

Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed faculty, proud parents, and the graduates who are trying really hard not to trip on their gowns, Today, we gather to celebrate the academic achievements of this extraordinary group of individuals--also known as the Class of [Year], or as I like to call them, the "most likely to change the world, as soon as they figure out how to operate a fax machine."

It's been a long journey, filled with late nights, early mornings, and enough coffee to power a small city. We've sat through countless lectures, and who could forget those exciting, edge-of-your-seat laboratory sessions? I mean, who knew watching grass grow for a biology experiment would be that thrilling?

Let's not forget the critical life skills we've mastered along the way. We've honed the delicate art of nodding intelligently during Zoom classes while subtly trying to fix our Wi-Fi connection. Hey, who knew that a degree in multitasking would come with the territory?

To our esteemed professors, who we suspect might be of superhero origin for dealing with us day in and day out, thank you for your wisdom and patience. Without your guidance, we wouldn't know the difference between a thesis and a thesis statement--or how to survive on ramen noodles and coffee.

Parents and family members, you've been our biggest fans--even when we forgot to call, text, or give back your credit card. We hope today's ceremony partly makes up for all those sleepless nights and questionable wardrobe choices.

As we stand on the precipice of this new chapter in our lives, let's remember the wise words of an unknown philosopher, who said: "If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way mom told you to in the beginning."

In seriousness and with all sincerity, this is the beginning of a grand adventure. So go out there, make waves, take risks, and always remember to thank your parents. After all, without them, none of us would be here today--literally.

Congratulations, Class of [Year]! We did it! Now go out and show the world just how amazing you are. And don't forget to post about it--because if it's not on social media, did it even really happen?

Thank you!