Dear Graduating Senior:

Thank you for showing an interest in representing the Class of 2016 at the Spring Convocation for Graduating Seniors, on Friday, May 6, 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 25.

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 Thursday, March 31 to schedule an interview (including delivering your speech as you would deliver it at the Convocation). The interviews/presentations will be Thursday, April 7–Sunday, April 10. All interviewees will be notified of selection status no later than Thursday, April 14.

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

Good Luck and Congratulations,

Rebecca Ruhlman and Lauren Watt
Senior Class Council Commencement Co-Chairs