Dear Graduates,

Please review the information below pertaining to Lavender Graduation and Section Speaker auditions.

Lavender Graduation:
All graduating law students are welcome to participate in a special Lavender Graduation ceremony for LGBTQ and Ally undergraduate and graduate students to acknowledge their achievements, contributions and unique experiences at Georgetown. As part of this special event, graduating law students are honored for leadership and service to the community. The Lavender Graduation ceremony will be held on April 27, 2016 in the Great Room of the Healy Family Student Center. The ceremony will begin at 5:00pm followed by a reception at 7:00pm. Learn more about the history of Lavender Graduation on the main campus website here: [http://lgbtq.georgetown.edu/LavenderGraduation2016](http://lgbtq.georgetown.edu/LavenderGraduation2016). Information on Law Center student registration and awards will be updated here: [http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-life/dean-of-students/resources-for-lgbtq-students/Lavender-Graduation.cfm](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/campus-life/dean-of-students/resources-for-lgbtq-students/Lavender-Graduation.cfm).

The deadline for Section Speaker Auditions has been extended! Videos are now due on OrgSync [SUNDAY, March 27th by 11:59pm](https://orgsync.com/18903/forms/128885).

For more information, see instructions below:

Each section’s diploma distribution site may select one representative from that site to give the student commencement speech during the individual diploma distribution ceremonies. The speech is limited to five minutes and the selection is made by graduating students voting online. There is no limit to the number of individuals from each section/diploma distribution site that can submit a video of their speech for consideration by their graduating peers. The video is an audition designed to showcase the graduates’ speaking and presentation skills, so the speech in the video must be the speech that the graduate will give at the ceremony. In order to submit a video for the voting process, graduates must first register on OrgSync: [Graduation Section Speaker Application](https://orgsync.com/18903/forms/128885). Voting will occur in April.

Steps to the Audition:
1. Submit registration information on OrgSync: [Graduation Section Speaker Application](https://orgsync.com/18903/forms/128885).
2. Review the Public Speaking Suggestions and Video Upload Instructions on the form.
3. Record yourself giving the 5 minute speech using a laptop, smart phone, or other recording device. Upload your video to YouTube, and choose the setting “unlisted” NOT private.
3. Submit the following: link to your video from YouTube, upload a 120 word bio, and the text of your speech on OrgSync using the Graduation Section Speaker Video Submission form (https://orgsync.com/18903/forms/96567).

4. Videos and bios will be posted on WestLaw TWEN in April for voting by your peers within your graduating student section.

5. The speaker receiving the most votes from each section will be notified following the voting period. The selected speakers must meet with the Office of Student Life to prepare for the speech at the diploma distribution ceremony. Please see the rules and a sample speech on the OrgSync application.

***The application and materials are all due SUNDAY, March 27th by 11:59pm. This is a firm deadline, no exceptions.

Please contact us if you have any questions.