

Commencement Speakers Committee

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Meetings

The Commencement Speaker Committee met on September 30, 2008 and discussed the prerequisites for identifying a Commencement speaker. Prerequisites include persons of stature, national or international, someone who would have a good presentation message to bring to our graduates in line with the mission and values of the University, and someone who would fit in with general characteristics that the University wished to portray as a Catholic institution.

The Committee members agreed to suggest names within a two week period which were received in mid-October, they were reviewed and preliminary profiles were established with regard to meeting the proposed criteria for a Commencement speaker. The Committee and others responded by suggesting 14 names that were reviewed against the characteristics that were provided. Following the research, the names were submitted to the Commencement Speaker Committee and they were

asked to rank them according to their first, second and third choices. The suggestions for a Commencement speaker were presented to the president on November 11th following the ranking.

The Committee continued its work in a similar process in the spring of 2009 to make recommendations for the 2010 Commencement speaker which were delivered to the President of the University at the end of April.

Submitted by

Dr. Clayton N. Pheasant Vice President for University Advancement

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