

Good evening, graduates, faculty, family, and friends,  
Today, we celebrate a journey--your journey. Each one of you has traveled a unique path to get here, filled with challenges, setbacks, and triumphs. It's a journey defined by perseverance. Remember that first daunting class, the late nights of study, the projects that seemed impossible? Yet, here you are. You proved that perseverance isn't a single act but a series of steps forward, sometimes small, sometimes bold. You've learned that setbacks are not the end, but rather a part of the journey, a chance to learn and grow. Each challenge was an opportunity to strengthen your resolve and deepen your commitment to your goals. As you step into the next chapter of your life, hold tight to this lesson of perseverance. Whether facing a complex career path or personal goals, remember this journey. When things get tough, recall the determination that brought you to this moment. Celebrate your achievements today, but also recognize the power of perseverance that has carried you here and will continue to guide you. Congratulations, Class of [Year]. Your journey has just begun. Keep moving forward with the same heart and spirit. Thank you.