

2015 GRADUATION SPEECH APPLICATION

Tryout Date: Tuesday May 19th
Tryout Time: 7:00am
Location: OLD AV VIEWING ROOM

IMPORTANT! THERE IS A DEADLINE DATE!

We ask anyone who would like to submit a **written** graduation speech to do so by **Tuesday, May 12th**. This speech will be turned in to Patricia Hargraves in the Student Store. After this date will be too late to submit a speech or performance...sorry, no exceptions!

After speeches or performances have been submitted, they will be reviewed by the Graduation Committee, members of the Senior Class Council (senior class officers), and staff members. The committee is responsible for assembling a graduation program that is interesting, entertaining, and balanced.

In order for your speech to qualify, it is important that you are familiar with the Graduation Committee's expectations and the criteria for evaluation. Please review the following points:

- Written speeches are judged "blindly" (without a student's name attached). **Your name should appear on a cover sheet only**.
- Each presentation should be no more than 3 minutes in length. (Typed or word processed speeches please.)
- Graduation speeches should be about Graduation, and/or related themes. No personal or religious messages, political speeches, or time to bear old wounds and/or degrade anyone or the school. No profanity will be allowed. Appropriate topics would include reflections on the four years at TPHS, special thanks to teachers, friends and family for support, etc.
- The speech you write, should it be selected, must be the one you give at the graduation ceremony. A copy of that speech must be given to Mr. Thornton upon selection.
- Evaluation of the speeches and presentations will be judged according to the rubrics on the back of this form.
- The decisions of the Graduation Committee will be final.

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I am interested in trying out for graduation speaker/performance.

NAME: _____ **Date:** _____

Please return the bottom portion of this form, *with your speech*, on or before Tuesday, May 12th to Patricia Hargraves in the Student Store.

Thank you and good luck!