**GRADUATION SPEECH**

**FOR**

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**SAMPLE**

Hello everyone!! It’s wonderful to be here... to experience all of this with friends, family, teachers, administrators, distinguished guests, and of course, my fellow graduates. As nervous as I was anticipating this moment, I am thankful for the opportunity to be standing here, surrounded by the enthusiasm that fills this auditorium. (**If you want to make a joke and think it’s appropriate, you can say**)... I can feel the electricity in the air... all I can say is, with this rush, who needs nitrous oxide??? (**And wait for the laugh**) I realize it has not only been my fellow students and I who have made great sacrifices to get here, each one of you have sacrificed in countless ways too. There’s a line in an English poem that teaches us, “I am part of all that I have met.” I know I speak for my fellow graduates when I say... I’m thankful I don’t live in a “vacuum,” I’m grateful to have had this opportunity to work towards and achieve this goal, and I’m humbled to have had so much encouragement from the people that literally make me who I am. I realize it has not only been my fellow graduates and I who have worked hard to be here, each one of you, as part of us, also share our accomplishments.