

Matriculation Class of 2016 August 2012

Welcome class of 2016. And welcome to your families. We give thanks that you are here and we give thanks for this University and all those committed to your education.

As we begin this ceremony, I share my prayer for you. Strength and blessing is the Divine's to give. The living is yours to do.

For each of you in the class of 2016, I pray that you will surprise and delight even yourselves in your journey of self-discovery at Tufts.

May you find your very best academic stride as you grow in knowledge and wisdom, and embrace the love of learning.

May you make good friends who will be there for you through the years.

I pray that you will unleash all your talents as you pursue them in and out of the class room.

In the midst of many demands, may you make good choices, get the big picture, live in the moment, and find ways to relax.

May you be given the courage and sense to say no when it is right to do so, and yes when your heart says yes.

May your time here be an amazing adventure!

I pray that the community here at Tufts will benefit from your fresh thinking and perspectives.

I pray that you and your parents and families will bond in new and wonderful ways. And may we all, living and working together do our part in making our world a better place and live as compassionate people.

