

Speaking Roles

The Nursing Pinning Ceremony has multiple levels of student involvement. Below are the 8 speaking roles for students.

1. **Welcome**—Brief address given at the start of the ceremony (script pre-printed)
2. **Invocation**— Lead the audience and cohort in prayer (script pre-printed)
3. **Senior Reflections**— Similar to what the Valedictorian does at graduation. It is a light-hearted reflection on the past 4 semesters in nursing school; approximately 15 minutes long. Must be written by student (so the student must be able to write and speak well) and proofed by myself/Dept Chair/ Dean.
4. **Recognition of NSA Contributions-acknowledgement of NSA** (script pre-printed)
5. **Recognition of Deans Development Council (DDC)**. Will also give the “check” to DDC representative (script pre-printed)
6. **History of the Pin**- Script pre-printed although it is longer than many of the other roles.
7. **Nursing Pledge**— Will lead the cohort and other nurses within the audience in reciting the Pledge (Pledge will be pre-printed on the Program for the Pinning Ceremony. Script pre-printed)
8. **Benediction**— Lead the audience and cohort in prayer (script pre-printed).

The Dean's Administrative Analyst, Ms. Denisse Roman, has a binder at her desk that contains copies of all the scripts as well as prior Senior Reflections, if you would like to review any of them. The book may not be removed from her office but you can take a picture of the scripts with your phones if interested.

To be eligible you must not be at risk of failing any of your current senior-level courses/clinicals.

If you are interested in any of the above, please reach out to Dr. Bell and Prof. Mills. If interested in more than one role, please designate 1st preference, 2nd preference, etc. Students will only be allowed to perform one role.

Once selected, students will get the opportunity to actually practice reading the part during the Pinning Rehearsal.

Facilitators and PowerPoint Coordinators

As discussed in class this week, the key to the ceremony being a success is the leadership roles required by **2 students to coordinate/facilitate the Pinning Ceremony** and function as the liaison with the class, **and 2 students to compile the PowerPoint Picture Slideshow**. As these roles are critical and can be somewhat time-consuming, they need to be filled within the next week.

If you are interested in being considered for one of these roles please contact Dr. Bell.

1. **Facilitators:** Functions will include coordinating song choices (for entry, exit, and songs to overlay the PowerPoint), as well as facilitating and collecting the senior recognitions

(Bios) and the Dean's Development “Thank You” gift, and communicating with Dr. Bell as needed.

2. **PowerPoint picture slide show Coordinators:** need students that are creative and able to compile/create the musical video/PowerPoint. Will work with the ceremony facilitators and Dr. Bell as the project progresses.

Slideshow

- Slide show is presented before the ceremony begins and play in a loop, beginning at 9:15am
- Consists of individual student pictures in HCU nursing uniform and collages with music overlaid
- Note appropriateness of picture attire, activity, locations
- Will be edited by coordinators and then Dr. Bell and Prof. Mills, and approved by the Dean

Songs

- Entrance (note the tempo--should be upbeat)
- Exit (note the tempo--should be upbeat)
- Compilation of Christian songs to overlay on PowerPoint (around 4 songs)
- Facilitate how the songs will be selected-- (class nominations/vote) must be vetted by Dr. Bell and Mrs. McNeil prior to final selection (please forward us songs with links)
- Choice selections (note artist—not controversial, and the song verbiage and tempo—no rap as this is difficult to walk into venue)
- Always good to have extra songs selected

These roles are very time-consuming so you need to consider if your time would be better spent focusing on your academics rather than planning the party.

Special Music

We will need about **2 special music performances** by students as briefly discussed in class this week. So, if God has gifted you with a talent that you would like to share during the ceremony please reach out to Dr. Bell and we can discuss in more detail.

These will need to be confirmed prior to the end of March/October.