

Ladies and gentlemen, graduates, and those wondering how we managed to get this far,

First off, a big thank you to whoever invented coffee. Without you, this day might never have come. It's a dream come true, and honestly, it's nice to finally be leaving the 'Netflix and Stress' phase of our lives. As we stand here, cap and gown--we'll ignore how much we paid for outfits we never wanted--I have a confession: I thought about opening my speech with a joke about engineers, but I'm too afraid it wouldn't work out. Get it? Engineers, working out problems? Never mind!

Graduates, let's not forget the real heroes of this day: our families. They supported us, even when we changed our majors three times, or as I like to call it, "Finding My True Calling: The Sequel." They've been our free therapists, our chefs, and occasionally, our walking ATMs. We owe them our deepest thanks and possibly a percentage of our future earnings. To our professors, who tolerated our late papers and creative excuses--my laptop did eat my homework once, I swear--we thank you. You taught us to think critically, even when that sometimes meant critically thinking about whether your deadline was flexible or not.

So, as we step forward into the world, let's keep this lighthearted spirit alive. We've accomplished something amazing today, and while we might not have all the answers, we do know the importance of Ctrl + Z, both in life and in Microsoft Word.

Congratulations, Class of [Year]! Let's go out there and be the reason Wikipedia still requests donations.

Thank you and let's get celebrating--tomorrow, we can worry about being responsible adults.