

## **Graduation Speech**

Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, distinguished guests, fellow graduates, University staff and guests. On behalf of the graduates receiving their awards today I'd like to begin with the word opportunity.

Opportunity is a single word that can inspire every single one of us. Opportunity being defined as an exploitable set of circumstances with an uncertain outcome all while involving an exposure to risk.

Our privilege to attend university as a whole is an opportunity not to be taken for granted. Not only has our time studying here been truly rewarding, but it has also required an enormous amount of our effort, time and determination.

Tomorrow, the future is in our favour in the face of the world that is daunting but incredibly exciting. That being said, there now are more opportunities than ever as we as individuals are able to define the path of who we want to be rather than who we have to be, with the world only waiting for us to actively challenge ourselves.

As graduates we have come together today to celebrate our success alongside the other faculties over the course of this month. We should acknowledge the diversity of the degrees graduating this month as well as those who have studied in various locations around not only Australia but also Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. We have all contributed to each other's success in some way which is something to be proud of whether it was through something as simple as helping someone with their referencing or to the one too often group assignments each semester.

In saying that, we wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the incredible knowledge, support and wisdom of the wonderful staff surrounding us. The business faculty has provided us with not only some memorable personalities but also people within our desired industries that we can turn to for support and for that, we thank you for all your hard work and mentorship for each and every one of us over the course of our studies.

I would also like to extend a big thank-you to all of our loved ones for being here today to support us as this chapter in our lives comes to a close only for another exciting chapter to soon begin. The support, love and often patience you all have given us has undoubtedly helped contribute to us being here today.

Graduates, as our chapter at Federation University has come to a close, the future remains bright with amazing opportunities within reach, seeking our own personal drive to succeed. Today we can bask in our achievement as we begin to imagine what is instore for us as we move beyond our time as graduates.

You took the chance on university, so now be bold and courageous in achieving your goals because as you leave today, unlimited opportunities lay ahead of you. This is the beginning of anything you want so go out there and do something amazing.

Thank you.