

First of all, I would like to congratulate everyone here today, from the students who will be receiving their diploma, to their family and friends who helped to support them throughout their educational career. It is an honor to be standing before all of you today, but the true honor comes in graduating from such a fine university.

Compared to other colleges and universities throughout the world, the University of Toledo is one of the select few that give students that big-time college feel but with the personalized attention that each of us needs to prosper. The faculty and staff at the University of Toledo are first-rate, and when you can learn in an environment where professors know your name, and the faculty is willing and ready to help assist you, you realize that you are truly receiving the highest education possible. As graduates of the University of Toledo, we will offer the most promising talent available in the job market today.

For the last four years, the University of Toledo has served as our home. From projects to exams, we have been pushed to our limits. In fact, the University of Toledo has shown us that our limits are much broader than we could have ever imagined. From one semester to the next, our limits have expanded, and now we realize our potential is endless.

In today's challenging climate, obtaining higher education is a demanding journey that requires self-discipline, determination, and perseverance. Success can be found in those who possess these qualities, and as graduates, success will be ours. A college education is symbolic of more than a piece of paper acknowledging your achievements; it represents years of commitment to improving yourself and the world around you. It is something that can never be taken away, as it is a part of who you are. As it has been said many times before, knowledge is power, and all of you now have the power to be triumphant in your given area of expertise.

Although for some of us, our formal educational journey may be over as we begin to establish careers, learning and growing will never end. In all walks of life, we must strive to continually improve ourselves and our performance. The world is constantly changing, and if we choose to remain stagnant, the world may pass us by. We all live within the walls of our own comfort zone, and every time we break through those walls, we expand our abilities. College was the first step in building a larger foundation, and now it is our responsibility to construct even higher walls. The sky is the limit, so never stop building.

Again, I would like to congratulate all of you on this remarkable achievement, and I wish all of you much success and happiness now and in the future!