

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 for joining us to celebrate one of the most momentous occasions of our lives, our graduation day.

I am privileged to speak on behalf of my fellow Federation University graduates who are present here today from various Australian locations and from overseas countries such as Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong.

First and foremost I would like to acknowledge Federation University Australia and its entire teaching staff for providing us high-quality programs, imparting us the wisdom and giving us the guidance that will help us expand our potential, to accomplish our goals and help us prepare towards our future.

To all my fellow graduates, congratulations! This day is a milestone for each and every graduate. We should be proud that we have come this far because the road we tackled was never easy. As a matter of fact, the road was very bumpy. We suffered stress, anxiety and countless sleepless nights in order to meet our academic responsibilities. Tremendous efforts and devotion were required to pass rigorous examination, fulfill assessments, and meet presentation deadlines. Personally, I found it very hard to juggle work and studies at the same time. Many times I had to go to uni and group meetings right after working a 9-hour night shift. However, being here today and receiving our long awaited, hard-earned graduation certificates made the sacrifices and struggles all worth it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank significant people that made my university experience possible. To my parents, Mateo and Evangeline and my sisters, Charmaine and Sean, and all my relatives, thank you for believing in me. Thank you for the trust, support and understanding that you have given. To Diana, Mai, Young, Shah and Shara, thank you for being not just my classmates, but for being my family away from home. Thank you guys for all the help and for making every uni day fun, crazy and memorable.

I would also like to thank the partners, families and friends of all the graduates here today for their support and understanding throughout our years of study.

As graduates, we will now be on a quest to find success and happiness. As we embark on our future endeavours I would like to take this moment to wish all the graduates the best of luck and once again, congratulations.

Thank you.