

**Commencement Speech**  
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Good Morning:

President Scott, trustees, faculty, administration, parents, friends, distinguished guests, and graduates of the class of 2010. To my fellow graduates, I would like to commend you on this special day. Although some of us entered Adelphi University not knowing where we wanted to end up, others had their sights set and took the opportunities that Adelphi offered. All of us, however, entered Adelphi not knowing whom we would meet along the way, hoping for a positive experience and some new friends. We, as students, took a path that has assisted us to better ourselves for the future; we have chosen our field of studies and are ready to achieve our goals. We have challenged ourselves daily and prepared ourselves for the next steps in our lives. As we sit here today, surrounded by our friends, family, faculty and administration, we will no doubt reflect on our years at Adelphi and wonder what lies ahead for us. This is our chance to move forward and make our choices; our paths are our destiny and we will make our choices proudly.

It is time to live our life to its fullest; make every moment count. We felt comfortable in our daily routine; we would go to class, study, have some fun, study, stress and, of course, study again. The path we choose as we leave Adelphi University today as proud graduates is what our future is about. Adelphi University has been our learning community during the time that we have spent here; it is time for us to use what we have learned to make our choices and to take our place in the world. It is time to leave our safe haven and experience our new lives. As we stand as graduates, and walk proudly out to see what our futures hold, know that we will always have our Adelphi education and experience to bring with us. Many of us have had the privilege of making a new set of friends who will become cherished life long friends. We will always have our special memories of those moments that we have shared over classes, coffee, or the wonderful food at the University Center. Adelphi has prepared us for our journey through the world. The famous poem by Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken," comes to my mind. Sometimes when we must make a choice, the one that is not as obvious or as popular can make all the difference in our lives. Do not simply follow along because it seems like the safe choice; do not be afraid to choose a path and to have confidence in your choice. My path is full of many decisions and choices to make; I want to continue my education and I also want the experience of working towards a career. I want to use my knowledge and experience from Adelphi. As we all leave here today, we will be thinking about our journey into the future; I believe that the journey will be a positive crossing from one part of life to another. The world is a beautiful place to be and our futures are right in front of us. Take and enjoy the journey, seize the chances, make

every moment count, search for opportunities and do not be afraid to take them, and do not be afraid to dream big; the world is ours and it is time for us to take our place and be proud of who we are and what we have achieved.

We would not be where we are today, at this special moment, without the people who have helped us along the way, whether they are faculty, administration, family, or our peers. These are the people who believed in us every day. It is time to thank the special people in our lives who have given us support and encouragement. For me that is my family, friends, and my Adelphi family. We thank you for investing in our future. I would like to take this time to thank my fellow E-board members who are sitting on this stage with me today for their efforts on behalf of the senior class. I would also like to thank the Center of Student Involvement staff and our class of 2010 advisor, Jennifer McCabe, for all their hard work for our senior class. And thank you to my fellow graduates for the privilege of serving as your class president. My hope is that we all cherish our years at Adelphi and that we go out into the world and make new memories because we are now Alumni; we are Adelphi's legacy, we are the class of 2010; it is time to make the dreams, our dreams, become a reality. I would like to close with this quote by Eleanor Roosevelt: "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Good luck to all my fellow graduates and thank you.