

Salutation for SEAS Commencement
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Welcome to the school of engineering and applied sciences commencement of 2005. After over 6000 hours of classes and far more than that of homework, we have finally arrived here. As I am sure we can all attest to, a great deal of determination and perseverance was necessary to get through those long days and even longer nights of projects, labs, homework and tests. The collective effort put in by us to get here seems almost unimaginable at this point. And, as we look back, we should be proud of what we have accomplished. Graduating with a degree in any branch of engineering or computer science is highly respectable and says a lot about ourselves as well as what we have accomplished. But we could not have gotten here without the help from a lot of people along the way.

First and foremost, I would like to thank our parents. Their guidance and support has helped us to get through the good times and the bad. They have been there for us when we have needed them, even when we never asked for it. Along with our parents, there has been the rest of our families, whether its siblings or other family supporting us.

I would also like to thank our professors. They have shared their vast knowledge and expertise with us which will make us successful as we continue on in our careers. In addition, their advice and guidance has helped us to overcome problems and become the engineers or computer scientists that we now are.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow graduates. The teamwork and encouragement that we have received from each other is a large reason why we are able to walk across this stage today. Without each others help, we would surely have had much greater difficulty reaching today, if we would have even been able to do it.

So, thank you to everyone who has helped us to reach this point, we could not have done it without you. And congratulations to all of the graduates, you have earned this day.