Good afternoon.

I am Grand Marshal Jonathan Karp and I would like to call to order the Commencement of the Harpur College of Arts and Sciences of the State University of New York at Binghamton. Everyone, please rise; gentlemen, please remove your hats.

We welcome you to join vocalist, Kelsey Watts, in singing the national anthem.
Oh, say can you see by the
dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the
twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright
stars through the perilous
fight, O'er the ramparts we
watched were so gallantly
streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the
bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled
banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and
the home of the brave?

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]
Please be seated.

>>  Harpur 2018!  Whoa, you did it!  The
spirit moves me today!

As President of Binghamton
University, it is my great
pleasure to welcome you to the
Harpur College of Arts and
Sciences ceremony.

This is a special ceremony as we bring together our Baccalaureate candidates for graduation, as well as their families and friends.

Congratulations to all of you!

[APPLAUSE]

Before we proceed with our program, I would like to welcome Kathryn Grant Madigan, Chair of the Binghamton University Council, and Adam Wilkes to the Binghamton University Student Council. I would also like to introduce our other special guests. They will stand as I call their names; please hold your applause until all have been introduced:

Donald Nieman, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Elizabeth Chilton, Dean, Harpur College of Arts and Sciences
Gary Kibel, Alumni Association
President,
Michael McGoff, Senior Vice Provost and chief Financial Officer Gloria Meredith,
Founding Dean, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences,
Pamela Mischen, Associate Professor and Faculty Advisor to the President,
Brian Rose, Vice President for Student Affairs,
Wayne Rothbaum, Alumni Award Recipient Mary Jane Sager,
ex-officio Chair, Professional Staff Senate.
President of the student association. Please join me in applauding these special guests.
[APPLAUSE]
Let me also recognize all of the esteemed faculty members who have mentored and guided our graduates; your efforts have been crucial to the intellectual growth and achievements we
celebrate today. Will all faculty on the stage and in the audience rise? Please join me as we applaud their support of, and dedication to, the success of our students.

[APPLAUSE]

Now we will recognize graduates who have earned doctoral degrees in the university. A couple are in attendance today seated on stage in the audience. They were hooded Friday night at the doctoral ceremony. Please stand to be recognized.

I would also like to thank the Binghamton University Wind Symphony, our vocalist, and Broome County Celtic Pipes and Drums for their participation in today’s celebration.

[APPLAUSE]

This is a joyous time for us all. However, this year also has been marked by tragedy, as members of the campus community were shocked and dismayed to have two
of their classmates die in truly Heartbreaking circumstances.
While a third student died near his home in January. Senior nursing student Haley Anderson, freshman engineering student Joao Souza, and freshman Aaron “AJ” Dannenbring were bright, talented students with promising futures ahead of them, and the entire campus community grieves the loss of our young and vital students. Please join me in a moment of silence in remembrance of them.
Thank you.
As I look around at the sea of faces before me—smiling, excited, eager and ambitious—these are the faces of the future, shaped by the experiences and values we Have encouraged at Binghamton. And what are these values? Our campus seal, created more than
fifty years ago, as Harpur College became part of the State University of New York, proudly proclaims the ideals that guide us – Unity, Identity, and Excellence.

The first of these, Unity – properly describes the community we create here – inclusive, with peers and classmates, professors and staff from diverse backgrounds who come together to learn, discover and serve. Our graduates have developed a common bond — the Binghamton bond — that will be theirs for a lifetime.

And second, Identity. Today’s graduates are leaving a University that is both dedicated to the academic disciplines and committed to the sharing of knowledge across departments, disciplines and borders.
As students, they learned to ask unexpected questions, to engage in and welcome open dialogue. Equipped with this broad knowledge and commitment to inquiry, they are prepared to go into the world pursuing innovative solutions to important problems. And most significant – Excellence. The graduates before us today truly embody the ideal of excellence – they’re among the best and brightest students in the nation and have already begun to use their talents to improve the world. Regardless of their plans for the future—business, graduate school, public service or healthcare – I am confident that they will pursue their goals with determination and strive for intellectual and personal growth.
These three words on our seal — Unity, Identity, and Excellence — are the University’s cornerstone, inspiring our students, faculty and staff. But most important, these words continue to influence our alumni, long after they graduate and begin life in the “real world.” These words – these values – will remain relevant as they provide an approach to life that not only produces great students, but also great citizens, eager to address the world’s challenges.

