



Commencement 2009

Salutation

by

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Good afternoon graduates, faculty, family, and friends. I am honored; not only as the Graduate Student Association President but also as a soon-to-be graduate myself, to have the pleasure of welcoming you to the 2009 School of Engineering and Applied Sciences commencement ceremony. With years of determination, perseverance and hard work we have earned our right to participate in this great day of celebration.

To get to this point there are many people to whom we owe thanks; not the least of which are our families and loved ones. You have supported us with guidance and assistance whenever it was needed and it is because of you we receive our diplomas today.

We should also give thanks to the wonderful and distinguished faculty here at the University **AT** Buffalo. You have inspired us to gain knowledge in our chosen fields and advised us through research projects. We thank you for willingness to mentor us throughout our education. Some of you we have come to know as friends and even softball teammates. These are the personal connections that have shaped our professional lives.

Thanks, in part, are also due to our fellow students. Our daily interactions throughout our education have developed us in both academic and personal means. As a graduate student I have had the honor to instruct some of the undergraduates who will be walking across the stage today. It is a joy to see these young men and women succeed in the classroom, as I am sure they will in their careers.

I would also like to express my personal gratitude to my classmates in the Chemical and Biological Engineering graduate program. I will miss you as we disperse into the world and begin the next journey in our lives, but we will remain good friends because of our time here **AT** Buffalo.

So, thank you again to everyone who has helped us reach this glorious day and to all of the graduates, congratulations, I wish you the best.