HVAC GRADUATION SPEECH

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Hello everyone and welcome to this graduating class of apprentice training in HVAC (**name of school**) here at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . I want to thank all of you for being with us to share this milestone for our trainees. I’d like to say hello to all of the family and friends that are here to celebrate while I also offer a warm welcome to people like (**Name 2 or 3 industry leaders**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who is such an important part of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Your presence here today as you demonstrate your interest in our course and show support for our students is very gratifying. It tells us that the professionals in the HVAC industries are a united and connected community and of course we all intend that those who have completed this twenty-eight week program will find gratifying and challenging positions within the HVAC matrix. Of course I left the best for last. No acknowledgements would have been complete if I hadn’t offered our educator Mr. Goodwin and his incredible staff of teachers and assistants our most sincere thanks. None of this would be possible without your hard work and dedication to the course and our students.

It’s no secret that our world has gotten impossibly complicated. Between changing laws and regulations, new technologies being updated at a pace that outstrips the former status quo in the industry, and constantly evolving environmental updates and initiatives, no one can be too well trained or over educated. As soon as we learn of new equipment and resolutions, those improved systems need revisions. Our industry has become a constantly evolving and organic entity and more than ever, we need smart, well informed, eager and capable apprentices to be trained to do the important work of maintaining and upgrading the environments in which millions of people live and work.

It’s been said that the best preparation for tomorrow is to do your best today. To our graduates, you’ve spent almost seven months learning the details and protocols, the mechanics and the inner workings of all manner of HVAC systems. **(If you want to say something a little humorous, you can say)** In the olden days, families would be so proud to say, “My son the doctor,” but in this day and age, believe me; I think we have an even greater appreciation of what you’ve all accomplished. Let’s face it-the world of medicine has had its challenges lately, but who among us wants to sit in 90 degree heat with a broken air conditioning system?? (**Wait for the laugh**) All of you apprentices are future rock stars!

All jokes aside, the work you’ve done and the skills you’ve learned have earned you a chance to work in one of the most vital and competitive industries in current times. This is just the beginning of your careers in HVAC. We are in the center of an exciting and challenging environment and the opportunities to learn new about new systems and innovations are right here in our home city. This 28-week course offered you a great foundation, but just like a top-level state of the art cooling system, what you’ve been taught means nothing unless you know how to apply what you’ve learned. That state technicians who started out as apprentices that have to maintain and repair the “magic.”

You graduates have demonstrated your curiosity and willingness to participate. Now it’s time to be part of a new team. In the work environment you’ll learn how to apply your knowledge and skills in different contexts. You’ll be there to support the professionals that led the way. Watch. Pay attention. Your education never ends. One day in the not too distant future, you may be called on to take what you’ve learned and teach others who are as eager and curious as you were 6 months ago. Remember how you appreciated the helping hand. Remember the generosity of others who were willing to share their knowledge with you. Remember to be the kind of employee that you would want to hire and demonstrate loyalty, respect, and a willingness to support others. Keep your eyes and ears open to new ideas and professional gratification will be yours. I wish all of you the best of luck in your future endeavors! Congratulations and thank you all!