DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SPEECH AND APPLICATION
Friday, March 24, 5:00 P.M.

Dear Graduating Senior:

Thank you for showing an interest in representing the Class of 2017 at the Spring Convocation for Graduating Seniors, on Friday, May 5, 1:00 p.m., in the Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Please read and follow the guidelines for speeches and the application process detailed in the paragraphs below.

Your speech should be no more than 4-5 minutes, attention-grabbing, personally meaningful, thought-provoking, and engaging to your fellow graduating seniors. It should embody the unique experiences we share as Spartans. You should capture the essence of what we will be soon—Michigan State University graduates. As commencements are a time to celebrate your academic achievements, it is very important to include academic experiences in your speech. Consider including important study abroad lessons, the significant impact of a professor or a class, a reading that inspired you/influenced you, an internship, and/or other experiences related to earning your degree.

Application and speech must be emailed to the Senior Class Council at commencement@msu.edu no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 24.

In Phase I of the selection process the selection committee will read each speech. In Phase II a group of the students submitting speeches will be selected and notified by telephone or email by Monday, March 27 to schedule an interview (including delivering your speech as you would deliver it at the Convocation). The interviews/presentations will be Wednesday, March 29-Friday, March 31. All interviewees will be notified of selection status no later than Monday, April 3.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Heather Bailey at commencement@msu.edu.

Good Luck and Congratulations,

Abigail Reed and Sina Ghobadi
Senior Class Council Commencement Co-Chairs