**14534, Brandyn Funk - graduation**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to all our family and friends and thank you for coming today to share this momentous occasion with us. Who would have thought when we first came here as freshmen, that we would all be here today, having successfully completed our education. Yet here we are today, school work complete, and ready to take on the world.

On behalf of our entire graduating class, I want to say thank you to our parents, family and friends. Thank you to our teachers, administrators, tutors and anyone else who has had faith in what we can accomplish. Thank you for urging us on to greatness and fullness of life.

I remember growing up and learning to draw and make designs by hand. Thankfully, my parents saw my talents early on and equipped me with the best equipment and tools possible so that I could learn and become an accomplished graphic designer. It’s been their encouragement that has kept me going through all my studies.

There are some who don’t think that being a graphic designer is a real job, that all I do is play with drawings and design. Honestly I can’t imagine a better career than being able to create and design things of beauty and function. They say if you do what you love you’ll never work a day in your life so it looks like I have a long life of play to look forward to.

Each graduate here had their own hopes and dreams and their own struggles growing up and during their time here at Reeves Business College. It doesn’t matter what your background is, it matters what talents you have. It doesn’t matter what disappointments you’ve experienced, it matters what dreams you have for your future.

With all our hard work during our time at school let’s not forget all the fun times we had as well. Along with all the parties and extracurricular activities we played our share of pranks on one another and on the teachers. I’m sure at least one of my teachers is celebrating my graduation for that alone. But, they also recognize that successful people balance their hard work with good fun.

As you go forth today I want you to remember what you’ve accomplished so far in your life. Regardless of your degree program, you have all succeeded in completing this goal for yourselves. Remember this whenever you feel the pressure of life as you move forward. Remember what you have accomplished here and know that you can accomplish whatever you set your mind to accomplish in the future.

Today is the end of one season of your life, but it is the beginning of a new and exciting season of your life. Each of you have talents and skills unique to you. Each of you has a future and life before you filled with promise and expectation. I encourage you today to open your heart and mind and allow yourself to dream big. Think of what you would really like to do with your life and allow yourself to believe that it can happen. Contemplate that future and begin to plan for it if you haven’t already. Believe that you can accomplish your dreams and go after them.

Thank you