

Graduation Speech – Jagdeep Singh

Chancellor, distinguished guests, Faculty Members, Family, Friends and Fellow Graduates, It's an incredible honour and privilege for me to stand here before you all today representing the graduating class of 2015-16. This morning we all get together here to remark the completion of our academic studies. Congratulations everyone! We actually made it or most of us being an international students, rather I will say we successfully conquer and nailed it.

Today when I thought how the journey of past few years went in Federation University, it gives a crazy Roller coaster Ride where I had loads of Fun and leaning going together. The highs were extremely high-becoming the part of Federation University, studying in a different country was a new world for us and many more things. But for every high, the low ones are challenging also – studying whole night before exam, tensed moments during assignment submission, counting life in Weeks (Week 1, week 2 and so on), pouring your heart and soul in Labs, viewing dead-lines while maintaining work and study balance. All these memories will stick with us through-out our lives.

With twist and turns, the learning always remains extensive. IIBIT is like a ship which helps us to sail and reach our destination i.e. Federation University Australia. As a Fresh Graduates, now we need to look beyond the walls of University and actively peruse the career chosen in our profession.

Today I am here going to speak about three things with using small stories. First is confidence, second is willingness and third is being a helping human.

Let me talk about confidence first. It's an attitude how we deal the people or handle things. Imagine a wooden plank which is 1m wide and 20m long and it is placed on the ground and we ask the people to move on it. I believe everyone will be able to try and most of us will be able to clear the whole wooden plank. Now consider this wooden plank of same dimensions is placed between the 50th floors of a building. Forget about the completion of the task, I believe there are rare people who would give it a try, even considering the risk factor involved in it. If I deeply think of both the scenarios, the capability to do the task remains the same however its confidence which shatters when plank is placed in between buildings. In life we all get these situations where we have capability to perform however we lack confidence.

Secondly I will talk about willingness. As Henry Ford Said "It can be or it cannot be both the ways are right". It means it's up to our willingness whether we need to conquer or not. Again a small story. There were two different guys who are put into a very large and dark room and asked to find the small needle. After two hours, both the guys came out. First one was consistently giving excuses about darkness and no visibility however second one actually has the needle in this hand. In his response, he said "I kept moving my hands here and there and at one point I was able to find the Light Switches. Once light is turned on- it was area by area I searched and was able to find the needle." In the story the second guy with willingness and self-direction, made the progress.

Thirdly I want to talk about being a helping human. Being a human, you should always help others in life. Imagine a guy asked you how to go from Sydney to Melbourne. You ask him to download Google Map and rest he knows everything. You are giving Direction. You yourself download Google Map on his phone and rest he knows everything. You are giving Education. You download Google Map and show him demo. You are now giving motivation. Being human, one should always be ready to help others.

Always remember Laughter is Timeless, Imagination has no age, dreams are forever and Challenges are the beauty of life. Keep yourself crawling, walking and running in the journey of life.

I have small poem to share

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Together we are strong together we build a Nation

We love IIBIT we love Federation

Motivation is High we will do

Memories of Semester stick to our hearts with Glue

Accounting or Programming, we all wake Late Nights

Boundaries of Love we shared with small fights

Life went in Weeks: Week 1, Week 2 and so on

The best part I guess is now gone

Sky might be high but never the end

We all have the capability, we all can set the trend.

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Today may also be a little scary as now we must venture out as independent professionals. We must take those dreams and make our own places in this world, just remember that if your dreams don't scare you, they're not big enough. So graduates, challenge yourself, continue to get out of your comfort zone for it is then that you will achieve unimaginable things.

No matter what challenges life throws you in the future, just always remember to smile... and enjoy the ride.

Thank You