

## Salutatorian Speech – Jingan Sang

Hello everyone. My name is Jingan Sang and I am honored to be the salutatorian of the class of 2022.

To my friends, family, teachers, and the administration — I'd like to welcome you all to this celebration and thank you for being here. I would like to give special thanks to my parents who always supported my decisions, my teachers whose thinkings have greatly impacted me, and my friends in college chemistry, the hardest course in the school.

Today is not only a celebration of our accomplishments over the past four years, but it also signifies a turning point in our journey. I would like to encourage you all to continue advancing as you step into the next chapter of your life.

I believe that every individual's character, personality, and ability are shaped by their past experiences. Every choice we make eventually becomes part of us and affects our future. You sit here today is the best proof that you have obtained all the necessary skills for the next part of your journey.

Our past may contain regrets and there is nothing we can do to change that, our future may have worries, and that is the nature of human beings. Applying the elimination method, that leaves only one thing - the present. I encourage you to live in the moment. Now is the time that you can influence your future. Now is the time that you have all the possibilities in your hands. Now is the time that you can and should strive for your dreams. The focus now should be on your efforts, though, rather than your dreams.

Your efforts will not betray you. Although sometimes your journey will take you in different directions, the experiences you have gained from your efforts will pay off. We all understand that every goal we set may not be achieved, but the fact that we will consistently give our best efforts will allow us to look back someday and be proud of our perseverance.

Author Les Brown once said: "Shoot for the moon. If you miss it, you will still land among the stars." I think what he meant was that though our journey may not take us down the path we have planned, that's ok. If all the misfortunes in the world are caused by a person's lack of ability, then the hard work we put forth will never fail us. We are all destined for great things; only the way we achieve them will differ

Thus, Class of 2022, I challenge you all to strive for your best till your last moment. Always remember if, along the way, you did not meet your goals, then keep on going until the dust settles. Each ordinary day we experience is a continuous miracle.