

Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed faculty, proud parents, confused siblings, and of course, my fellow graduates, Today, we gather to celebrate a truly momentous occasion--the day we finally get to return those overpriced rental gowns and say goodbye to 8 a.m. classes forever.

Graduation is a time to reflect on the past years of hard work and late-night study sessions that somehow always turned into Netflix marathons. Remember those all-nighters fueled by coffee? Well, congrats! You're now qualified to do the same thing in a workplace setting.

We've learned a lot during our time here. Like how to strategically dodge campus squirrels, and the critical importance of checking whether your mic is muted on Zoom.

Our journey has had its fair share of ups and downs--kind of like trying to walk across campus in a rainstorm with no umbrella. But we've survived, and we've come out stronger-- and slightly more waterproof. As we move into the real world, just remember: if you can survive college roommate situations, you can survive anything. Remember to thank your professors; they were the ones who inspired you and occasionally terrified you into meeting deadlines.

In closing, congratulations to the class of [Year]. Here's to a bright future filled with success, happiness, and, most importantly, no more group projects. Thank you, everyone, and remember: the tassel was worth the hassle!