

Good afternoon, Class of 2019!

As we approach the final quarter of your senior year, I invite you to throw your hat in the ring to be the Senior Class Speaker at Graduation in June.

The Class Speaker is a student who will address the Graduation crowd, separately from the Valedictorian. We are looking for seniors who have a compelling message or story for your graduating class that in some way relates to our Guiding Principles: *Socially and Emotionally Aware, Kind with Sincerity, Principled in Thought and Action, and Learning Always.*

Your speech could include elements such as

- what you valued most about your Staples experience
- influence of personal experiences outside of school
- obstacles you have overcome to reach this point
- how you have demonstrated growth toward becoming a “global student” and as a person
...or anything else you can think of!

Your speech should be five, but no more than ten minutes in length.

You are eligible to be the Class Speaker if you are a senior who has:

1. shown evidence of active citizenship, promoting social justice, and/or exhibiting social responsibility within the local community or area communities
2. exhibited ethical and responsible behavior during your years at Staples

There is no GPA requirement to be the Class Speaker- while we all know grades are important, there are many interesting stories to tell among your class of 480 students, and yours could be the one to inspire over 4,000 people at Graduation.

If you would like to be considered to be the Class Speaker for 2019, you need to do the following: **write a draft of your speech, and submit to Mrs. Romano in the main office by Thursday, May 2nd at 2:30pm.**

- Speech drafts must be typed and submitted on paper to Mrs. Romano
- A committee of students, teachers, and administrators will read all submissions, and choose the Class Speaker.
- If the committee cannot make a decision, you may be asked to meet with me so that we can choose the Speaker.

Here are a couple of articles about past graduation ceremonies that may give you an idea of how the Class Speaker contributes to the ceremony.

- [WestportNow](#) (2017)
- [Westport Now](#) (2018)
- [WTNH](#) (2017)

Please feel free to email me with any questions you may have. I look forward to reading, and hearing, your stories!

Cheers,
Mr. D'Amico