

## **Graduate Speech – Jenna Barratt**

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Good afternoon Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, distinguished guests, fellow graduates, University staff, and guests. I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Horsham graduates. Can I start by congratulating our fellow graduates at the Ballarat and Gippsland campuses, and to those who studied in Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney and abroad, across the wide range of disciplines offered by Federation University.

Having reached this long awaited day, we now need to look back and acknowledge the many people that made such achievements possible.

To our friends, families and workmates who listened, sympathized and provided the tough love we needed when the going got tough,

To the teaching staff, for their dedication that often extended beyond the classroom,

And to the university staff who handled our enrolments, work placements, and countless other aspects of our studies, we thank you.

Philosopher John Dewey suggested that we do not learn from experience, instead we learn by reflecting on experience. After leaving here today, we will continue reflect on our experiences, and skills used to overcome the challenges of university life, and draw on those social and professional networks to help us succeed into the future. Graduates, take great pride in your achievements and let's show industry what a FedUni graduate can do!

Thank you