

Class of 2007 Commencement  
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
Salutation by Adrienne M. Decker

Good afternoon, and welcome to the 2007 commencement exercises of the University at Buffalo's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

It is an honor to be standing here today welcoming parents, friends, and faculty to this ceremony. It is this group of people who have helped to guide all of us through this journey towards the degrees we eagerly anticipate today. We owe you our appreciation and gratitude on this special occasion. I'm sure your sense of pride and accomplishment is as large within you as it is within us.

It is a unique experience for me to be standing here as both a faculty member, and as a student on the cusp of completing my PhD in Computer Science. As I look around, I see many of my former students in the audience ready to graduate as well. I feel both the excitement of graduation and the pride of a faculty member watching her students achieve success.

Let me be the first to congratulate my fellow Computer Science and Computer Engineering graduates on our achievements. My congratulations go out to all the other UB Engineering candidates for graduation as well. Graduation can be seen as the end of a journey - a journey of learning. But graduation is only the end of your journey of learning for the degree you earn today.

Now your next journey begins, towards another degree, or towards the expansion of your lifelong learning. Begin that journey with all the excitement and anticipation you can. Thank you.