and coherency and is overall easy to follow	Has a logical structure and organization; it is easy to follow making it a more memorable speech
Tone of speech is appropriate to a commencement ceremony	Not at all appropriate for commencement ceremony; overly political, extensive unnecessary profanity, blatant disdain for the university etc.	Not appropriate for commencement ceremony due to several instances of unnecessary profanity, offensive language and themes, etc.	Generally appropriate for commencement ceremony but has questionable language and themes, but can be dry at times or fall flat	Appropriate to a commencement ceremony	Excellent representation of a commencement speech; engaging, appropriate use of humor and effective and visual language
Theme/Message Relatability					
Speech contains overall inspiring message to student body that is easily understood and memorable and highlights experiences of CGU student body	Speech contains no inspiring message to the student body	Speech contains no inspiring message to the student body, or attempts to but it is not easily understood relatable, or memorable	Speech contains an inspiring message, but is difficult to understand or is not memorable nor memorable	Speech contains an inspiring message that is understood, relatable and memorable	Speech contains an inspiring message that is extremely understandable, relatable and will be memorable to audience members
Speech is a positive representation of student experience at CGU	Blatant disdain for university is present				Clearly positive representation of student experience at CGU
Delivery					
Presentation (professionalism, rehearsed, engaging body language, maintains eye-contact)	Presentation is extremely poor	Presentation is poor	Presentation is mediocre	Good presentation	Presentation is excellent
Speech Length	Speech is +/- 1 minute of 3 minutes	Speech is +/- 45 seconds of 3 minutes	Speech is +/- 30 seconds of 3 minutes	Speech is +/- 15 seconds of 3 minutes	Speech is 3 minutes with +/- of 7 seconds
Interview Questions					
Describe how you have been an active member of the CGU community					
Tell us why you should be chosen as the student commencement speaker					
Total Each Category					
Total Overall Score					