

**MATRICULATION REMARKS  
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THANK YOU, DR PALMER, AND ...

**WELCOME CAV NATION!**

WE HAVE BEEN WAITING ALL SUMMER TO REACH THIS MILESTONE TODAY ... THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT CHAPTER OF YOUR LIVES!

WALSH UNIVERSITY IS COMPRISED OF 371 FULLTIME TEACHERS IN AND OUT OF A CLASSROOM ... COUNTLESS ADJUNCT AND VOLUNTEER TEACHERS ... THAT ARE ALL HERE FOR OUR 2,600 STUDENTS.

OUR ROLE – OUR MISSION – OUR DUTY FLOWS DIRECTLY FROM OUR INTENT TO FURTHER A 200-YEAR LEGACY OF THE BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION.

LET US NOW WELCOME HERE WITH US FROM THE CONGREGATION OF THE BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION ... PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED!

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING IN OUR AUDIENCE AS WELL, PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE A FIRST RESPONDER. AND ANY MILITARY MEMBERS

TODAY, AS OUR NEW STUDENTS “TAKE THEIR PLACE” SEEKING TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

YOU EACH TAKE YOUR PLACE ON A JOURNEY TO PREPARE FOR NOT JUST A JOB ... BUT YOUR VERY LIFE’S PURPOSE!

YOU HAVE CHOSEN AN APPROACH WHEN YOU DECIDED UPON WALSH UNIVERSITY – AN APPROACH TO ENSURE YOU HAVE THE INTELLECTUAL, MORAL, EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL, PHYSICAL, AND SPIRITUAL TOOLS FOR A LIFE OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP.

THIS COMMUNITY – FACULTY AND STAFF – HAVE TAKEN THEIR PLACE TO SERVE YOU – TO PREPARE YOU – TO BE THERE FOR YOU – CONTINUING A 931 YEAR EFFORT,

INVENTED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING,  
GENERATING, AND TRANSMITTING HIGHER LEVELS OF KNOWLEDGE.

THE ROAD AHEAD WILL NOT BE EASY – IT SHOULD NOT BE EASY – IT CANNOT BE  
EASY.

THE DESTINY OF THE WORLD WILL BE ON YOUR SHOULDERS – WE MUST GET YOU  
READY!

IN LIFE – AS IN FOOTBALL – YOU WON'T GO FAR UNLESS YOU KNOW WHERE THE GOAL  
POSTS ARE.

TODAY WE SHOW YOU THEY ARE RIGHT HERE – YOU WILL CROSS THIS VERY STAGE  
HAVING EARNED – EARNED – YOUR DEGREE.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS.

TO THE FAMILIES – AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES – THANK YOU FOR  
ENTRUSTING THESE STUDENTS TO OUR CARE.

WE WILL NOT FALTER ... WE WILL NOT FAIL YOU.

TRUSTING IN GOD'S GRACE AND THE CONTINUED PRAYERS OF OUR PATRONESS – OUR  
LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP – WE KNOW – WE ARE CONVINCED TO OUR CORE – THAT  
OUR PURPOSE IS NOBLE AND OUR MISSION TO BUILD LEADERS IN SERVICE TO OTHERS  
– WITH A SET OF VALUES – IN THE JUDEA-CHRISTIAN TRADITION ... IS SAFEGUARDED.

LASTLY, TO OUR STUDENTS, I LEAVE YOU WITH A TWO LAST TWO WORDS AND A  
SINGLE THOUGHT...

YOU ROCK!