

**Farewell for SEAS Commencement  
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As I survey this assembly I am able to draw but one conclusion; I have 5 minutes at most before the majority of this host will be pondering the structural integrity of the roof.

I will therefore be brief.

Over the past year we have been asked by our university president to envision the future of UB.

In pondering this future, I was compelled to contemplate my family's history at this institution.

My parents graduated from UB 29 years ago with their Bachelors' in Mechanical Engineering.

Both have spent hours volunteering each week and each has striven every day to meet the highest ethical standards in their work.

Their lives represent the best in what UB Engineering School graduates can achieve.

By this act of graduating we have merely met expectations that society has laid before us.

Now, however, we have a choice.

We could go on meeting society's expectations and use the diplomas we have earned for our own self-serving pursuits.

Or we could choose to repay in some small way the debt we owe to our families, our governments; our world.

As we go forth from here let this be our charge; to use the skills we have learned here to work for the betterment of mankind and to serve our communities.

Thank you and Good Luck.