



YELLOWQUILL
COLLEGE

Valedictorian

The graduates will select a class valedictorian to give the valedictory address at the graduation ceremony on June 22, 2023.

Note: *The Valedictorian **MUST** be a graduate this year. No exceptions. If the elected valedictorian does not graduate for any reason, an alternate will be chosen (second number of highest votes).*

The valedictory address is given by the elected valedictorian, on behalf of the entire graduating class, and is generally considered a final farewell to classmates, thank you to teachers, administration and additional supports, and an inspirational message for the future before the class disperses in order to pursue their individual paths after graduating.

Note: *Instructors at the college will edit and help with the final valedictory speech **before** it is delivered at grad.*

A valedictorian should have the following qualities:

- Focused on their studies
- Demonstrate respect towards staff and classmates
- Has a positive attitude towards school and life
- Have good public speaking skills

The Valedictorian nominees will give a short speech outlining how they fit the suggested criteria for valedictorian, followed by a short, draft version of their valedictory speech. The election will follow the speeches.

The election speech should be a draft version of your valedictory speech, and it will take place on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the student lounge at the Main Campus.

- It is a final farewell to classmates
- It has a thank you to teachers, administration and additional supports
- It contains an inspirational message for the future
- It is only 1-2 minutes in length (your speech will be interrupted if it exceeds time allotment)

Note: *there will be **NO** campaigning. Voting will be solely based on the quality of your speech on May 29th.*

Instructions for voting:

- Listen to election speeches in the student lounge at noon on Thursday, May 18, 2023
- Pick up a ballot after the election speeches on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at the reception desk
- Voting will close on May 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
- Place a check mark beside the name of the student for whom you are voting and deposit in the ballot box at the reception desk located at the Main & Annex campus.
- Upon submission, these names will be tallied by the instructors, and the student who receive the most votes will be awarded the honor of being named 2023 Yellowquill College Valedictorian and will present a short, five-minute speech at the graduation ceremony.
- The announcement for Valedictorian will be on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.