COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

FOR

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SAMPLE

Hello everyone. I am honored to be with you today at this commencement ceremony. I want to thank Dean Checci for that generous introduction, and yes, I am a proud graduate of the UNM College of Engineering. Being here brings back so many memories and of course I am reminded of my own graduation. Your college years are a time for dreaming your dreams and going forth to make them realities. Boy did I have dreams “**back in the day**”…. In fact we might almost say that one of those “visions” is being fulfilled **right this very minute**… sort of…You see, throughout my days here at UNM, the **ONE DREAM** I had (**If you want to go for a little laugh you can say**)… that I **REMEMBER**… (**And wait for the laugh**)… was to **be right here**… **right in this spot**…on the floor of “the pit.” **AND HERE I AM**!!! It just shows what perseverance, determination and belief in one’s abilities can do…. of course back then I dreamed I was a point guard for the Lobos… but **Hey**!! I’m still thrilled to be here!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).