



Mitchell Anthamatten:

Good morning. On behalf of the Department of Chemical Engineering, congratulations to the Class of 2020. And congratulations to your friends and family who supported you along the way. Today, I have one concise message. You are a phenomenal class, and we are so proud of you. You are smart, adaptable, resilient, and well-prepared for your future careers.

You have navigated our classes and our laboratories, and you have done so in the unprecedented times of this COVID crisis. So have confidence in your next step. Keep Meliora, wherever better close at heart, aim high and take risks, and stay connected. The relationships you've formed with faculty, staff and your classmates will last throughout your career. With that, congratulations. It's a job well done.

And last, I hope you enjoy some of the videos that our faculty have made for you. I hope you have a chance to stop by our virtual receptions to meet and chat with us. Thank you.

Eldred Chimowitz:

Hi seniors, greetings from Rochester. I hope you're all staying healthy and doing the best you can in the circumstances. Congratulations on having got to this point. Ending up your career at the university in the way that you did is not optimal, but if there's any solace, you can take from the fact that it snowed in Rochester a few days ago. Anyway, you're beginning your professional careers now at an interesting time of world history, and the department will be here obviously to support you. We ask that you keep in touch with us. So congratulations once again, all the best, and Godspeed.

Jennifer Condit:

Congratulations everyone on the completion of your BS degree in Chemical Engineering, I've watched you all grow up over the past four years and could not be more proud of each and every one of you. Though your last semester at the U of R did not go as planned, I'm so impressed with your

determination and hard work finishing this semester remotely. It was not an easy thing to do for any of us. This pandemic will make the history books, and the sacrifices you have made will be forever remembered. Class of 2020, know that we will miss you. Please keep in touch and best of luck with your future endeavors.

Clair Cunningham:

Congratulations, seniors. You're graduating. I don't have much to say. This whole year has been fun, crazy with all the people, the projects, the mini crises. I know I've learned a lot. I think you guys have all learned a lot, and I believe we'll all keep learning. Overall, you guys did an awesome job and keep doing well. Feel free to keep in contact. It's always good to hear from you. Go out and get them. Good luck.

David Foster:

Congratulations to the Class of 2020. Chemical engineering is a difficult major, and you have all accomplished a major step in your lives. It was a pleasure to have you in my class and to see you for advising. It seems like yesterday that I saw you for the first time in freshman orientation. I'm incredibly proud of all of you and can't wait to see the terrific things that you accomplish in the coming years.

It's been certainly a difficult way to end four years of college, and you have all done extremely well in these challenging times. Please keep in touch, and if you're ever back in Rochester, please be sure to come and see me.

Jacob Jorne:

Dear graduate parents and family. First, I would like to thank you for not being here in person. It is our duty to keep social separation and collectively defeat the coronavirus. I thank you for that. Remember that I always told you that separation is more difficult than mixing.

The Chemical Engineering Class of 2020 faced tremendous challenges, both professionally and personally. Your job might be delayed. My advice to you is take your time. Don't rush. Staying in your parents' basement is okay. Your challenges are a great opportunity for you to be the next great generation overcoming global warming and epidemics. Your civil responsibility is to spread the view that science matters and data count. Good luck to you.

F. Doug Kelley:

To the Class of 2020 seniors. It has been a great pleasure to have gotten to know you. This semester has presented you with some challenging issues, but you have successfully overcome them. Now that you are graduating and moving forward on many different paths, at this time you feel some sadness, some anxieties, and some excitement. Walk through all the doors of opportunity when they present themselves. Challenge yourselves. Continue to grow and learn. Enjoy the new friends that you're going to make along the way, your new job experiences and general life experiences that will happen. As your trips begins, I wish you Bon voyage,

Melodie Lawton:

Congratulations, Class of 2020. You did it. You persevered through four to five years of hard work, and then you were able to push through a very trying final semester. Remember this experience to remind

you that you can accomplish incredible things under extraordinary challenges. We can't wait to see what you'll do next. We wish you all the best, and keep in touch.

