

# **It's Summer 2000**, and Mumia Abu-Jamal's recorded speeches have played in 4 different graduation commencements. These speeches have allowed concerned students and faculty to help give Mumia a public space for his inspiration and insightful thoughts. It also helps raise awareness for Mumia's defense, and has raised positive controversy.

This section will give effective suggestions to have Mumia record a graduation announcement for your campus. These events required preparation, good research, and a firm commitment in the face of administrative, and sometimes, community adversity.

Here is an overview of the organizing steps:

1. **Develop a timeline for organizing.**
2. **Research the case.**
3. **Get the word out.**
4. **Research your school's speaker selection process.**
5. **Consider your student graduation speaker.**
6. **Be in contact with Mumia and/or his representatives.**
7. **Plan for the media.**
8. **Be prepared for resistance.**
9. **Plan for the graduation crowd.**