So, let me take this opportunity to welcome our graduates into the next stage of their career. I look forward to learning of Your many successes and hope that you will remain steadfast members of the Binghamton University community.

Congratulations.
It is now my pleasure to introduce our Provost, Donald Nieman.

>> Good afternoon, Harpur! Good afternoon, Harpur! Yeah, that's better. This is an exciting time. You have accomplished a lot. We are here to celebrate it this afternoon. It is my great pleasure to welcome you to commencement and to be among the first to congratulate you – members of the Class of 2018.

Congratulations! [APPLAUSE] You are a remarkable group of students. At the time you applied to Binghamton, you demonstrated that you had the academic ability to succeed at one of the best public universities in the U.S. And since you arrived on our campus – whether as freshmen or transfer students—you have not only shown that you are very bright; you have demonstrated
that you are hardworking, intellectually curious, and eager to make the most of what this great university has to offer. You have also shown that you have a great sense of humor, like to have fun, and care about serving others. You embody the balance that makes Binghamton University such a wonderful place to work and to study. It has truly been a pleasure to have you as our students. I want to congratulate you on your many accomplishments during your years at Binghamton. And also to ask that you please stay in touch with us in the years to come, to keep us informed of the many, many accomplishments that lie in your future. Congratulations Class of 2018!
Now it's my pleasure to introduce, your dean, Elizabeth Chilton.[APPLAUSE]

>> Welcome to our soon-to-be alumni, family, and friends. It is my great honor to welcome you
as Dean of Harpur College of Arts and Sciences. You are about to join thousands of alumni who over the past several decades have gone on in a vast array of Successful careers and lives as professors, lawyers, teachers, Artists, authors, et cetera, and I know from personal experience, since I majored in anthropology, that some people will ask you “So what can you do with a liberal arts degree?” To that I hope you will respond “Anything I want.”

[APPLAUSE]
The goal of the liberal arts curriculum is to both strengthen your intellectual skills and general knowledge, and to help you become better problem solvers, better writers, and better able to express yourselves in a wide variety of media. I hope that your time at
Binghamton has made you feel you’ve achieved these things and more.

My brother once said that majoring in anthropology was one of the most optimistic things that anyone could do in life, I don’t think he meant that as a compliment. I hope that as you graduate from Harpur College at Binghamton University that you each feel tremendously optimistic about your futures and well-prepared for whatever challenges and opportunities life has to offer.

The motto of Harpur College from the very beginning has been “from breadth through depth to perspective.” I am sure that your time at Binghamton has given you a new perspective on life, whether you are going on to an exciting new job, grad school or you're just not quite sure yet.
I have been Dean of Harpur only
A year and this is my first commencement
ceremony to reside over.
But I am continually impressed
by our students, many of whom
have completed multiple degrees
and have engaged with any number
of campus groups and off campus
activities. You’ve all worked
hard and have formed lifelong
friendships. I hope that like
many of our alumni that you will
stay connected with us and with
each other as you move forward
in your lives. Families, we
thank you for sharing your loved
ones with us over these past few
years—it has been our honor and
pleasure to have them here with
us as students. Congratulations
and best wishes to all!

[APPLAUSE]
It is now my great pleasure to introduce
alumnus Wayne Rothbaum. It’s a double
pleasure because Wayne also happens to be,
like me, from Long Island. Is anyone here from Long Island by any chance? Wayne graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Binghamton University in 1990 with a dual major in political science and psychology and obtained his Master's Degree from the Elliot School of International Affairs at The George Washington University. Wayne is President of Quogue Capital, a private life sciences investment fund focused on investing and supporting small to midcap biotechnology companies. He began his career in 1993, at the strategic consulting firm The Carson Group where he managed its life sciences practice and its boutique life sciences investment bank Evolution Capital. In 2001, Wayne founded Quogue Capital, through which he has invested and started
numerous public and private biotechnology companies. In 2012, Wayne co-founded and was the largest investor in Acerta Pharma, a private company that he later sold to AstraZeneca. In 2017, Acerta’s lead drug, Calquence was approved by the FDA under an accelerated approval process for mantel cell lymphoma, an aggressive blood cancer. Throughout his career, he has held many board and advisory positions and currently serves on the Board of Iovance Biotherapeutics, a publicly held biotechnology company and is the executive chairman of his new start-up cancer company Kartos Therapeutics. Wayne is very active in his community, founding and supporting many charitable organizations that promote
baseball for young athletes, including The Miracle League of Delray Beach, committed to providing children with physical and mental disabilities the opportunity to play baseball, numerous travel baseball programs throughout New York and Florida, and the Binghamton Bearcats’ baseball program. It is inspiring to see how Wayne’s educational experience from Harpur in psychology and political science propelled him to pursue a master’s degree. That led to this amazing and successful career. It is my sincere honor and pleasure to welcome Wayne Rothbaum to the podium and present him with the Harpur College Distinguished Alumni Award. 

