



Dundas Valley Secondary School Selection Process for Valedictorian 2021-2022

“The valedictory address, or valedictorian, is the closing or farewell statement delivered at a graduation ceremony. The mode of discourse generally is inspirational and persuasive. The various aims of this address are to inspire the graduates and to thank individuals responsible for their successes while reflecting on youthful frivolity and the accomplishments of the class. Above all, however, the primary aim of the valedictory address is to allow a representative of the graduating class to bid a final farewell to the students and to the school, as the graduates prepare to disperse and to begin the next phase of their lives.” (from Wikipedia)

The Valedictorian address is both an honour and a responsibility. A Valedictorian speaks on behalf of classmates in an engaging and inclusive way to family, friends, and DVSS staff who are celebrating the Class of 2022. The Valedictorian should represent the class as a whole. Valedictorian nominees must uphold the HWDSB Student Code of Conduct - [Code of Conduct | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/codeofconduct/)

If you are interested in representing the DVSS Commencement Class of 2022 as our Valedictorian, please contact Ms. Dupuis by email (ldupuis@hwdsb.on.ca) by **3 pm on Monday May 9th, 2022**. In your email, please include the following information:

- How you would represent the Graduating class of 2022
- A sample paragraph (approximately 250 words) of what you might say in a Valedictorian speech

Please Note: that the Valedictorian Address might take the form of a digital video and/or a live address in the future.