Dear Graduating Senior:

Thank you for showing an interest in representing the Class of 2017 at your commencement ceremony on Saturday, December 16, 2017. A graduating senior for each of the commencement ceremonies will be selected to represent his or her fellow graduates.

10:00 a.m.
- Arts and Humanities (Residential)
- Arts and Letters
- Eli Broad Business
- Education
- James Madison
- Music
- Social Science

2:00 p.m.
- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Communication Arts and Sciences
- Engineering
- Lyman Briggs
- Natural Science
- Nursing

Your speech should be no longer than **4-5 minutes in length**, attention-grabbing, personally meaningful, thought-provoking, and engaging to your fellow graduates. It should embody the unique spirit and experiences of Michigan State University graduates. As commencement is a time to celebrate a pinnacle in your academic career, it is important to include academic experiences in your speech. Consider including important study abroad lessons, the significant impact of a particular professor or a class, a compelling reading, and/or other academic examples.

Please email your speech and application to the Senior Class Council at commencement@msu.edu no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 20, 2017.

In Phase I of the selection process the selection committee will read each speech. In Phase II, a group of candidates will be selected for further consideration. The candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview by Wednesday, November 1, 2017. At the interview each candidate will present the speech to the selection committee as if it were commencement day. Candidates will be notified of their selection status by Monday, November 6, 2017.

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

Good Luck and Congratulations,

Phoebe Biermann, Madeline Dilley, and Andrew Miller
Senior Class Council Commencement Co-Chairs