**AWARDS SPEECH**

**FOR**

**NATALIA CINEAS**

**SAMPLE**

Ladies and gentlemen, family and friends, colleagues, distinguished guests, mentors, students, and teachers... and by the way, I’m thankful to say that you are **ALL** my teachers...I am humbled, proud, and beyond grateful to be here to and to be the Estelle Osborne Award recipient. It’s taken an investment of a lifetime... constant challenges...the shedding of blood...sweat... tears... the bottomless determination and interminable patience so desperately needed to succeed in order to arrive at this point.... and that was just today, trying to make my way up First Avenue.....(**Say this very seriously and wait for the laugh**)... in all seriousness though...

Note: I am from NY (I still have my apartment a few blocks from the hospital)... all my doctors were at NYU... I was a coronary patient there, so I kind of know the drill... is the ceremony in the hospital? If not, we can change the location, but I would imagine that street is still pretty crowded!!

I would go on to cite some experiences that informed your career path and fueled your determination, what inspires you, and what you envision for the future. The speech will be uplifting, sincere, inspirational, and humorous... thanks!

Helene