

Proposal for a Fall Commencement Offering

Author's Statement

In Writing about Public Problems (76-108), Professor Jimmy Lizama challenged us to find meaningful ways of exercising our right to free speech and petition. He stressed the importance of civic duty and researching possible solutions with multiple perspectives in mind. When I came across an article in The Tartan about the inadequate recognition of fall graduates and the invaluable contributions they make to our community, I felt that it was my responsibility to advocate for my peers. As I researched further, I realized that this was a much larger issue regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB) and grew stronger in my resolve to enact change, especially under the current administration and its resistance to cross-cultural interactions.

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