

Valedictorian Application Package

The Valedictorian Selection Committee is issuing a call for two (2) Valedictorians to address the Graduating Class of 2026 at Convocation. **Each Valedictorian will speak at one of the following ceremonies:**

- Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics
- Business and Education Students

The date for these ceremonies is **Saturday June 6th, 2026** and will take place in-person. Students interested in applying are asked to submit an application to speak at the ceremony of which they will be receiving their diploma (i.e., it is the student's responsibility to confirm their ceremony).

To apply, the student must have an overall cumulative average of at least 80% and is asked to submit a Nomination Package that includes the following:

1. A cover page outlining the following information:
 - i. Name
 - ii. Student Number
 - iii. Ceremony that you are applying for
2. A nomination letter from a Bishop's student in good standing with the office of the University's Vice-Principal of Student Affairs
3. A nomination letter from a staff or faculty member of the university
4. A curriculum vitae (CV)
5. Current unofficial transcript
6. A 200-word response addressing the following: what are the key messages you anticipate communicating to the graduates about the intellectual and community experience at Bishop's.

Complete Nomination Packages are due May 1st 2026. Nomination letters from a staff or faculty member will be accepted until **May 1st 2026**. Submit your Nomination Package in the form of a single PDF, via email with the subject title: "Valedictorian Nomination 2026" to the incoming SRC President and the Chair of the Valedictorian Selection Committee, Grace Cordeiro at gcordeiro25@ubishops.ca. Please be sure to submit all parts of the nomination package.



Incomplete packages or late submissions will NOT be accepted.

Please note that academic achievement is a significant criterion. Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview in the coming weeks. During the interview, the student will be asked a series of questions (which they will be sent in advance); additionally, they will be asked to deliver a speech. The committee asks that the applicant deliver a segment of the speech in French (i.e., a minimum of 5%). Coaching and support can be provided. It is recommended that the speech outline the candidate's vision/idea for their speech (i.e., a beginning, middle and end) and that the candidate identifies a "take-away message" for the graduating class.

If you have any questions, please contact the incoming SRC President at gcordeiro25@ubishops.ca.

Thank you for your interest,

Grace Cordeiro (She/Her/Elle)
SRC President-Elect
SRC Présidente-Élue

I, _____, understand that I will be subject to a background check with Bishop's University Security.

I have included all requirements of the nomination package, and understand that all submissions are due **May 1st 2026** by via email at gcordeiro25@ubishops.ca and that no late submissions will be accepted.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Ceremony: _____

Date: _____

Student Number: _____