

## Graduate Speech – Mitchell Brotz

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Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, distinguished guests, fellow graduates, University staff and guests. On behalf of the graduates receiving their awards today, I would like to thank all of you here today. I'd like to thank all those who have helped us during our time at this University. From the cooks, to the cleaners, to the librarians and to the security guards. To all those behind the scenes that help with the running of this University, thank you.



To the lecturers and teachers who have imparted their wisdom, who have helped us develop, who gave us all a couple more essays than we would have liked, a big thank you to you. The teaching quality at this University is truly fantastic, and the knowledge and skills you have imparted on us will be with us for the rest of our life.

Looking out at this room, it becomes readily clear just how different we all are. We are all graduating with different degrees, and will be working in different fields. From the Arts to Social Services. From Education to Humanities. There are graduates here today, who come from all around this country, and all around the World. There are graduates that studied not only here at Mt. Helen, or Camp Street, but in other states, like South Australia and New South Wales, and even other Countries, like Singapore and Malaysia. It is truly fantastic just how diverse this University is.

To everyone graduating here today, please know that the paper that you hold in your hands represents years of hard work, stress, determination, stress, stress... It represents hard work is what I'm saying. It says 'I'm ready'. I'm ready to go out into that big world. I'm ready to be part of the new generation. I'm ready to be the future. We are all incredibly unique, different people, who have different goals and aspirations.

But there is one thing that ties us all together, and it is the fact that we are graduates of Federation University.

Thank you.