

Graduation Speech



Good evening and warm welcome to the distinguished faculty, family, friends, guests and, finally, fellow members of the class. To be honest, I am honored and incredibly happy for having a chance to deliver a graduation speech. I would like to thank our teachers as well as parents and family members for their hard work and inspiration because you helped all of all to succeed and achieve greatness.

I would like to begin my commencement address with the quotation by Stephen Covey, one of the most successful educators and businessmen in the USA, who recommended in his book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* to “begin with the end in mind”. I cannot lie to you saying that this phrase has turned everything upside down in my life, but it really inspired me to graduate from _____ and even finish writing this graduation speech. To be honest, it took me 5-6 sheets of paper, a two-hour review of *The Best Graduation Speeches Ever*, two pills against unbearable headache, and one-hour depression to finish this graduation speech. I have never thought that I would take it so seriously but I have done it and I am ready to deliver it to you.

Dear friends, I have read numerous commencement speeches by famous businessmen, politics, and actors, including Mindy Kaling, Joanne Rowling, Michelle Obama, and Jim Carrey. However, the commencement speech delivered by Steve Jobs at Stanford University in 2005 inspired me most of all. While delivering his speech, this man recommended the gradulators “to

stay hungry and stay foolish” because the time of every person is limited. I am deeply convinced that our faculty has positively influenced our future because it contributed to the development of our self-esteem, shaped our personality, helped us to overcome fear and anxieties, taught us to be persistent, motivated us not to give up, increased our chances for successful employment, and turned us into highly social beings. I cannot but agree that education is the most powerful weapon in the world and I am happy that I and my fellow students are “armed”. I am sure that education will motivate me and everyone here not to give up or lose faith. Moreover, I hope that education as well as profound knowledge that we obtained in the process of our studying here will be the key that will give the unique chance to every graduator here to unlock the golden door of limitless opportunities and freedom. Sydney Harris, one of the most famous American journalists once said that education has the power to turn mirrors into windows, and I believe that our successful graduation is an open path to tremendous opportunities. In addition, I am deeply convinced that since now education will become our best friend that will guide us, control, warn, and motivate to change for better.

Our two-year journey spend at _____ was not easy as I have always believed that academic programs offered by this institute are very complicated. However, now I can assure you standing here that despite various difficulties and hardships the _____ that acquired a worldwide reputation numerous decades ago, is the best option for people who want to get excellent high-quality profession in the sphere of healthcare. As far as I know, many professionals engaged in the field of nursing, travel from different corners of the globe to the UAE in order to participate in various programs offered by our institute. I am glad that I am included to the list of those people who decided to continue their

education at their educational establishment.

I am very glad that I have a chance to stand here on the precipice of our unknown future. Maybe, it will sound strange but I want to assure you, my dear fellow members, that our future begins here and today. Although numerous hardships and problems will pursue us on our way to success, I am sure that we will have enough strengths, experience, knowledge, and skills to contribute to the sphere of healthcare. I wish every person here to chase your dreams with rigor as well as authenticity because our dreams to become professionals and leaders have gathered and united us here, inspired us to work hard and strive for success. I wish every person standing here to develop and reach your full potential because it will have a crucial effect on your fate, success, and satisfaction. Despite the quality of healthcare services are very high in the UAE compared to many other developed countries, I believe that we as a future generation of leaders will add to the welfare of healthcare system of our country. After graduating we will try to do our best in order to become effective healthcare leaders who will become the “faces” of their organizations.

Finally, before I end this graduation speech of mine, I would like to thank everyone and wish luck in whatever endeavors you plan to pursue. I would like to end this graduation speech with one of my favorite quotations by Steve Jobs who said to “have enough courage to follow your heart and intuition”. So, my dear friends and colleagues, I wish you to pursue new opportunities despite obstacles, failures, losses, and downfalls because life is a journey and we are here to take pleasure in it.