

Valedictorian Information 2021

Minimum requirements for nomination:

- Overall average of 70% or higher
- Ability to be a positive representative of the graduating class
- Involvement in at least one school-based extracurricular activity (in previous years)
- Have the support of 2 teachers (one must be an English teacher). When you fill out the application form you will need to provide the names of your teacher references.
- Be available to present your valedictory speech to the selection panel on May 25th or 26th during the lunch hour
- Ability to write a speech and deliver it to a large audience (on video). The speech will be recorded by the broadcasting department the week of June 7th.
- Note: Two students may choose to share the Valedictorian duties

Process:

- Completely fill out the application form by 4:00 p.m. on May 7th. Late submissions will NOT be accepted.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfRTJBWxK5aLqx8mvWJ9fdh9ihImSZ9p09bRR0vXAZwLSGG0g/viewform?usp=sf_link

- Be prepared to answer these 2 questions on the application form. Why do you want to be Valedictorian? Why would you be a good Valedictorian? (Include school involvement at Tec Voc). If more than 5 students fill in the application, the answers to these 2 questions will determine who makes it to the next stage.
- Start writing your speech. Five applicants will be chosen to present to the selection panel.
- You will be contacted on your WSD e-mail by May 14th to inform you whether you made it to the selection panel. At that time you will be provided more information about the details for the selection panel.

Content:

A good Valedictorian's address should

- Represent all members of the graduating class (academic and vocational)
- Balance personal and collective thoughts, experiences and aspirations
- Be positive, original and thought provoking.
- Contain anecdotes to which all can relate
- Reflect fondly on the past with sincerity and some humour as well as look forward to life beyond school
- Contain a relevant quote from literary source or a famous person
- Mention contributions of parents, teachers, etc
- Be concise and direct as possible

Delivery:

A Valedictorian's speech should be delivered:

- In approximately 5 minutes
- In a loud, clear and expressive voice
- With good facial expression and body language
- In a style that reflects the presenter's personality

Use the Valedictorian Panel Rubric that begins on the next page to assist you with writing and practicing your speech.

Contact Ms. Kszywisko if you have any questions about the process

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Valedictorian Panel Rubric

Content-balanced representation of thoughts, experiences and aspirations

<u>Academic/vocational/ sports/arts</u>	<u>1 represents only some areas</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 effectively represents all areas</u>
<u>Past/future</u>	<u>1 limited development</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 balanced and fully developed</u>

Content-quality of content

<u>Originality</u>	<u>1 limited and/or clichéd</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 thought provoking and unique</u>
<u>Concise/direct</u>	<u>1 wordy and/or vague</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 well-crafted and to the point</u>
<u>Sincerity</u>	<u>1 limited and/or clichéd</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 natural, genuine and honest</u>
<u>Humour</u>	<u>1 no humour</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 shows humour</u>
<u>Quote or theme</u>	<u>1 awkward fit</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 fits in naturally</u>

Delivery

<u>Confidence</u>	<u>1 obviously uncomfortable</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 comfortable, at ease, relaxed</u>
<u>Voice</u>	<u>1 muffled and/or monotone</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 loud, clear and expressive</u>
<u>Facial expression</u>	<u>1 unexpressive or forced</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 natural and expressive</u>
<u>Body language</u>	<u>1 unnatural or fidgety</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 natural and expressive</u>
<u>Personal style</u>	<u>1 lacking or contrived</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 individual personality shows through</u>
<u>length</u>	<u>1 much too long or too short</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 approximately 5 min in length</u>