COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER INFORMATION

New Trier High School
2019

SPEECH GUIDELINES

Our 2019 Commencement Ceremony, to be held on June 2, 2019, will include one student speech.

Theme: The Inspirational Speech

The purpose of this speech is to connect to graduating seniors and provide them with an opportunity to look ahead. This "forward looking" speech focuses on life beyond New Trier. The speech may not be more than five minutes in length.

Successful speakers are often storytellers, using poignant, funny, surprising, or other emotional examples to connect with their audience. The Commencement Speaker should speak from his/her own New Trier experiences but also make sure to craft a speech that can speak to all students and their families; the successful speech will make every student feel included. Students should make sure to practice their speech aloud before submitting it for consideration, concentrating on delivery as well as content. A particular focus or theme works better than general platitudes. Ted Talks are great examples of short, focused speeches that can appeal to wide audiences.

Please see the attached rubric the committee will use to score each applicant.

Application Process (All applications submitted will be reviewed by the speech committee)

If you have questions regarding your speech, please contact the Principal, Mrs. Dubravec**.** Written speeches are due **April 22** to the Principal's office room 208 by 3:45 p.m. You may also email your speech to Mrs. Dubravec dubraved@nths.net by 3:45 p.m. on **April 22**.

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2. Students will be contacted to share their speech with the committee.
3. Final speaker may be asked to provide revisions and work with staff to finalize speech.
4. Speaker will rehearse speech after the commencement rehearsal.
5. Student may not revise speech after final approval.

March 18, 2019