TERRY FOUNDATION ALUMNI BANQUET SPEAKER GUIDELINES

The Terry Foundation will exclusively feature Terry Scholar Alumni as the main speakers for the 2019 Fall Banquets (selection timeline and banquet schedule on page 3).

We will collect volunteers until summer 2019, and the Terry Student Organizations will select and invite their desired speakers in August 2019. Please see below for more details.

1. **Goal**
The banquet speech should **inspire and motivate** our Scholars. To accommodate the diverse crowd at each banquet, we request that speeches not be political or religious in nature.

2. **Length of Speech**
To keep our program on schedule, Alumni speakers should limit their speeches to **10 -15 minutes**.

3. **Speech Topic**
Material should be motivational and inspirational. Some suggested topics are below.

   A. How are you making an impact on the world? Do you have a personal cause or initiative that you support? Do you have a unique profession? How did you know that this was the field for you?

   B. Do you have stories to share about your profession? What was the path from undergrad to your current role? What has helped you along the way? Do you have stories or advice from your development as a professional?

   C. What is a hardship you faced during college and how did you overcome it?

   D. Is your career path or profession different from what you thought it would be as an undergraduate student? What caused this shift, and do you have any advice for students who may be in a similar situation?

   E. Do you have a memory about the Terrys or a story about an interaction you had with them? How did they influence the way you have developed as a professional or as a person in general?
4. **Required Speech Proposal**
   All potential speakers must present a speech proposal to the Foundation when they complete the sign-
   up form. This proposal will be shared with the student organizations to aid in their speaker selection.
   All speech proposals must contain the following:

   - **File saved with your first name and last name in the title** *(Microsoft Word Document or PDF)*
   - **Your name, Terry school, and Terry year at the top of the page**
   - **A brief paragraph or outline of your speech’s main idea and why you chose your topic**
   
   *Your speech does not have to be completely finalized by the time you complete the sign-up form. The Foundation and student organizations just need a rough idea of what you intend to share at the banquet, if you are selected as a speaker.*

5. **Travel**
   The Foundation will cover one night in a hotel for all Alumni banquet speakers, if needed. Speakers
   may request help with transportation costs for banquets located more than 60 miles from their homes, if needed.

6. **Placement at the Event**
   Alumni speakers will be seated at the head table for dinner. After the dinner, there will be a few
   remarks by Directors and students, and the Alumni speaker will be introduced by one of the students
   as the principal speaker of the evening.
SPEAKER RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION TIMELINE

Spring 2019
The Foundation will open the Alumni Banquet Speaker sign up form

June 30th
Alumni Speaker proposals due. Alumni will provide availability for all banquets and rank preference for travel.

July 1st - July 31st
The Foundation will review proposals and confirm banquet availability for all potential speakers before finalizing the list for the students.

August 1st
Foundation finishes list of speakers and shares with student orgs. (Sorted by preferred location and availability)

August 16th
Deadline for student organizations to inform Foundation of their top 3 speaker choices

August 19th - 30th
The Foundation will contact and confirm speakers for their banquets. Goal: all confirmed by August 30th.

September
Students will reach out to their banquet speakers

FALL 2019 BANQUET SCHEDULE

Monday, October 7th – University of Texas at San Antonio
Wednesday, October 9th – University of Texas at Austin
Thursday, October 10th – Sam Houston State University
Friday, October 11th – University of Houston

Monday, October 14th – Texas A&M University
Tuesday, October 15th – Texas State University
Wednesday, October 16th – Texas Tech University
Friday, October 18th – Texas A&M at Galveston

Monday, October 21st – University of Texas at Arlington
Tuesday, October 22nd – University of North Texas
Wednesday, October 23rd – Texas Woman’s University
Thursday, October 24th – University of Texas at Dallas
Friday, October 25th – University of Texas at El Paso