

Fuquay-Varina High School

2019 Senior Speaker

Selection Criteria and Guidelines

FVHS Senior Speaker Selection Process

Each year, Commencement includes brief remarks from a member of the senior class. If you are interested in being considered for Senior Speaker, please follow these instructions:

Submission Requirements:

1. The student speaker must be a graduating senior.
2. The student speaker should be representative of the graduating class.
3. The student speaker should be a responsible person and uphold the highest standards expected of a graduating senior in regards to academics and behavior.
4. The student speaker should have something relevant to say and should be well spoken.
5. The topic and format will be left to the discretion of the student speaker. Final approval will be decided by the selection committee.
6. Commencement is an honorable occasion. The commencement program is no place for foul language. The speech may not be disrespectful, contain profanity or inappropriate remarks of any kind.
7. The speech must be original and follow all copyright guidelines.
8. The speech must be typed and double spaced.
9. The speech will be no more than 2-3 pages, or five minutes in length.
10. The student will submit a current resume and transcript (include all co-curricular activities, awards, and accomplishments). **Please include your school email address in your resume.**
11. Students must turn in the resume and the final copy of their speech, **unfolded**, in a large envelope to Mrs. Reynolds (Room 422) or Mrs. Barber (Room 409) **by 2:30 PM on Friday, April 26, 2019**. The envelope must have the student's name and title of the speech written on it.
12. The student will meet submission requirements by the stated deadline and complete the entire audition process on time to be considered.

The Senior Speaker selection will be done by a committee that will consist of a selection of faculty members as well as administrators and Mr. Enns. The Selection Committee will hear all speeches in the Auditorium on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**. The order of presentation will be determined randomly. Please be aware that the length of the auditions will depend on the number of seniors speaking and make work plans accordingly.

NOTE: No one other than the student speaker and the members of the Selection Committee may be present during the auditions.

Notification of Selected Student Speaker: After all applicants have presented their speeches, the Selection Committee will evaluate each speaker and select the winner. You will be notified of the decision of the committee by email.

Speeches are evaluated, based on criteria listed below, by the Selection Committee.

Senior Speaker Evaluation Criteria

1. **ANALYSIS** (15 points)
Does the speech reveal an explicit and reasonable central theme?
Is there evidence of critical thinking?
Is the approach fresh and challenging?
2. **ORGANIZATION** (15 points)
Does the speech follow a clear pattern of organization?
Are transitions clear?
3. **USE OF LANGUAGE** (15 points)
Is the language vivid, interesting, and appropriate?
Is the language meaningful and free from ambiguity and vagueness?
Is the language repetitive?
4. **DELIVERY** (15 points)
Is the verbal delivery appropriate?
Is the nonverbal delivery appropriate?
Is pronunciation and articulation evident and clear?
5. **LINK TO AUDIENCE** (15 points)
Does speech engage audience (seniors, family, friends, faculty)
Does the speech sustain positive interest, feeling and/or commitment among the audience?
6. **PACKET** (10 points)
Resume was completed and turned in on time.
The speech was completed and turned in on time.
The contents were together in a large envelope, turned in on time, and the envelope included the name of the student, school email address, and title of the speech.
7. **OVERALL EVALUATION** (15 points)
Evaluators will assess the speech in its entirety and rate it according to the following scale:
Excellent – 15 points
Good – 10 points
Average - 5 points
Unacceptable - 0 points