

**Salutation given by
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We gather here today to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of the graduating class of 2003.

A great deal of perseverance, hard work, and sacrifice has gone into realizing this momentous occasion. These past years have not been easy, and being able to make it through everything speaks volumes about our character.

As much work as we have done to get here, we could not have done it alone. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge all of the people that have helped us to get here.

First, I would like to thank our families, our families who have guided and supported us during those times when we were unsure of ourselves. Their love has helped us to succeed.

Second, I would like to thank the faculty. They have dedicated themselves to educating students and passing on the vast amount of knowledge, expertise, and advice that they have acquired over the years.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank the graduates, our friends. The people that we've spent days studying in the UGL with; the people who explain to us the little things we just couldn't get on our own. The people who helped get us through the long nights, exams, deadlines, but were still able to make us laugh through out the process.

While today is our day, let us not forget all of the people who helped us to get here. Surely, without them we would not be here.

Thank you and congratulations.