

Ladies and Gentlemen, esteemed faculty, proud parents, and of course, my fellow graduates,

Today, we gather not just to celebrate our achievements but to ponder the question: How on earth did we make it this far without knowing how to properly fold a fitted sheet? We were supposed to learn critical life skills in college, right?

First off, congratulations to all of us for surviving the all-nighters, the endless group projects, and the infinite loop of 'just one more episode' that inevitably turned into an all-day Netflix marathon. We've all mastered the art of thriving on caffeine and a dangerously low amount of sleep. If that's not preparation for the real world, I don't know what is.

But in all seriousness, what we've learned here extends far beyond textbooks and lectures. We've learned perseverance, the power of innovation, and probably most importantly, how to strategically avoid anyone handing out flyers on campus. These are skills that will guide us through life.

Remember, life is like a cafeteria. It's important to select what you want carefully, and no matter how much you prepare, sometimes you will end up with Jell-O when you expected chocolate mousse. Roll with it.

Life's unexpected moments often have the best lessons.

Finally, aim high, but don't be afraid to laugh at yourself when you trip over your own feet. We're going to stumble, but with determination and a good sense of humor, we'll be just fine.

Congratulations, Class of 2023! We've faced challenges, stayed awake during lectures that felt like bedtime stories, and emerged stronger and hopefully wiser--but always ready to laugh. Here's to the next chapter!

Thank you.