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## Winter Commencement Speaker Nomination Form

To be completed by the graduate

### GRADUATE INFORMATION

Full Name

Student ID   
(Ex: B00123456)

School E-mail

Personal Email

Phone

School

Program Name

Consent Agreement  I agree to the Photo/Video/Audio/Testimonial Consent Form on

Yes

No

**Deadline for submission is Monday, November 4, 2024**

*\*Students interested in being considered for Student Speaker at the Summer 2025 Commencement, will need to wait until that nomination form opens in February 2025.*

## Commencement Speaker Criteria and Deadlines

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The Nomination Packet should include the following:

- Nomination Form (see page 1)
- Cover Letter (brief 1-page max)
- Resume
- Brief Letter of Recommendation from either a Full-time Faculty member or your Academic Advisor
- Speech which includes:
  - No more than 750 words that can be read aloud in 3-5 minutes.
  - Insights into the successes and challenges you experienced while earning a college degree as an adult learner.
  - Description of how UMass Global helped you overcome any challenges and bring your educational goals to fruition.

Student speakers are selected based upon the quality of the speech as well as the information provided in the cover letter, resume, and letter of recommendation. The student's grade point average and units completed toward degree completion are also considered. UMass Global reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to select student speakers for commencement ceremonies regardless of the aforementioned factors.

Nomination Packets should be submitted via email to your [Academic Advisor](#) or [commencement@umassglobal.edu](mailto:commencement@umassglobal.edu) with 'COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER NOMINATION' in the subject line.

Deadline for submission is **Monday, November 4, 2024**.

Students can expect to receive a decision no later than Friday, November 22, 2024.

## Photo/Video/Audio/Testimonial Consent Agreement

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I warrant that I am at least 18 years of age and that I am competent in my own name insofar as this is concerned. I further attest that I have read this consent form and fully understand its contents.