Criteria and Process for Selection of Student Speaker

Selection Guidelines*

• Academically talented with a 3.5 GPA minimum
• An August or December baccalaureate or associate graduate for Winter Commencement or May baccalaureate or associate graduate for Spring Commencement
• Articulate and capable public speaker
• Positive role model and representative of Boise State
• A minimum of 64 credits at Boise State University

*Note: If a dean or ASBSU feels that there is an individual who does not meet the guidelines, but is extraordinary in his/her accomplishments, they have the right to nominate this individual with a written explanation/rationale for waiver of one or more of the guidelines.

Selection Committee

The composition of the Selection Committee will include:

• Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, who serves as chair;
• Director of Honors College;
• Two faculty representatives recommended by Faculty Senate President; and
• Four student representatives recommended by ASBSU

Process for Selection

1. Two weeks after the deadline for application for graduation, the Registrar’s Office will forward: (1) a list of graduates to the deans’ offices who meet the credits in residence and have qualified for honors (3.5 GPA or above) and (2) will notify qualified students of their eligibility for self-nomination as commencement student speaker.
2. Nominations will be accepted from each college dean and ASBSU through a faculty or ASBSU nomination or student self-nominated process. In addition, the ASBSU President will be an automatic nomination if he/she is graduating during his/her term.
3. To allow for equal representation of the student body, each college/ASBSU must forward a minimum of one nomination or a maximum of three. Before the names are forwarded, the dean of each college/ASBSU must ensure that the nominee(s) would be willing, if selected, to be the speaker. This should be accomplished within two weeks of receiving the packets.
4. College/ASBSU nomination packets should include: (1) a completed nomination form; (2) a letter of recommendation that encompasses how the student is known with the college or ASBSU, student's ability to be a positive role model and your assessment of his/her articulation and public speaking abilities; (3) student’s resume; (4) unofficial transcript; and (5) a paragraph from the nominee on what they will address in their speech.
5. Student self-nomination packets should include: (1) a completed nomination form; (2) a letter that encompasses the student’s ability to be a positive role model, public speaking experience and what they will address in their speech; (3) resume; and (4) an unofficial transcript.
6. Completed nomination packets will be sent to the Registrar’s Office.
7. After each college/ASBSU has forwarded their nomination packet(s), the Registrar’s Office will either copy or send electronic copies of the nominations to the Selection Committee. The Chair of the committee will set a meeting, within a two-week period, for the committee to review and pick the student speaker. The Office of the Provost will notify the candidate of the selection as well as thank the other candidates that were not selected.
8. The student speaker will be recognized with a short bio during the commencement ceremony and in the commencement program.