

## CLOSING REMARKS for COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

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Good Evening Ladies & Gentlemen

Before we close this evening's ceremonies, I'd like to take this last opportunity to say, on behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration of GSCI, congratulations, both the graduates and the family and friends who have helped us arrive at this moment.

Our graduates! It is clearly seen your outstanding achievements and it's well deserved pride! Though that's not merely the end of awarding of certificates and diplomas and medals and be followed by hanging in your wall just for many people to admire with.

So exactly what tonight means is not the highlight of great applause for such token received. But, rather accentuating the individuality on how far you set your limits.

Just think about all that brought us here...all the trials and misfortunes, too great to recall, all the nights of study, all the grades, all the classroom experiences, all the stress, all the relationships all the BAON, all the efforts, all the insights...all of it...it all comes together here tonight, in this ceremony.... Moreover as we have observed some things changed. Yes! The tassels are on the left side now and that underscores their symbolic value. As we witnessed your defying fruitful journey come to an end this night ... another door awaits you with lots of opportunities, chances, challenges, and pursuits. There comes a time that you will apply all the information, knowledge, and wisdom you gained. And that time is, now. as you leave the gates of your alma mater kindly embody the ideals that we implanted and possess the visions of holding the light of future and show the world your individuality with gratification. Nevertheless adversities are not an exception to the rule of having success. Sure you will face predicaments. But despite of that don't forget to hold on character that is very crucial – that will be your reflection for tomorrow on how you will build a strong foundation in your family, peers, community and even yourself.

As I leave a noteworthy quotation from famous philosopher Confucius

***"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."***

as the end of academic year 2013 - 2014 - Once again Good evening and CONGRATULATIONS!!!