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Letter to Graduates

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Dear Graduate:

Upon entering Governors State University you were welcomed to an open, humane, experimenting, flexible, and innovative learning center. We're an institution of higher learning that is designed to serve our community.

Perhaps, you even had some moments of concern with seemingly contradictory methodology, for Governors State University is a departure from former traditions of higher education.

Our first years have indeed been challenging and exciting.

We have all shared the opportunity and experience of building a university -- another kind of university -- dedicated to new approaches to educating, growing, and preparing for life. Adjusting to the GSU environment required exploring different ways of learning and living.

Our towers here are not of ivory. They are built of the materials created from the human processes of change, individualization, and involvement in an increasingly complex society.

You have successfully made the transition, and I bid you to stand tall today.

Congratulations, Graduate and Friend of Governors State University.

May you have a satisfying and productive future.

Proudly yours,

William E. Engbretson
WILLIAM E. ENGBRETSON, President

