Senior Valedictory Speaker Nominations

Applications for Senior Valedictory Speaker are due each year in early October for December Commencement and early March for May Commencement. Now is the time to contact those outstanding students and encourage them to apply. We have many outstanding BILSA seniors and the Senior Valedictory Speaker Committee looks forward to receiving your nominations. Early submissions are encouraged.

Please approach students (undergraduates only) who would be excellent representatives of the college and encourage them to apply by offering to write a letter of recommendation for them. Each candidate, in addition to having a strong academic record, will need to provide:

1. Vita or resume
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Student-issued (PASS) transcript
4. Local phone number, e-mail, and address
5. Brief letter -- “Why I want to be commencement speaker”

Either YOU may gather all the information from the student and deliver it to me OR you can have the STUDENT deliver the material to me directly. Submit or deliver the material to Jodi McDermott, 321 Pioneer Tower or mcdermoj@uwplatt.edu. The BILSA Senior Valedictory Speaker Committee will work to narrow the nominations to four finalists who will appear before the BILSA Senior Valedictory Speaker Committee.

It is also important to note, any student nominated MUST be able to meet in person with the BILSA Senior Valedictory Speaker Committee for the final review and selection process. From the four finalists, the committee will determine the student Commencement speaker and alternate.

You are encouraged to nominate the outstanding seniors you have or had in your classes or as advisees. Please nominate all our outstanding seniors so the BILSA Senior Valedictory Speaker Committee will have a difficult time selecting a Commencement speaker. We have many excellent students in BILSA so let's do our best to ensure they are nominated for Commencement speaker.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact:

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