Dear Graduating Senior:

Thank you for showing an interest in representing the Class of 2019 at your commencement ceremony on Saturday, December 14, 2019. A graduating senior for each of the commencement ceremonies will be selected to represent his or her fellow graduates.

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 PM, Friday, October 18, 2019.

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, October 30, 2019. 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 4, 2019.

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

Good Luck and Congratulations,

Senior Class Council Commencement Co-Chairs