

Good morning esteemed Board of Directors, Faculty, Family, Friends

And most importantly Class of 2013

To you, let me begin by saying you are exactly where you are supposed to be. We have always wondered how this day would feel like; many even doubted whether we would ever make it to this point. Being here today proves that you can achieve anything that you set your mind to; therefore you have rightfully earned your place amongst your peers.

I know this phrase is often mentioned in these speeches but honestly there is no other way to describe what we have become but a family, one that I can proudly say not only includes our 51 current graduates but a few more who have left along the way but remain a part of us. This leads me to acknowledge the amount of challenges our journey has presented, forcing us to overcome family losses, early goodbyes to our classmates and specially the situation of the country. It is with great pride we assume the responsibilities of not only normal teenagers but also those of who fight for something bigger than themselves, our country.

It took 15 years, about a million mistakes and an amazing group of people to help me realize it is always better to regret something you did that something you did not do. Having said this, I believe we are all aware that bad decisions make good stories and keep in mind that one day we'll be old and we will have plenty of these to laugh about. I know I speak on behalf of the entire class when I say that up until this day there is nothing left undone. It never crossed my mind that time would go by so fast and maybe my one and only regret is that at some breaking point I wished it did.

I dare say we wouldn't be able to take this next step if it weren't for the helping hand of the faculty members, friends and family. Your ever present support and guidance has been vital in making us well rounded and free thinking individuals. We will be forever grateful of your willingness to share your experiences and knowledge in order for us to succeed.

I would like to ask each and every member of the class of 2013 to believe in the person you want to become. I certainly do, and if you believe you can you are

halfway there. You should know that from now on there is nothing stopping you because everyone here has the power to create greatness. I am certain that every decision in your life either right or wrong has brought you to where you are right now and every step you take from now on will lead you to where you are meant to go.

Class of 2013 I promise you have a great future ahead of you.

For most of us this might feel like the end of the road, our road, but let me assure you this nothing but a new beginning. We have come so far yet there is so much ahead of us and for what's to come remember you will always have your promotion 23 to come back to. The experiences and memories we are leaving behind are too much to be diminished by distance and too good to be forgotten. I know we will miss seeing each other's beautiful faces every morning, but that will just make seeing each other again so much more worth it. I can't wait to see how far you are going to get.

And now, now that I have expressed our gratitude to family friends and faculty and even God last Friday, I have a few things left to say. I personally want to express my most sincere gratitude to those who deserve it the most.

Promocion 23:

Thank you for making me look forward to waking up in the morning.

Thank you for teaching me to approach everything with an undying sense of humor

Thank you for being so random, so weird, (let's call it special) and yet precisely what I needed.

Thank you for making every mistake worth it.

Thank you for giving me the friendships many wanted but only few can say they truly had.

And finally, Just thank you.

Best of luck to all of you, I can't wait to see you again.