

Good afternoon, esteemed faculty, proud parents, slightly terrified pets via Zoom, and of course, the graduating class of 2023!

As I stand here, I'm reminded of a critical piece of advice I was given years ago: 'Never follow a good speech with your own.' But since I'm already up here, let's get through this together, shall we?

First, let's applaud the graduates. You've shown resilience, determination, and let's not sugarcoat it - a miraculous ability to function on minimal sleep and maximum caffeine consumption. Truly, you've engineered not just circuits and structures, but also some wild sleep schedules.

Remember the first time you saw an equation so complex that you questioned your decision to major in engineering? And remember the last time you saw a similar equation and still questioned it? Ah, progress! Your time here has been marked by long nights in the lab, endless group projects where only one person did the work (you know who you are), and the tireless search for a decent campus coffee shop that wouldn't bankrupt you. You've conquered it all!

As you step into the real world, armed with your hard-earned degrees, remember the most important lesson you've learned here: how to turn Wi-Fi troubleshooting into a critical life skill. Oh, and something about 'engineer-proofing' things you plan to put together at home - IKEA furniture included.

But on a serious note, never forget the friendships, the memories, and the slightly traumatizing yet hilariously shared moments that made your journey truly unique. You're a generation of problem solvers, innovators, and the occasional rebellious rule bender.

So go out there, wield your wit, knowledge, and unique ability to meme your way through challenges. Congratulations, Class of 2023! As you move forward, may your lives be less about debugging and more about celebrating each line of code you add to the world.

Thank you, and remember: Trust in engineering; if it isn't broken, look at it again. It just might be.

Congratulations, engineers - the world awaits your magic!