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CGU Student Commencement Speaker Application 2024

1. Applicants for the CGU Student Commencement Speaker must meet the following eligibility requirements:
    a. Students/alumni who received their degrees***** during the Summer and Fall semesters that immediately precede the current Spring semester and who have not participated in a previous ceremony for the same degree.
    b. Students graduating during the Spring semester who have not participated in a previous ceremony for the same degree. ******Degrees are defined as master's or doctoral degrees. Students who received or are receiving a certificate only are not eligible to participate in the commencement ceremony.*
2. The selected student speaker must be present at the commencement ceremony on May 11, 2024.
3. Applicants must provide the following:
    a. Completed application scanned into a PDF file format. **Advisor signature required.**
    b. Resume/CV in PDF file format.
    c. Hi-Res professional headshot photo (300 dpi) in .jpg file format.
    d. Typed biography (no more than 250 words) in a .docx file format. This biography will be published on the CGU Commencement webpage and promoted by GSC.
    e. Typed 3-minute (minimum) speech in a .docx file format. Speech should include a brief background of the speaker and provide a charge to the 2024 CGU graduating class. We encourage applicants to center the 2024 commencement theme of *Having the Courage* in their speech. Maya Angelou once described *having the courage* as "the most important of all the virtues." Having the Courage refers to being present, daring, consistent, and authentic and is reflected in persevering, moving forward, imagining possibilities, and showing up and speaking up when it really matters.
    f. Applications missing any of the above information will not be considered.
4. Upload the scanned application, professional photo, resume/CV, brief biography and typed 3-5- minute speech to this Microsoft Form through your CGU email address for official verification.
5. Selected applicants, notified by email, must present their speech to a panel of judges. Time and date to be determined.
6. Application is **due on February 12, 2024 at 11:59 pm (PT).** No exceptions will be made.

Please proceed to page 2 to fill out the application form.

Applicant Name

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

School/ Department/ Program _____Degree _____

Phone/ Cell_____ CGU e-mail _____

Student ID _____

Applicant's Signature _____Date_____

Advisor or Dean of School's Statement

I, _____ confirm that _____
has graduated or will be graduating according to the CGU Commencement Participation Policy.

*Contact CGU's Writing Center for help in preparing the application requirements & speech
delivery.