



Department of Chemical Engineering Class of 2021 Celebration Video Transcript

Mitch Anthamatten:

Hello, seniors. So it's been a long ride. Congratulations. I've taught you in many, many classes over the years, and I don't want to waste your time. You have better things to do than listen to me lecture like you have for so long. Your class is special because I had the opportunity to teach you green energy as freshmen, CHE-113 as sophomores, thermodynamics as juniors, and this year, a few of you are taking my graduate Soft Matter course. It's been real. It's been a ride, and I've enjoyed every second of it. You've thrown yourself at this degree, I've thrown myself, the faculty have really tried to give you the best that we can, but I'll let you in on a secret now, you guys are amazing. You are much more prepared than you think you are for what comes next in your life. You have a great education from a great department, and the future is wide open, so go forward with confidence and stay in touch. We want to keep connected. We want to build our alumni base. You are our next generation of alumni, and we are so proud of you, so keep up the good work. You guys are awesome, and I look forward to keeping in touch with you. Thank you.

Jen Condit:

Hey, seniors. I just wanted to say congratulations on completing your BS in Chemical Engineering. You should all be very proud of yourselves. Believe it or not, I remember most of you coming in as freshmen four years ago. I remember our orientation and meeting you all. I just wanted to say it really has been a pleasure to watch you all grow up and do so well in the past four years. Sorry I haven't really seen most of you this year on campus, but I'm really looking forward to watching you all graduate on Eastman Quad on Saturday. So I just wanted to say, again, good luck, please keep in touch, and come and see us whenever you're in Rochester.

Eldred Chimowitz:

Class of 2021. I want to wish you all congratulations on having completed what must've been a very difficult year. Hopefully this only comes around once in a century, and you won't have to face it again. I hope you enjoyed our class and your four years at university. We think we've educated you well and set you up to lead good professional lives. So congratulations, bon voyage, and keep in touch with us. All the best.

Clair Cunningham:

Congrats on your BS in chemical engineering. You made it through four years of college and a graduate degree in chemical engineering, the ability to work on a team, and to our customers, we switched gears in the face of challenges, find solutions to your customers' problems and you will succeed in the future. Congratulations on graduating, and I look forward to you guys doing well.

Dave Foster:

Congratulations, Class of 2021. It's almost over. Four years of a chemical engineering undergraduate education is now behind you, and I couldn't be prouder of all of you. Chemical engineering is an extremely difficult major, as you know, and I assure you that you are prepared to tackle whatever comes your way in the future. You've persevered through a very difficult three semesters unprecedented, as you know. Definitely a credit to all of you that you've made it through. Please keep in touch and let us know how you're doing as you progress in what I am certain will be rewarding and exciting careers. I'll be at graduation, and I look forward to seeing you then. Congratulations.

Jacob Jorne:

Hi, this is Jacob Jorne, and I'm more than happy to congratulate the chemical engineering Class of 2021 here at the University of Rochester. Last year, we struggled together, saw CHE 250 separation processes, unfortunately not face-to-face. Despite this, your class is very close to my heart, because I'm about to retire this summer from a 50-year career teaching chemical engineering, and I estimated that I educated about over 2,000 chemical engineers. You are my last students. As you leave Rochester to your future career and I'm about to retire, I would like to remind you what I told you in the Introduction to Chem Engineering 250. I told you separation is difficult, mixing is easy. Both you and I chose a very inspiring and rewarding career, but I would like to emphasize that chemical engineering has evolved during my career from a relatively new field of engineering, into the tool to challenge and to solve the problem facing humanity, namely, global warming. As you are about to start your professional career, I hope that you will continue to be advocate for trusting science as the search for the truth. Science must remain above political influence. I will continue to be associated with the Department of Chemical Engineer here in Rochester, as I will continue to be an emeritus professor in the department. So I urge you to come visit us, visit me, and tell us more about your life, professional life, career, and wonderful future ahead of you. Good luck.

Melodie Lawton:

Congratulations. You're a special class to me since you were my first class at U of R. I'll never forget you guys, and I really enjoyed working with you. It meant a lot to get to know each and every one of you and learn more about you. We went through all those lab experiments, the reports, the oral presentations in 246, and then watched the amazing things you came up with to pretty complicated problems in senior design, and all of this during a pandemic. You guys are amazing. I'm so glad to have been a part of your journey, and I'm glad that you were part of mine. You were a really fun class to work with, and you're a really fun class to teach. I just know that you'll continue to do great things beyond your time here. I wish you all the best, and please keep in touch.

