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MUSG TO HOLD ELECTIONS FOR MAY SENIOR SPEAKER

MILWAUKEE (March 23, 2009) Marquette University Student Government will hold elections for spring 2009 commencement speaker on Wednesday, March 25 from 12 a.m. to 10 p.m. at <http://musg.mu.edu/vote> in conjunction with MUSG final elections for president, executive vice president and academic senators.

The semi-finalist candidates for senior speaker are as follows:

Jean Baumgardner, College of Health Sciences
Kathleen Cullen, College of Arts & Sciences
James Ferguson, College of Arts & Sciences
Christopher Hallberg, College of Arts & Sciences
Patrick Lehman, College of Engineering
Mary Leukam, College of Arts & Sciences
Amanda Pazik, College of Nursing
Stephanie Trifone, College of Arts & Sciences
Mary Kate Wagner, College of Arts & Sciences
Jasmine Zapata, College of Health Sciences

The senior speaker selection committee that chose the 10 semi-finalists is comprised of one senior from each of the seven colleges, two faculty members, a committee coordinator and a committee faculty advisor. To be eligible to apply for senior speaker, students must be graduating in May, have been a Marquette student for at least five consecutive semesters, have never been on University Probation, have maintained a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher, and have never served on the MUSG Executive Board.

The above list of semi-finalist candidates will be narrowed down to three finalists based on the

results from the MUSG election and graduating seniors' votes.

Once the three finalists are selected via the MUSG election, the senior speaker selection committee sends each of the three finalists applications to be returned to the committee. The committee then has a meeting to review and discuss the applications and hear sample speeches given by the applicants.

The committee then proposes a recommendation for senior speaker and based on the committee's decision, the senior speaker coordinator writes a letter of recommendation to the Office of the President as well as some suggestions for each candidate's speech as deemed necessary by the committee, in hopes that Dr. Christopher Miller, Vice President of Student Affairs, will accept the recommendation on behalf of Fr. Wild.

For more information on MUSG's news and events, visit <http://musg.mu.edu> or contact the MUSG office, AMU 133.

The mission of Marquette University Student Government is to identify, understand, actively address and represent students' needs, concerns, and interests through acts of leadership and service which reflect Catholic, Jesuit ideals and contribute to the betterment of the Marquette University community.

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