The Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development will salute its bachelor degree candidates at the Baccalaureate Ceremony on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 11:30 a.m., at Radio City Music Hall. The ceremony is a formal recognition honoring the academic achievements and the special contributions graduating students have made to our NYU community. As part of the program, one graduating senior is selected to speak on behalf of the class.

If you would like to be considered for this honor of distinction, please submit the text of a graduation speech no later than Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. No specific format or topic is preferred. The speech may be serious, humorous, personal or more general, but it may be no more than 3 minutes long. The selection committee is, however, interested in a speech that will resonate with the entire audience – including the graduates of our 7 undergraduate programs in education, health, communication, and the arts, as well as parents, faculty and staff.

To be eligible to apply you must:
- Be a Steinhardt student eligible for September 2007, January 2008 or May 2008 graduation
- Be able to attend the Steinhardt Baccalaureate Ceremony on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.
- Be able to present your speech before the Steinhardt Student Affairs Committee on February 4, 2008 at 10 a.m.
- Submit a hard copy of your speech with your full name, contact information and student identification number by Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. to:

    Becky Ahlstrom  
    Office of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
    Pless Hall  
    82 Washington Square East, Second Floor  
    New York, NY 10003-6680

A pre-screening committee will review all eligible applications that are received by January 22, 2008. Finalists will be contacted by January 28, 2008 and will present their speeches before the Steinhardt Student Affairs Committee on February 4, 2008 at 10 a.m. That Committee will select and notify the Student Speaker and the Alternate Student Speaker accordingly.