Good morning! Greetings to our Graduates, students, faculty, staff, parents, friends, alumni and community members.

I am here today on behalf of all UVM staff, to congratulate our graduates. UVM Staff come to work each day knowing that our whole reason for being is your education and your experience here as a student. We love having this mission behind our work. We work hard to make a difference for every student we serve. We try to help when you struggle, and we celebrate with you when you succeed.

We are the Student Services Advisors who helped you figure out what course to drop and when to take it later to help keep your sanity in your sophomore year.

We are the Custodial staff who looked after your dorms and dining areas and classrooms to make you feel at home, and who asked about your Physics exam or how your weekend was, because we care about you.

We are the Residential Life staff who let you into your dorms when you locked yourself out, and kept dorm relationships working.

We are the Central Administration staff who make sure your professors get paid, your courses ran in a classroom, your transcript is on file, and your bill is settled.

We are the Telecomm and Network Services staff who keep the WiFi hot, and the Blue Lights cool and working.

We are the Department Administrators and support staff who met you at the door of your major’s department, and answered every question you had, or at least pointed you in the right direction. And who had Kleenex on hand and a smile when you were having a horrible day.

We are the Library Staff who found the elusive book you needed, who helped you gather all the facts you needed for your papers, and who helped you with that cantankerous printer when you were stressing about printing your term paper.

Today, I am here with pride to tell you, on behalf of all UVM staff, that we will miss you, we are so very proud of you, and we wish you every success in your life ahead. Congratulations, Class of 2015!