[APPLAUSE]

>> Good afternoon. It is a pleasure and an honor to stand before you today and be
offered the privilege to speak before my fellow graduates. I would like to thank Dean Elizabeth Chilton, President Stenger and the 2018 class of Harpur College. When I accepted this invitation, I thought long and hard about what advice I can offer you, what words can inspire you and even what stories I can tell to empower all of you and after much thought, I realized my advice and my stories come from my own life journey. One that differs from the future direction most of you will follow. Especially follow during our different political, social and economic times. So I stand before you not to tell you about the noble virtues of life, which many of the speakers before me may have shared. But I offer you simple wisdom. Wisdom to help guide you on your path forward, especially if that pathway narrows or your life journey turns dark.

My hope, my aspiration is that one day this wisdom which transends our 28 year graduation date will help to steady you during the most difficult periods and guide you to make the right choices on your own life
It was 1986, I was a freshman at Harpur College. It was a time of big words with big countries. Big economy, big hair, and at SUNY Binghamton, big champion sweat shirts and for me, it was a time of big ideas and I wanted to save the world, so I decided to become a doctor. Like most big ideas they usually don't last very long and after taking a few pre-med classes, it was time to change my major. But I still had my dream and now the Central Intelligence Agency, AKA CIA sounded more exciting and after graduating Binghamton with a dual psychology and political science degree, I went off to study international terrorism in Washington, D.C. Sounds thrilling, right?

Well, fast forward two years later and after taking the CIA altitude test which consisted of sitting in a very large bone chilling room and being handed a SAT-like booklet falling apart with pages and questions missing, clearly some form of induced mental stress, it dawned on me. All this time I should have
been studying the psychology of the lost college student, not agonizing over organic chemistry or the crazy mind of Iraq dictator Sadam Hussein. I needed a new idea because I was lost in deep in college debt. So I did what many law students do. I packed my bags, grabbed my future wife's hands and headed to New York City's famed Wall Street. There I was, 23 years old, living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan with no job and interviewing at a Wall Street consulting firm. I had no business experience. And certainly no finance degree. I had no idea what a Wall Street consulting firm was, what it was supposed to do or why they agreed to meet with me. After two rounds of all-day interview with employees all of whom were fascinated with terrorism, I was offered a job. It was crazy. I truly believe I was hired because my colleagues thought I was a spy needing a Wall Street cover story. Why else would a person with my background, give up such an exciting opportunity and move to the dreary grind in New York City for a 23 thousand dollar a year job as a financial analyst.
There I was again. Scared. Nervous. Full of self-doubt. Asking myself, am I a fraud? Can I do this? Is the road to hell paved with good intentions? Did I get lucky? But as I prepared for my last day as an academic adolescence and my first as a working adult, I recalled the special time in my life. During my senior year, I was fortunate to have an inspirational football coach. In high school, sorry, I was fortunate to have an inspirational football coach and often screamed old roman at me, Rabbi, he would yell. I was the only Jewish one on the team. And political correctness did not exist in 1985. There is no such thing as luck. Luck is where preparation meets opportunity. Now get out there and kick some ass! A statement so simple but powerful. At that moment, I realized my liberal arts education. My challenges turned out to be the first of opportunities ahead. My adult journey had just begun and I would soon learn the need to make many tough life changing choices. Choices that would ultimately define and shape who I was to become. And what I
could and would accomplish in my professional, personal and family life ahead. Choices, life is like a bell curve. For most of us, we zip along at the median, until every so often we are faced with extreme periods where difficult choices need to be made, personally and professionally. Fortunately or unfortunately, these choices will often define our paths forward and determine where we ultimately land on this preverbal bell curve. For me I have been quite lucky in where I have landed or as the late Coach Pratt would have said, not lucky but prepared. Prepared to make the right choices during my most challenging times after graduating from Harpur College 28 years ago. Professionally, I have exceeded beyond my wildest dreams and starting, building and running a 200-person biotechnology company. I realized my life long dream to help the world. In 2016, I sold my company to AstraZeneca for 7 billion dollars and then my drug Acerta was approved by the FDA and now available for cancer patients. It was tough. But it was worth it.
Personally, I am fortunate to have a core group of friends from my childhood, my college years in Binghamton and my Wall Street days. Some of whom are in the audience to support me. [APPLAUSE].