Rachel Monfredo:

Class of 2020, congratulations. You are the adaptable class. When we got together back in 2017 and rearranged your curriculum and uploaded your junior year with a lot of heavy courses, you guys rallied, came together as a class and helped each other get through. We wondered when we put junior lab in the fall of your senior year, if you'd recover over winter break in time to be able to handle senior design in the spring. Again, you rallied, and you hit senior design projects in January up and running. Other instructors told us that we shouldn't expect too much from you guys in the spring of your senior year, you would be suffering from senioritis. They were wrong. You guys really did an incredible, enthusiastic job. Our sponsors loved you and what you came up with, and they want to work with the next class. They're looking forward to it, and that's just fantastic feedback to get from our sponsors.

I'm going to miss you. Gavett Hall, miss your faces, miss your enthusiasm. I'm so sorry that things just got cut short before we could all properly say goodbye. But you have much to be proud of, and I'm proud of all of you. I look forward to seeing what you have to offer the world. My best wishes to all of you. Good luck and take care.

Astrid Mueller:

Dear graduating seniors of 2020. I want to congratulate you on completing your Chemical Engineering Bachelor's Degree at the University of Rochester. You all did great. Even though times are trying for all of us, you will do well in the future. It is a shame that you don't get to graduate with regular commencement, but I want to make sure that you all know that the Class of 2020 will be especially remembered as the one that overcame adversity and finished. The COVID issues we face now will make you in the long run more resilient and prepare you for the challenges ahead. I admire how you all picked yourself up and made the best of it. You have proven yourself that you are and will continue to be successful. Congratulations on your achievements.

Marc Porosoff:

Hello seniors. First off, I hope you and your families are all staying healthy and safe. This has certainly been a difficult semester for all of us. I've been lucky to have the pleasure of teaching and mentoring several of you. I've been very impressed with the quality of students in your cohort. You've all demonstrated such determination and perseverance at overcoming the adversity associated with the COVID-19 semester.

I can't imagine what it must have been like to be on spring break and learn that you cannot return to campus to celebrate in your spring with your peers. Once we get through this difficult time, we will all have to find a way to celebrate your significant accomplishments together. I'm very proud of all of you. Completing a Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering is no easy task, and I'm excited to hear about all of your outstanding accomplishments in the years to come. Next fall over Meliora weekend, I hope that you're all able to come back to campus so we can give you a proper, in-person send-off. Best of luck in the next chapter of your lives and Meliora.

Wyatt Tenhaeff:

Hi seniors. First of all, congratulations on finishing the Chemical Engineering degree at U of R. Chemical engineering is traditionally a pretty difficult curriculum. This semester has certainly made it more difficult with everything going on. So you should all be very proud of yourselves for making it through and finishing the degree. I think you're going to be very well prepared for anything life has to throw at you.

Even though you weren't here with your friends last part of this year, you've gotten some really good experience and are ready for the next phase of your life. There is a silver lining, which is that you didn't have to take reactors this semester. So many of you will remember multiple choice sections on my test. Generally, I'm not very well-liked. This semester, I gave the juniors the longest and hardest section yet. It's about twice as long as yours was on the final.

When things get back to normal, I hope to run into some of you on campus. If you're ever here on campus or for Meliora weekend, for whatever reason, feel free to stop by. I'd love to see you. It's always fun to run into alumni, hear about what alumni are up to and just catch up with people that we've shared some time with. So certainly stop by and say hi. Or if you're at a conference or at a ... Some of you going to graduate school, we may be at similar conferences in the future. It's always fun to run into people, all stages of life, all over the country. So I definitely hope to run into some of you. Again, congratulations. I really hope that you're able to find a way to celebrate with friends and family once things get back to normal. So again, congrats, take care, and hope to see you again sometime soon. Bye.

