**2019 Commencement Ceremonies**

**Friday, June 14, 2019**

**2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**Guidelines for Student Speaker and Singer Applications**

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**Requirements**

1. **Speaker:** Be a graduate in the UCLA College of Letters and Science by Spring or Summer 2019. **Singer:** Not required to be a graduate in the UCLA College of Letters and Science by Spring or Summer 2019 but preferred.
2. By **Friday, April 5, 2019, s**ubmit the application details (see Student Speaker and Singer Application Instructions).
3. **Friday, April 12, 2019**, auditions will be held for all singer and speaker finalists, who will be notified by e-mail.
4. **Friday, April 19, 2019**, BACKUP auditions will be held, if needed.

**Application details**

1. Name
2. UID
3. E-mail address
4. Phone number – indicate whether it is a cell or home number
5. Please indicate if you prefer one of the ceremony times over the other.
The choices are 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. If no preference, please indicate that as well.
6. Are you submitting your application for a speaker or singer?
7. See below for more information regarding speaker and singer applications.
8. Selected speakers and singers will be featured in the College Commencement Program, so please **provide a brief bio** (not to exceed 2 paragraphs and 150 words), which addresses the following questions:

**Personal**

* What is your hometown?
* What inspired you to come to UCLA?
* What inspired you to audition to be this year’s commencement speaker or singer?
* What are the three most important things you’ve learned about yourself while at UCLA?
* What is one interesting or unique thing about yourself?

**Academics**

* What is your major(s)? minor(s)? area(s) of study?
* What academic experience was the most impactful to your learning?  What did it teach you?

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**Extracurricular**

* Have you been involved with any campus or community organizations during your time at UCLA? If so, please list the ones you were most actively involved with.

**Post-graduation**

* How will you be spending your first year after graduation?
* What are your career goals?

Note: The bio included in the program will be one paragraph.

**Student Speaker**

The selected speaker will present a brief (4 minute) student welcome and congratulations to the seniors and guests. In addition, with provided language he/she will lead the “tassel turning” after degrees are conferred by the Chancellor.

**Please submit a draft of your remarks to your application** [**here**](http://www.college.ucla.edu/commencement/speakers-singers/)**.**

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**Student Singer**

Please indicate if you will be auditioning to sing the ***Star Spangled Banner*** (1st verse only), the UCLA Alma Mater (***Hail to the Hills of Westwood*) *Hail to the Hills of Westwood****)*, or both. You will be contacted for an audition after applications are reviewed.

Note: Group size is limited to 8 individuals (maximum).

**Song Lyrics**

***Star Spangled Banner***by Francis Scott Key (1814)
(1st verse only)

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,

What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,

Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;

O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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***Hail to the Hills of Westwood***<https://alumni.ucla.edu/ucla-history/ucla-history-songs/>

Hail to the hills of Westwood,

To the mighty sea below;

Hail to our Alma Mater,

She will conquer every foe.

For we’re loyal to the Southland,

Her honor we’ll uphold;

We’ll gladly give our hearts to thee,

To the Blue and to the Gold.