

Dr. Peter Englert,
President, Quest University Canada

Good morning everyone. My remarks will close this important sixth commencement ceremony of Quest University Canada.

As president, I acknowledge the privilege and express our gratitude that Quest University Canada is placed and operating on ancestral lands of the Squamish Nation. I thank Christopher Lewis, Councillor of the Squamish Nation, for opening today's proceedings with a traditional welcome and well-considered thoughts.

Thank you also, Chancellor Dan Birch, for the authoritative conferral of this year's Quest University Canada Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degrees.

Next I wish to acknowledge Quest's outstanding faculty and staff. I thank you for delivering the challenging academic program that has enabled our students to graduate.

And now: I congratulate you, the Class of 2016, and welcome you as the newest alumni of Quest University Canada. As we release you as our students, we build our relationship with you as alumni. We look forward to sharing stories of your future success. Many of you could be our ambassadors, and we ask you to remember your time at Quest. This will excite others to seek the same extraordinary education that you were able to experience.

Let me now look into Quest University Canada's future, which is part of your future as well:

This coming academic year, 2016/17, the University will forward plan for success in its second decade, while adjusting to realities.

We are a successful experiment to this date.

We will become a university of significance within the higher education system of British Columbia, Canada, and worldwide.

Our students, our parents, our alumni, our staff, and our local community are cordially invited to engage in this intense planning process. It will invigorate the University and set an inspiring trajectory for its future.

Again, congratulations to the Class of 2016, and to your supportive families and friends.

Thank you all very much for coming today.

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