

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 as merely a high school student to your family, teachers, administrators, school board members, school District officials, and community members. 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 65 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** 11 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. **Edit out filler/unnecessary words though so each one line quote has POWER.**
- 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'd you dream of becoming? what were you in awe of? who'd you look up to? what was amusing, quirky, or unique about you? etc...*)

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

3. How has A.U.C. supported or helped you on your journey? 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?

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

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

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

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

4. My best memory(ies) of AUC is / are...*(include why?)*

My favorite moment(s) at AUC will always be / was / were... *(include why?)*

One of the funniest funniest moments at A.U.C. still is / was / were...

I'll always chuckle remembering / thinking of...

5. One aspect of Archimedean I'm really going to miss is... *(include why?)*

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

6. Recount an Archimedean experience, peer interaction, or teacher / staff / counselor / administrator advice / lesson received that, upon reflection, ended up being a defining moment during your high school career... *and how/why it change your perspective / outlook / trajectory / approach / attitude?*

(Write out your answer as a self-standing, gramatically-complete quote/sentence with a subject and verb etc!)

7. If you had 10 seconds to thank one Archie employee, a few Archie staff members, or one Archie student group in attendance at your graduation ceremony, who is it and *why* ? or which group is it and *why* ?

I want to especially thank ... / I want to give a special shout out to....

8. Share a wish or school-spirit-infused / inspirational / motivating / supportive / heartfelled / gratitude-filled message with your Class of 2026 classmates.

To my fellow Class of 2026 graduates / Owls, I...

I want to wish the Class of 2026 graduates / my Class of 2026 classmates...

9. Today, I am proud of. (*and why?*) / When I think about where I am today, I never thought that I...
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10. ***Do NOT mention the college / university you'll be attending here...***

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...**X**...so that I can / in order to...**Y**...!

11. *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 college / university you are attending here either...

I'm going to be the one tomorrow who...

One day, I hope to...!

I am determined to...! / My dream / desire / wish / goal is to...!

When people hear my name years from now, I want them to think of... / the one thought I want them to have is...

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

During the last part of your recording, your major and what college you will be attending will scroll across the screen in writing...

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