



## EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

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*Office of Academic Affairs*

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Carly Garfield  
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Dear Carly,

It is with pleasure and pride that I invite you to be the undergraduate speaker at the Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Commencement ceremonies to be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Coliseum. You have been an exemplary student with a great academic record and a commitment to social responsibility and the mission of the college. For these reasons, you have been selected on behalf of your class.

Because there are other speakers at the ceremony, you should plan for a 5 minute address. While speakers are free to develop their own ideas, students usually begin with some reflection on their personal experiences at the college, and then make some remarks about the Edgewood "experience" as members of your class have perceived it, and what the future holds for graduates. The main Commencement address will be given by honorary degree recipient former Wisconsin Governor Patrick Lucey. Mr. Lucey will receive a Doctor of Law degree for his public service and leadership in dedication to justice, truth, community, partnership and compassion, values that are intrinsic to Edgewood College.

A rehearsal time has been set aside for you and other participants in the ceremony at 1:00 p.m. before Commencement. Please plan to be there to rehearse your speech at the podium using the microphone.

Please make an appointment with Jeanne Leep in the next few days to begin planning your speech. You will need to submit a completed speech by Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to the Dean of Students Office. Jeanne will be happy to work with you to create a compelling presentation. Her office is in Regina. She can be reached by phone at 608-663-3222 or by email at [jleep@edgewood.edu](mailto:jleep@edgewood.edu).

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments! I look forward to seeing you at this happy event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Kelly-Powell, RN, Ph.D.

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Cc: Maggie Balistreri-Clarke, Dean of Students  
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