

Remarks for Commencement 2024

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Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, esteemed faculty, cherished guests, and, most importantly, the fabulous, resilient, and dedicated Class of 2024. As we gather here today, I'm filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and joy, not just for our collective accomplishments but for the unique journey and individual achievements that have brought the Class of 2024 to this moment.

Each of you has a story of resilience, dedication, and growth that is truly remarkable. Today is the pinnacle of years of hard work and countless late-night study sessions fueled by copious amounts of caffeine - at least for me! But beyond this milestone, today marks the dawn of a new chapter in our lives, brimming with limitless possibilities and boundless opportunities.

Our journey to this moment hasn't been easy. We've all faced moments of self-doubt and times when the weight of our academic responsibilities seemed too much to bear. I know my classmates and I can certainly relate to the countless times we've stared at a blank page, feeling utterly lost and on the verge of giving up. Yet, in our darkest moments, I'm reminded that Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the plans and thoughts I have for you, 'says the Lord, 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

The future and hope the scripture discusses came from endless support from family, peers, and faculty. Our families offered prayers, guidance, and continued support that we will forever be cherished. The lasting impact of professors like Dr. Blyth, Michael Rowe, and Dr. Celeste, whose belief in our abilities spurred us to strive for excellence, even when the odds seemed stacked against us.

And let's not forget the invaluable support of each other and the relationships we built through late-night study sessions, sharing notes, drawing pictures of geckos, and offering words of encouragement- those moments have shaped our academic journey and propelled us to guide future generations.

Now as we stand on the threshold of the beginning of a new journey, let's carry the lessons learned and the relationships forged during our time at Trinity. Let's embody the Tiger spirit, determination, and willpower to impact the world positively, regardless of our chosen path.

Class of 2024, as Trinity graduates, we are not just individuals but a united force for change. Our commitment is to strive to leave a positive mark wherever we go. Let's inspire and use our education as a tool for good and pledge once again to make a significant difference in our communities and beyond others with our actions and continue to be the change we want to see.

Before I conclude, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our families and loved ones; I want to say a heartfelt thank you for standing by us every step of the way, for your steadfast belief in our potential, and for the love and support you gave, has brought us to this moment. faculty and staff for their guidance and support. Your dedication to our education has been instrumental in our success. Your faith in us has been our greatest strength.

Finally, congratulations to all of you, the extraordinary Class of 2024. May all our futures be filled with the stars until we reach the moon, may your dreams be realized, and your impact everlasting.

Thank you, and God bless. We did it, Go Tigers!