

Graduation Speech

Any senior interested in giving a class speech at the graduation ceremony should contact Mrs. Ereg (eregl@gowcs.net) and provide her with both the speech's theme as well as a draft of the speech by Friday April 28. The speech should have a title and be 2-3 minutes in length. Brainstorm and make an outline first and then a rough draft. Keep it short and simple. The Class President should also submit a Welcome Speech approximately 1 minute in length.

Students will make an appointment to work with Mrs. Ereg over the following couple of weeks in order to polish their speech. A panel of several teachers will listen to speeches and select two seniors to speak at graduation.

Tips for writing a graduation speech include:

- Introduce yourself (It is a privilege to be speaking at the graduation ceremony)
- Share a motivational quote and connect it with the graduate's experiences at Williamston High School.
- It is helpful to have a theme/quote to pull your speech together with continuity.
- Mention the guidance and support from teachers, coaches and the community as a whole. (Do not mention individual names)
- Some humor can be good, but very minimal.
- Call your classmates into action for the next leg of their educational journey, which may be college, military or the workforce.
- Encourage your classmates to go out and make a difference.
- Close your speech by restating your motivational quote/theme, leaving the audience with inspiring thoughts about their graduates.
- Thank your audience for coming and being a part of this momentous occasion.
- **Please remember when writing your speech, it is not a walk down memory lane. The Class President can incorporate a line or two that is reminiscent of the last 4 years.**
- The take away the audience should have from listening to the student's graduation speech is: **"That's Why We Sent Our Student To Williamston"**.