Rachel Monfredo:

Hey, seniors. Thought I'd greet you with one of the most versatile skills that I think you've learned in the last three semesters, how to multitask while Zooming. It's been great spending time with you for the last year in the labs, especially this last semester at senior lab. I've been so impressed with how hard you've

worked. Despite all the pandemic restrictions, you guys have done a great job. A special shout-out to all of you who worked on the Toy Adaptation Program, who brought it from a fledgling group four years ago into a fully established campus community meeting. Really appreciate the work that you folks have put into that and reaching out to the community's children, their parents, and the hospital. So what am I doing while I'm multitasking here? Actually, I'm just petting my cat, star of Zoom videos. Thanks again for all of you for being a part of my life for the last four years, and I look forward to hearing what you're up to for the rest of your lives, wherever your careers bring you. Good luck with everything. Take care. Bye-bye.

Astrid Mueller:

Dear graduating seniors of 2021. I want to congratulate you on completing your Chemical Engineering Bachelor's Degree at the University of Rochester. You are graduating from one of the most prestigious and thorough chemical engineering programs in the nation. You've mastered the pillars of chemical engineering, thermodynamics, kinetics, and transport. You've spent many hours learning new content and new skills, learning how to learn more efficiently, and applying what you learned in new ways. You will build your life on what you've learned and gained here at the University of Rochester, your alma mater. You all did great, and even though times are trying for all of us, you will do well in the future. The country has been rocked by social injustices and racism. I'm hopeful that working together, we can overcome them predicated on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Your last three semesters have been governed by the COVID-19 pandemic with lots of uncertainty, anxiety, and challenges, social distancing, mask-wearing, testing, and more Zoom meetings; lather, rinse, repeat, seemingly endlessly for all of us, but you've become resilient. Your resiliency together with vaccinations will afford us all a better life. I will be especially remembering you as the ones that overcame adversity and finished. I admire how you all picked yourself up and made the best of it. You've proven yourself that you are and will continue to be successful. Congratulations on your achievements.

Marc Porosoff:

Hello, seniors. Congratulations. This is a huge accomplishment that you're undertaking right now, graduating from university, a really big deal, especially with the last three semesters' absolutely unprecedented distractions and difficulty getting through the COVID-19 pandemic and still graduating on time. That's really incredible, and so proud of all of you. Really, really great. Some of you I've gotten to meet and spend some time with and get to know, and I think you're a really accomplished group of individuals. I've met others of you just teaching Chemical Engineering Practice, that one lecture, but I'm sure from my brief interactions with some of you that all of you are destined for really great things. I apologize to keep this message a little brief. I have my hands kind of full at the moment, but I wanted to send you a note to say hello. And she says hello too, but might be distracted a little bit. So take care, all the best, have a great summer and on to bigger, better things. Hope you come back to visit during Meliora Weekend sometime in the near future, and we can give you all another in-person check-in and send-off and see what you're up to. So take care. All the best.

Wyatt Tenhaeff:

Class of 2021, congratulations. You should all be proud of making it through the program and getting a degree in a really tough program, chemical engineering, at the University of Rochester. Hopefully, everyone's excited about the next phases in life, if it's a career in industry or continued education in graduate school or in a professional program. There's a lot ahead of you, and you've made it through a really tough three semesters with COVID and everything attended to that. So hopefully you're ready to be done with that and move on. It's been great that some of you have been able to make it back in

person. It's been great to see everybody and actually have people around the buildings. If you didn't come back and were fully remote, I guess the silver lining is that you could at least multitask or watch your lectures at one-and-a-half speed to speed up some slow talkers, I guess. Anyway, I hope it was a good experience for everybody. Unfortunately, I will not be at graduation, and I won't be able to make it to the Zoom meetings that day. If you happen to see me on campus, I am around, I am on campus. You happen to see me walking around, definitely stop me and say bye, and look forward to hearing what you have planned next, and I would love to chat for a few minutes and hear what you're up to. Anyway, congratulations again, and looking forward to seeing some of you in the future and definitely stop by and say hi. Bye.

Andrew White:

Congratulations, Class of 2021. This has been a really challenging time, but you all made it, and best of luck on your future endeavors.

Matthew Yates:

Congratulations, Class of 2021. I wanted to wish you good luck as you move on to the next stage of your professional life. You have a lot to be proud of, your hard work and dedication, sticking it out and graduating under some difficult circumstances. I hope that you keep in touch and come back and visit. Hopefully the next time you visit, we will be living inprecedented times instead of unprecedented times, and the old normal instead of the new normal. Good luck and keep in touch. Congratulations.