

Speech of Rev. Fr. Talal Hachem
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As for our beloved students, our graduates, this day is your big day. You spread your wings and fly high because you can. When you leave the university walls, I am sure you will remember the time with your instructors, your classmates, and your friends. Remember them well because they will give you the wings to fly high.

It is time of all challenges. I will not enumerate them because every one of us know them well. Despite them, you have overcome your problems during these last three years. You know why? You did it because you stand out, and you stand out because we have been united, you as students and we as administration. This unity between us has given you the wings to stand out and to overcome all difficulties. That is why we congratulate you.

This year, your class is called “Class of Change” for two reasons. The first one is that you have witnessed a lot of change in your communities, your societies, and your countries, but you have been up to the level. The second reason is that you were compelled to make fundamental changes in your approach, your way and your path. Sometimes, you were swimming against the current. This is because you wanted to be resilient, you didn’t want to give up. And sometimes, you had to change the current to overcome all these problems. We, at USEK, have full confidence in you. Please, have this confidence in yourself.

Have you noticed what happened a couple of minutes ago? This performance is not a performance of students. Believe me and I know what I’m talking about. This performance of our students – and some of them haven’t graduated yet – is a performance of professionals. That is why we congratulate you.

I am sure that each one of you have all the skills, specially, the soft skills, communication skills, critical thinking skills, management skills, teamwork skills, and those of your respective majors. We know that you will be successful in the society, and we know very well that you will leave your mark in every endeavor you undertake.

I am going to ask you one thing. Don’t leave for good. We want you to stay around, to be connected and to be engaged with your university. Be always the graduates we are proud of.

To recap and conclude, your parents, the administrative staff, the academic staff and myself, proudly, give you a loud applause.