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### Ceremonial Speech Outline

Topic: VALEDICTORIAN AT GRADUATION

- Welcome Class of 2023, President/Director, faculty, parents, and friends
- Give thanks to those who have contributed to this day (take the time to thank the people who have personally contributed to your success during your time here)
- Congratulate the graduates for making it this far
- Celebrate the class of 2023 as whole and their accomplishments
- Relate to them by using examples that we may have all experienced: talk about common struggles like studying all night or missing class to catch up on homework, the community (the school's support system and the environment), activities like worship night and game days, our faith (how our school is a faith based institution), etc
- Offer some advice/takeaways as we depart from this place (college)
- Takeaways: identity, dedication, perseverance, and hope (share a bible verse)
- Conclude with a motivational word for the graduates about continuing to reach for their goals and dreams
- Finish off by congratulating the class once again