The Commencement Committee is seeking a student speaker for this year’s Sixth College Commencement ceremony, on Sunday, June 18th, 2017. On that day, a special opportunity will exist for one graduating senior to speak about UCSD, the college experience and his or her hopes for the future of the graduating class. Members of the graduating class are invited to apply to be considered for the role of student speaker.

* Please note: This is for Sixth College’s Commencement not the all-campus event.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 1ST @ 5PM!**

Send your application to sixthTACoordinator@ucsd.edu

Subject line on the email application materials must be “commencement speaker”

and include the following items:

- A cover email with your name, local address, and phone number

- The draft for a speech of no more than five minutes (2.5 pages double-spaced). Your speech draft should be complete, though revisions of the chosen speech may be suggested by committee members preparing the final version to be delivered by the selected graduate.

  Your name should not be on the draft itself. Students whose speeches are selected for final consideration will be asked to present their speeches orally to the committee. Eligible students will be informed of available audition times.

The speeches will be judged in two main categories: **content and delivery**.

The selection committee will use the following criteria to rank speeches in the order of preference:

**Content**

- Embracement of the spirit and mission of Sixth College
- Creativity and originality
- Inspirational tone
- Rhetorical effectiveness
- Clarity of message
- Quality of thought and expression appropriate for achievement of bachelor’s degree

**Delivery**

- Stage presence (confidence, poise, eye contact with audience)
- Enunciation, articulation and projection
- Rhetorical skill
- Evidence of practice and preparation

We encourage graduates to submit a speech, and to be as creative as they wish. Your message should be clear and relevant to the occasion and the audience. Please avoid profanity or overtly political messages.