

Personal Quotes for your Graduation Ceremony

!!! THIS IS A TOP SECRET MISSION !!!

Let's make what you say a surprise for everyone in the audience at graduation.

Dear AUC Senior,

I need you to think... contemplate... dig deep... and compose a few short, yet **SENTIMENTAL**, PERSONALIZED, **MEMORABLE**, **INSPIRATIONAL** lines, which we will be recording you saying ... **yes, out loud!**

These will be the last words you utter to your family, teachers, administrators, school board members, school District officials, and community members as merely a high school student. From then on you will be a **graduate**...an adult who will have left these thoughts as part of your legacy here at Archimedean. **This is a way of acknowledging your accomplishments and is a way for you to show your gratitude to all who helped you get to where you are today and on the path to where you are going tomorrow.**

Though each personal quote you write can't be long, put careful thought into every word – **IF THE WHOLE CLASS REPEATS 70 TIMES THE SAME GENERIC LINE IT WILL BE A RATHER BOOOOORING VIDEO.** This is your chance to show us the inspiring, sophisticated, pensive, humorous, deep, intelligent, reflective, & mature adult you've grown into.

Make your families, friends, school community members proud and perhaaaaaaaps a little teary-eyed (after all... it's graduation!). Though your quotes will be in English, you may add a few words here or there in another language if you have a family member in the audience that does not understand English.

This is NOT a time to be silly, critical, hurtful, or mean - such quotes will not be included in the project! Though you can be lively and funny even, this is not a joke, but a serious project, and so is not a time to insult, even in jest, anyone who has helped you get to where you are today or a time for you to show a lack of gratitude to your friends, loved ones, teachers, school staff etc. Remember, most audience members will be recording this video and it will be broadcast online so make your future 30-, 40-, 50-year-old self proud of who you already were at 18.

You must complete ALL 12 quotes below ...

- Write it eloquently, but AS YOU WOULD ACTUALLY SAY IT and not like a formal piece of writing –you want to sound natural and not robotic.
- Write down EXACTLY what you will say as you intend to speak it - word for word - in your recording.

DO NOT WRITE MORE THAN THE SPACE PROVIDED. **NO A.I. please.**

1. Growing up I.... (what did you dream of? what were you in awe of? what were you like as a child?)

2. I truly appreciate my parents/family/guardian for...
I want to thank my parents/family/guardian for...

3. I want to thank AUC/Archimedean Upper Conservatory for...

4. *What will you take away from your time here at Archimedean Upper Conservatory? How have you grown stronger, more passionate, more driven, more goal-oriented, more confident, more you name it?*

My experience at AUC/Archimedean Upper Conservatory has taught me....

At AUC, I've grown/evolved into a....

At AUC, I've learned to/that....

5. My most memorable moment at AUC must be... *(and why?)*

My best memory of AUC is/will always be... *(and why?)*

6. What I will always remember about AUC is/are... *(and why?)*

What I will remember fondly of AUC is... *(and why?)*

What I will miss most about AUC / Archimedean Upper Conservatory / high school is... *(and why?)*

7. *Describe an Archimedean moment, experience, interaction, or advice that, upon reflection, ended up being a defining moment in your high school career . . . and how/why did it change your trajectory?*

(Write your answer out as a full proper statement/sentence)

8. *If you had to give a piece of **inspiring** and **positive** advice to our younger AUC Owls, what would it be?*

My advice to AUC Owls following in my footsteps is ...

What I want AUC Owls younger than me to know/remember/realize is

9. When I think about my life, it's amazing...
When I think about where I am today, I can't believe.../I never thought that I ...
Today, I am proud of... (*and why?*)

10. ***Do NOT mention your specific intended college you'll be attending here...***

Looking ahead, I am thrilled to/ I can't wait to...
When I think about my future, I am most excited about...!

11. ***Let's get specific here about your academic plans & related career goals... This quote has 2 parts!***

In college, I'm excited about studying/I can't wait to major in.....so that I can/in order to.....!

12. *Because we strive to graduate students who will go on to make a difference, we want you to talk about what influence you hope to have on the community and/or future generations; what legacy you hope to leave behind as a person; what dream you hope to make reality over the next few years in college and/or even beyond college in life...*

Do NOT mention the specific college you are attending here...

I'm going to be the one tomorrow who...
One day, I hope to/I am ready to...!
I am determined to...! / My dream/desire/wish/goal is to...!

Let's show that enthusiasm as a grand finale!!!! ;)

**During the last part of your recording, your plans
(what school you will be attending), will scroll across the screen in writing...**

***** Applause! Applause! Applause! *****