Andrew White:

Congratulations to the Class of 2020. This is Professor White, wishing you all the best. I know this is not exactly what you imagined for your graduation, but you should all still be proud. Don't forget your numerical methods and statistics. It'll come in handy, I'm sure, throughout your career and your life. Please stop by to visit us again when the rest of the pandemic is over with.

Matthew Yates:

Congratulations Class of 2020, and congratulations to the friends and family of our graduates who have helped them reach this important milestone in their life. The degree in Chemical Engineering is challenging and rigorous. It took a lot of effort to reach this point. You have a lot to be proud of.

This semester, in particular, has been extremely challenging for all of us. I wanted to say that I have been very impressed with the way that you all have handled these circumstances. You have remained dedicated and focused to reaching your goals while the world around you has been filled with uncertainty and upheaval. It has made me proud to be associated with the University of Rochester, and it has given me confidence that you'll continue to be successful in the future.

It's unfortunate that I cannot tell you congratulations in person, but I hope that you will come back to visit the University of Rochester. Any time that you're in the Rochester area, you're welcome to visit, and I will be happy to talk with you. I hope that you continue to be associated with the department in the future. Consider mentoring some of the graduates who are coming up after you. They can learn from your experiences. I wish you good luck and success in everything you do. Meliora.

Rachel Monfredo:

For the degree Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, our Chemical Engineering Student Marshall first:

Amanda Paige Tatem, Summa Cum Laude, with Highest Distinction.

Sarah Marija Apanavicius

Maxwell Richard Barton, With High Distinction.

Beauclaire Choumkwa Mbanya Jr. , Cum Laude, With Distinction.

Zachary Beinhacker.

Ryan Joseph Carbone, With Distinction.

Jonathan Chow, With Distinction.

Arame Tanor Deme.

Ndeye Fatou Baka Diop.

Bianca Claudia Dyer, Magna Cum Laude, With Highest Distinction.

Riley Daniel Flower, Magna Cum Laude, With Highest Distinction.

Allison May Forness ,With Distinction.

Londrea Jacinta Garrett.

Mattias Hartveit, With Distinction.

Ryan Timothy Hayter, With Distinction.

Kevin Huang.

Maxwell Kearns, Magna Cum Laude, With Highest Distinction.

Joshua Junseop Kim.

Sabin Simba Kim.

Irem Alara Kocak, With Distinction.

Daniel Krajovic, Summa Cum Laude, With Highest Distinction.

Alastair Lee, With Distinction.

John Lovito.

Adam Luk.

Joyceline L. Marealle, Cum Laude, With Highest Distinction.

Adrian McCalman.

Luke McCarney, Cum Laude, With Distinction.

Shane Shlomo Michtavy.

Zachary James Oliver, Cum Laude, With Highest Distinction.

Leo Erasmo Orsini, Cum Laude, With Distinction.

Brina Dharmendra Patel, Cum Laude, With Highest Distinction.

William Potter.

Ra Junsung.

Remsha Rafiq.

Koushul Ramjattun, With Distinction.

Bruno Freire Ribeiro.

Arantza Alitzel Romero Barreto.

Tayfun Sahin.

Emma Rose Schlechter, With Distinction.

Abdirahman Shukri.

Farouq Nasser Suleiman.

Timothy Powers Sullivan.

Matthew Toth.

Julian Travis, With Distinction.

Aime Laurent Twizerimana, With Distinction.

Alexis Vaccarella, With Distinction.

Mitchel Volis.

Madeline Joan Vonglis, With Distinction.

Wang, Xiaoyan.

Matthew J. Watrous.

Miranda Webster.

Eric James Weidman, With Distinction.

Anna Krystyna Weldy, Magna Cum Laude With Highest Distinction.

Xu Jinyu, With High Distinction.

Zeng Hongzhi, Cum Laude With High Distinction.

And that concludes the Chemical Engineering Class of 2020 graduation ceremony. Thank you, and congratulations.