

UB School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Commencement Salutation
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Good afternoon, graduates, faculty, and guests.

I am truly honored to have the distinct pleasure of welcoming you to the 2006 School of Engineering and Applied Science commencement ceremony. Four years ago I would have never imagined that such an honor would be bestowed upon me.

There are many familiar faces in the crowd sitting before me. How often have we seen each other, exhausted, mentally drained, praying for an end to what ever project, paper, or presentation you we were working on as the sun was rising? Today we will witness the results of our hard work, outstanding effort, any relentless determination. Class of 2006 I commend you, congratulations, today is truly a day for celebration. However we do not just celebrate our individual accomplishments, today we will celebrate the support that we have received from family, friends, and the University at Buffalo. As we walk across this stage let us not forget the hours that our faculty has devoted to developing the abilities that students like ourselves will use to define success; let us not forget our parents who have stood by us through the good and the bad; and let us not forget each other.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has inspired and motivated us to greatness. To everyone in attendance today, I say thank you. Today will be a day that will live in our memories forever. To the graduates of 2006, congratulations, you have earned it. I hope that your hard work will lead to success and fulfillment of your dreams. Thank you and good luck.