



CONVOCATION

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 Office of the Registrar
- The draft speech will be due in late April
- 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
- You will be asked to include an update on the current tally of Class Gift donations
 - Inclusion to your address is not mandatory, but consideration is respectfully requested (the update will not be included in your time limit)

Involvement

- Presence at the Alumni Awards Reception, held the night before Convocation, is required
- Presence at the Platform Party rehearsal is required
- Check in and pre-ceremony presence is required in the Platform Party room at the Northern Sport Centre (NSC) approximately 1 hour before your ceremony start time
- Presence at the College Class Photo held on the ceremonial stairs in the Agora (before or after your ceremony) is expected
 - For Valedictorian of ceremony 2, this may mean an immediate transport to the NSC after the Class Photo
- Group photography with the Platform Party is required