

Good evening, graduates, faculty, family, and friends.

Today, as we gather to celebrate this remarkable achievement, I want to take a moment to acknowledge a group that has played an extraordinary role in many of our lives--our single parents.

Raising a child is no small task. It requires time, patience, and an endless well of love. For single parents, these challenges can often be magnified, yet they rise each day to ensure their children have every opportunity to succeed.

Many of us in this room know the influence of a single parent. They've been our cheerleaders, our advisors, our biggest supporters. They've taught us resilience, determination, and the true meaning of perseverance. Their sacrifices have paved the way for us to be here today.

To every single parent who juggles multiple roles and responsibilities, who works tirelessly to make ends meet, who puts their children's needs first--you have not only shaped the lives of your children but also made a lasting impact on our community.

As we stand on the threshold of our futures, let's carry forward the lessons learned from their dedication and strength. Let's strive to make them proud and give back to the community that nurtured us.

Thank you, single parents, for your unwavering support and love. Your impact is profound, and our success is a testament to your hard work and devotion. Congratulations, Class of 2023--we did it, together!