

Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed students, and that one lone coffee cup that mysteriously appears in every classroom,
Thank you for having me here today. I promise to keep my speech shorter than one of my lesson plans--though that's not saying much! Walking down memory lane with all of you is a bit like grading papers; you never quite know what you're going to get, but you know it's worth it.
As your teacher, I've had the privilege of seeing you grow from bright-eyed freshmen who couldn't find their classrooms to seasoned seniors who...still couldn't find their classrooms without Google Maps. It's been quite the journey.
Remember those group projects where one person did all the work and the rest of you perfected the art of delegation? Skills like those are invaluable in real life--I should know; I've been delegating chores at home to the cat for years.
And let's not forget the homework shortcuts. The infamous mind map that was more mind than map, or the essays with margins so wide they could double as swimming lanes. Top-notch creativity, I must say!
In all seriousness, it's been an absolute joy to teach each and every one of you. Continue to tackle life with the same spirit, humor, and determination. Just maybe lay off the energy drinks before 8 AM classes--they startle even the strongest among us.
Congratulations on your achievement! Remember, as you move forward: the world is your oyster, but like any good teacher, I remind you to watch out for the shellfish.
Thank you!