**Please write a commencement speech (3 minutes long) for a student speaker. I provided some information about the student that you can use. Also, you can use your thoughts and imagination to make it extra ordinary.**

**Topic: What it means to be a Suffolk County Community College Graduate?**

**My thoughts:**

It is my honored to be here.

It means a lot for me.

It means meeting great people here.

It means a path of my success.

It means becoming my dream true.

I am not a traditional student.

I am a student who is a father of two years old boy, also a husband and head of household.

My family and I moved in the United States 10 years ago for a better lifestyle, because we were facing the challenges of poverty in ABC (assume a country’s name).

After we moved here, it was even more challenging for us to get a place to live and find jobs.

We temporary stayed in one of our relative’s house for a little while, it was not pleasant living.

My father was also sick when he came here. He thought, he would go to doctor here and get better treatment. But, as we did not have a proper place for him to stay nor a car for transportation, he had to go back to ABC. And he passed away there. He could not even see a doctor here. We could not do that much for my father. When I remember this, I cannot stop falling tears from my eyes.

Three months later after I moved here, I was able to find a job at Dunkin Donuts. But, I had to work 70-80 hours in a week without having a day off just to pay rent and other bills. Even though, I was working a lot, but still I was not making enough to pay rent for living in Long Island. And as I did not have a college degree, I was not getting a good job or a salary. Then I decided to come here at Suffolk to get my Associate degree in Computer Information Systems.

I had to struggle a lot to get here today. As I was going to school for full time, I could not work enough to pay my rent. So, I had to take some personal loan just to pay my rent, so I can study full time. But, because I was so busy, I could not give enough time at, and had to hear my wife’s complain about it.

Today, I am not only getting my Associate degree. I am getting so many great experiences from Suffolk. I received one study abroad scholarship for Romania last summer, from that trip I learned about different culture, and community leadership. Because of Suffolk I had opportunity of doing an internship at Brookhaven Lab. Which was a great experience for me. It wouldn’t be possible if I was not in Suffolk. I met many great people, faculties, students. Their positive thought’s impacting my life.

I think you guys have great experience from here too. Many of students might go to four years school, and some of us will go to work. I would say one thing, never give up. Do not loose your confidence. Success will come to you!

I want to thank all of my professors, counselors, advisors, and all the faculties, fellow students and all of us here today. Thank you everyone.