

Valedictorian

Roles and Responsibilities

As Valedictorian you are representing the entire graduating class at the Convocation ceremony, and will communicate to students, family, and friends in a formal farewell address. This is a position of honour and esteem. Your speech should attempt to reflect the memories and feelings of your peers, as well as highlight some of the achievements of your class and/or UNBC. Try not to focus exclusively on your level of study (e.g. undergraduate or graduate). Connecting with your fellow students and sharing the excitement of Convocation is key to enacting your role as Valedictorian.

Expectations

Speech

- Draft a personalized speech for approval by the Convocation Office.
- The draft speech will be due early May. Assistance with drafts can be accommodated, please contact convocation@unbc.ca for more information.
- The draft speech should be no longer than 500 words, or 4 minutes in length, whichever is shorter.
- The address should be appropriate to the dignity of the occasion.
- The speech may be recorded, live-streamed, and archived.

Involvement

- Interview and photography session with the Communications Department is required for a media release.
- Presence as a member of the Platform Party is expected, and presence at the Platform Party rehearsal is required the afternoon prior to Convocation Day.
- Presence at the Chancellor & President's Dinner (if held) is desired.
- Check in and pre-ceremony presence is required in the Platform Party Room at the Northern Sport Centre approximately one hour before your ceremony start time.
- Presence at the Class Photo (before or after your ceremony) is expected.
- Group photography with the Platform Party may be required.
- Video recording session may be required to capture the Valedictorian speech.