

**College of the Siskiyou  
Graduation Speaker Application Form  
Due by April 27, 2023**

I would like to participate in the 2023 Graduation as the featured Student Speaker.

I understand that to participate I must have a **Petition to Graduate** on file for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: S00\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- I understand that if I do not submit my **typed outline** to the Public Relations Office by **April 27th**, I will not be eligible to deliver my speech to the Graduation Speaker Selection Committee the week of **May 1st**.

The graduation speaker should be an outstanding student at the college and possess two or more of the following traits:

1. Exhibit motivation and follow-through
2. Achieve academic excellence as evidenced by grades
3. Demonstrate leadership abilities
4. Participate in campus and community activities

### **The Speech**

The theme for the speech is "**Moving Forward with Optimism.**" Explore how to move forward with courage, positive expectations, and reasons to be hopeful. Please take this theme and explore it as it relates to you and your classmates.

The speech should be no longer than five (5) minutes in length.

Use separate sheet of paper to draft speech / outline.

## College of the Siskiyous 2023 Graduation Speaker

### Timeline\*

**April 20, 2023**

Last day to apply (obtain application from the Public Relations Office or online at <https://www.siskiyous.edu/admissions/graduation.htm>). Application submitted to the Public Relations Office – email to [pio@siskiyous.edu](mailto:pio@siskiyous.edu) or drop off at Building 95, Weed Campus.

**April 27, 2023**

Speech outline due to the Public Relations Office – email to [pio@siskiyous.edu](mailto:pio@siskiyous.edu) or drop off at Building 95, Weed Campus.

**May 1 - 5, 2023**

Speeches presented to review panel and final selection made. (Exact date to be determined; students will be contacted by **April 28** for scheduling)

**May 8, 2023**

Applicants notified of decision made.

**May 19, 2023**

Graduation Rehearsal – 1:00 pm, Weed Campus Football Field  
Graduation Ceremony – 7:00 pm, Weed Campus Football Field

### Selection Criteria\*

The following criteria will be used to evaluate speeches:

1. Content: Does the speech have a clear thesis that is supported with interesting, meaningful examples and ideas?
2. Development of Topic: Is the subject (topic) developed to relate to graduation, COS, and/or student life while attending COS?
3. Delivery: Is the speech clear and understandable? Is there sufficient eye contact? Does the speaker talk with feeling?
4. Each candidate will be evaluated on the above criteria by each member of the review panel. The panel will use those evaluations in determining the graduation speaker.

Return completed application to the Public Relations Office (Building 95, Weed Campus) or email to [pio@siskiyous.edu](mailto:pio@siskiyous.edu).

### Questions

- Call – (530) 938-5373
- Email – [pio@siskiyous.edu](mailto:pio@siskiyous.edu)
- Stop By – Building 95, Weed Campus

\*Based on AP 5551 <http://www.siskiyous.edu/bpap/procedures/services/ap5551.pdf>