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 who have helped us directly or indirectly to reach this special day of our lives. It is such an honour to stand here before you all today and to speak on behalf of fellow graduates from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and other Federation University’s Partners.

It is such a wonderful day that we are finally graduating from federation university. I want you to reflect back to the first day of university when we walked in. We came here just with some dreams but didn’t know how we were going to achieve them. We had made lots of friends who helped us a lot throughout this journey. This journey would not have been so easy and enjoyable without the support from our lecturers, other university staff as well as our family and friends. Everything went so smooth (minus a few bumps along the way), and finally, here we are, celebrating this day.

Being an international student, it was an arduous time for me in the beginning. I had to leave the comfort of my home and family, to live and study in a country where things work differently. Thanks to the diverse culture of the university and support from my parents and friends, I am successfully able to complete my studies.

Every one of us has overcome many obstacles to be here today such as Assignments, exams, lack of sleep, and exhaustion. This piece of paper in our hand represents all our hard-work and the stress we handled throughout this journey.

I would like to leave you with a final piece of advice: No degree in the world can teach us all the skills we need throughout our career, but it teaches us how to learn new skills and implement them whenever they are needed.

Tomorrow, a new journey will begin, and we are prepared for it. We have the knowledge and ability to do something extraordinary in this world. So, one journey will finish today, and a new journey will start from tomorrow. I wish us all the very best.

Remember one thing “The more we will educate our self the more we will grow, and this growth represents that we are alive”.

Thank you.