The students assembled last night also refined our original wish list to the top six names. The graduating students would deeply appreciate it if we could secure a speaker from this list.

First, we must mention a name that we originally left off, presuming his unattainability: Vice President Gore. We suggest his name now knowing that MEM Jamie Harkins was trained by him through the Climate Project, and is happy to work with the school to contact him through that channel. If available, Al Gore would top our list.

The refined list, in order of preference:

1. Sir David Attenborough - MEM Julia Gruber has a distant connection through another student who worked on the 2007 documentary Life in Cold Blood (BBC).
2. Bill McKibben
3. Jared Diamond
4. Senator Barbara Boxer
5. Hunter Lovins - MEM Jamie Harkins has a connection by working with Rocky Mountain Institute.
6. Richard Louv - MEM Julia Gruber has a connection to Louv through Conservation Trust for North Carolina, where he is a board member and has donated a conservation easement.