**15645, Mary Brannon**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I want to welcome all of our alumni, graduates, their family and friends, and our staff and teachers, to our graduation ceremony. My name is Mary Brannon and I am the president of the Certified Medical Assistant program here. Our graduating class may be small but we are mighty. Our class of twelve has worked hard all year long to complete all the requirements to stand here before you and receive our diplomas and pins.

When we arrived here last year to begin our studies we were just a dozen individuals who had never met. We are different ages, come from different cultural backgrounds

But, during our twelve months here we have become a close knit group of students who worked hard to complete the required 16 credit hours each semester. As you can imagine, with that work load none of us had any type of social life while studying. We did that because we were committed to getting the best education possible for the career we chose. I am proud to say that this school is a top tier program and we are honored to graduate from here. I’d like to give special honor to our program instructor Gina Scott. She runs the program by herself even though she was also going through accreditation at the same time we were studying to graduate. So we each had our own group of stresses to manage.

Tonight is the culmination of a dream for each of us. We carefully decided the career we wanted to pursue, then we carefully researched the programs available and chose this school as the place we wanted to pursue our dreams. We all agree that we received the best instruction, as well as the most support from the teachers and staff here. Each of us can say that we are superbly equipped to handle our duties as Medical Assistants. Because of our training here we are competent as well as confident. Wherever we find employment we can assure them that they have some of the best trained Medical Assistants in the field.

Fellow graduates, I congratulate you on your accomplishments thus far. You have worked hard and finished your race. As you leave here today you begin a new chapter in your lives. Although you became a unified group, you will once again be individuals going out to meet your future. Some of you will go to large medical facilities, while others will work in a small doctor’s office. Some of you will go on to further your education while others will be content to be the best Medical Assistants possible. Some of you may even go on to become teachers yourself helping other students to reach their dreams.

But no matter what direction your future takes you, know that you are a credit to this school and to your chosen profession. You are setting an example for those who come after you that dreams can come true. Congratulations Class of 2016!

 Thank you