

Class of 2022, through some of the hardest times we have ever experienced, you've made it to this day.

Even though many days were full of questions and uncertainties, you persevered, and you have arrived here with your loved ones, families, friends, and all those who accompany you with their presence and those who are here in spirit. You have arrived here, in great part due to the hopes and prayers of your fore parents, ancestors, and mentors walking with you, believing in you, seeing a future with you, and sometimes even seeing a future for you when the road ahead was too far. We honor them and thank them for all they have done for you these last four years.

Even if your journey has been marked by ups and downs, and constant pivoting and adjusting, that is all part of your journey now; it's part of your unique story, and part of the heritage that one day you will pass on to others.

May you keep loving the journey of life, the winding roads and the unknown exits.

May you keep relishing the unexpected, the mysterious, the new and the yet-to-be-told adventures that await you.

May you keep living in this very present moment, knowing that you are here, and cherishing every second of this present time.

May you be infinitely aware that your most important accomplishment is not your diploma, it's you. It's the joy in you; the wisdom in you; the resilience, sacredness, and beauty in you. It's always been you. You are what makes this place so special. You are what makes this journey so remarkable.

May you enter this new stage of life fully aware of your responsibilities towards yourself and others. Working for the betterment and sustainability of your community. Embracing kindness and compassion towards all.

Embrace the care of yourself as an act of resistance, and be inspired by those who stewarded these lands for millennia to take care of the land and the waters around us.

Embrace and be embraced by love in all its forms. Let your heart, soul, and mind, know that you are love, and your loved.

May you see it plainly on the streets, in your home, and in your friends. May it carry you to far places, and comfort you in the tougher moments of life.

Class of 2022, let the joy of life lead you towards incredible and new journeys, and let it lead you to fight for justice and the welfare of our whole community.

Go forth without fear.

Go with the same spirit that got you through these last four years.

Go surrounded by your loved ones, and go full of hope for the brighter and better days you are about to encounter.

May it be so,