

Class of 2007 Commencement
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences
Farewell Address by Adam J. Halstead

Graduates of the class of 2007,

May you have the wisdom to realize your potential and to continue a lifelong pursuit of knowledge.

May you have the courage to deviate from the standard path and discover your own.

May you have the strength to overcome all resistance you may encounter.

When the stress seems overwhelming, may you have the fortitude to take a couple of moments, step back, and breath.

May you have the power to focus your ambitions to further your pursuits.

May you have the capacity to react to problems rationally, and devise solutions that work to the benefit of all.

May you have the energy to continue pushing forward with the momentum you have gained thus far.

May you have the intuition to differentiate between those who would serve themselves and those who would serve their friends.

May you have the shear force of will to reflect on the decisions you make, and the actions you take, and to evaluate them in an unbiased fashion.

May you have the insight to know that your work will be integral to all of our futures, and that your true potential is incalculable.

Archimedes once said, "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world." You've earned your lever. The rest is up to you. Congratulations, graduates!