

2020 GRADUATION SPEECH CANDIDATE



Dear Senior Speech Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in delivering a speech for the Senior Commencement Ceremony. The graduation speech is a public speaking whereby you will not only represent yourself, but you will also be representing Raymond S. Kellis High School, as well as the entire Peoria Unified School District. It is, therefore, expected that you will conduct yourself in not less than a decorous manner. If you are interested in delivering a speech, please adhere to the following:

- 1) **Compose a two-minute graduation speech** (no penalty if over by a few seconds).

Speeches will be selected for the following **three** sections:

- **Opening Address**
- **Address to the Senior Class**
 - The Salutation will be presented by the **Student Body President**.
 - The Welcome will be presented by **Best Buddies**.
- **Closing Address to the Senior Class**
- You will need **three favorable teacher recommendations** (see attached forms).
 - Ask three teachers who can provide attestation of your good citizenship to provide a character reference for you. The form must be **returned by the teacher** providing the reference on/before **May 11, 2020**. If a student submits the completed form, the form will be deemed invalid.

- 2) **30-Minute Audio/Video Prep:** Once your 3 favorable recommendations have been received:

- You will receive a Teams calendar invite from Kelly Nielsen in IMT to join us for a **30-minute audio/video prep** on May 13th, 2020.
- **Please Note:** You will not be giving your speech on the 13th.

- 3) **Be prepared to formally present your speech:**

When: Thursday, May 14th, 2020

Where: Virtual Live Audition (You will receive a Teams calendar invite from Kelly Nielsen in IMT to join the live audition.)

Time: 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM (please be prompt)

In Addition: Please plan to stay tuned in until all speeches have been delivered.

- 4) **After Judging:**

- Principal Wooten will announce the selected presenters on a later date.
- Dr. Ross will reach out to the selected presenters to assist with refining the speeches for the commencement ceremony. Formal speeches will be video recorded.

Questions? Please email Dr. Ross @ eross@pusd11.net