

My ceremonial speech will take place at graduation this year, May 6th. As the speaker of this speech I will have the honor of being the valedictorian of the class of 2023 at Alliance University. Graduation will take place on a sunny afternoon at the United Palace where the entire class of 2023, the President of Alliance University: President Matthews, faculty/staff, family, and friends will be gathered to celebrate the new graduates. I am aware that as valedictorian I am a representative of the entire class of 2023 and what we have accomplished over the past four years.

I will state that it is an honor to deliver this speech and go into detail about many important things relating to our college journey. In my speech I will address everyone present and thank them for being there for us, the graduates. This will make the audience feel welcomed. I will also take the time to personally thank those people who contributed to my own success while studying at Alliance University.

Next, I will speak about Alliance University and the kind of community it is. I will elaborate on what I experienced as a student during the four years of college and also relate to my classmates. Lastly, I will end with a few words of encouragement for every student present. I will include advice, important takeaways, and other comments that I know will resonate with the audience, especially the graduates. This is important because I will be connecting with my audience in a personal way. Relating to them will keep them engaged and attentive during the speech.

The purpose of this speech is to celebrate the graduates of 2023 alongside the president, faculty, family, and friends. Graduating is an important milestone and this ceremonial speech is a way to seal the deal and make the class of 2023 feel special. This speech is also to remember and reflect on the good and bad moments of the four years my class and I have endured. That

moment will be a time to dwell in the success of graduating and the lessons my classmates and I have learned throughout our academic journey. Because Alliance is a faith based institution we can also reflect on how we have grown spiritually and emotionally throughout the years studying at Alliance. I will talk about how faith has been an important part of our journey and how we can use what we have learned in the future after departing.