



Dear Graduates:

Graduation marks the end of one journey and the beginning of another. Your future is in your hands and unlimited opportunities are waiting for you.

Leaving East Carolina University behind is difficult, at best, as the university has been a place of comfort and security that has helped shape you into the person you have become. The time you spent here has prepared you for the real world in one way or another, so now it is time to continue your journey. Moving forward is never easy because it involves taking risks and enduring obstacles, while remaining resilient. Just remember that your best days are ahead of you!

As you embark on your path, I want to offer you some simple words of advice. Follow your passion and work hard at whatever you choose to do. Be patient, finding your dream job will take some time. Do not be afraid to try and fail; meaningful learning comes most often through our own mistakes. Success is not measured by a title or a salary; it is measured by the contributions you make to society and the impact you have on others. Be fearless, make everyday matter, and embrace the future.

I want to congratulate you on your accomplishments and wish you continued success as you begin this new phase in your life.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn M. Roeder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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