Every year, the McMaster Students Union (MSU) recognizes outstanding graduating students in each faculty with the Valedictorian Awards. These awards provide students with an opportunity to cap off their undergraduate careers, give back to their graduating classes, and reflect on their experiences at Mac.

Each valedictorian gives an address at their respective convocation, reflecting with passion and wisdom on their undergraduate career. These students have made significant contributions to our campus community. Their valedictory address affords them a final opportunity to positively impact their graduating class.

Candidates for the Valedictorian Award must have a cumulative average of at least 7.0. Valedictorians are selected from each faculty, though Arts & Science and Humanities are grouped together, as are Nursing and Medical Radiation Sciences. Two valedictorians are selected from each of Science, Social Sciences, and Engineering.

The nomination period opens on Monday, February 8, whereupon information packages will be available from the front desk of the MSU office (MUSC 201), as well as from the MSU website via msumcmaster.ca/valedictorian.

The application process requires that candidates solicit nominations from several members of the McMaster community. A primary nominator may be any graduating undergraduate student who is convocating in spring 2016. Eligible secondary nominators include graduating undergraduate students registered in the same faculty as the candidate, as well as Deans, Associate Deans, or faculty members. More details on nominator eligibility are available in the nomination package.

Candidates will have until 4:30pm on Monday, March 7 to submit their nomination packages to their respective faculty or program offices. Successful applicants will subsequently be contacted to present a draft version of their valedictorian address to the selection committee during the month of April.

If you believe you would be an ideal valedictorian, please apply. All relevant information will be available via msumcmaster.ca/valedictorian. Please direct any questions to Spencer Nestico-Semianiw, MSU Vice President (Education), via vped@msu.mcmaster.ca.

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