Good humanistic people who care for me, who I am, care for what I have accomplished and not how wealthy I am. Family, supportive and loving parents and a wife of 27 years who truly defines what love means. My best friend. My intimate partner and an amazing mother to our three children.

Choices, it is the ultimate definition of our life journey. 28 years ago today, tomorrow, and the future thereafter. So here we are, the conclusion of my speech. And once again I state, I stand before you to offer you simple words of wisdom to help guide you through the next chapters of your life. Magical words I sought so many years ago at my commencement, but unfortunately never heard.

Moral compass, intellectual honesty, conviction. Moral compass, intellectual honesty, conviction. Simple words that
describe simple values and the magical wisdom that I sought and has taken me a lifetime to learn, is not within the words themselves but the magic living your life through these words with the value. Immortal code so to speak. Simple words and simple values which define a way of life and a pathway forward to help make choices, help make the right choices.

Moral compass, I have learned that virtue is nothing more than a mere word, unless there is an inner sense to distinguish what is right and wrong. Ethically, emotionally, legally, personally and professionally. For some of you, a strong moral compass is intuitive and natural. A friendly guide to live our lives. For others, however, a strong moral compass must be found, accepted and embraced, which may bring discomfort, rejoice and pain. And without a strong one, short cuts, gray areas and paths of least resistance and impulsive decisions that deviate from your norms come a slippery slope. You must always have a strong moral compass. It is imperative. Find, accept and
embrace it, no matter how difficult this may be. How strong your moral compass is, will be defined and tested during your most challenging periods.

Intellectual honesty. Bias is a dangerous word. It contaminates and infects every part of our lives, including the choices we make. To be intellectually honest means to always seek the truth regardless of personal or professional beliefs. Decisions should be grounded by facts and not by the relationship stature or position of those presenting it. Sadly, intellectual honesty is an extinct concept which is importantly why you need to embrace it in your moral compass.

Conviction. Perseverance, fortitude, indomitable spirit. The necessary ingredients to find, maintain conviction. Conviction in your values and conviction in your standard. There will be a period where your journey is dark and moral compass is tested. Tested by others or by yourself. You will face overwhelming odds with the right choice of difficult and the wrong choice of easy. Regardless of your moral code, you will need
courage. Courage of your conviction to uphold these values and courage to make the proper but difficult decisions. You must never waiver in your decisions to uphold the objective integrity of your moral compass. You must have strength in your conviction always.

I have learned a way of life should be defined by a strong moral compass, driven by intellectual honesty with the conviction to uphold the standard. Three simple words which define a simple concept. Magical in how it may shape and define your choices in life's journey ahead. How prepared all of you are for the future opportunities, and the choices you make especially during your most difficult and challenging periods, will ultimately determine where you land on your own bell curve, and just how lucky you truly are toward achieving all your aspirations in life long dreams.

To the 2018 graduating class of Harpur College, congratulations and thank you! [APPLAUSE].

>> Thank you, Wayne. Wonderful to hear.
I am pleased to now introduce Gary Kibel, President of the Alumni Association Board. He would like to share congratulations on behalf of our Alumni Association.

[APPLAUSE]

>> Thank you President Stenger

I would ask you all to please rise as Kelsey Watts and the University Wind Symphony perform the Harpur Alma Mater. The lyrics can be found in your commencement guide on Page 32.

O hail to Harpur—hail to thee!
May honor crown thy heritage.
Endow us with a noble spirit in heart and mind and deed.
Oh hail thee Harpur Alma Mater.
The hills re-echo thy dear name.
With pride we pledge ourselves to thee for all eternity.
In years to come we'll honor thee for all thy golden memories.
For friendships made and victory won, oh Harpur hail to thee.
Oh hail thee Harpur Alma Mater.
The hills re-echo thy dear name.
With pride we pledge ourselves to thee for all eternity.

[APPLAUSE]
Please be seated.
On behalf of the Binghamton University Alumni Association, it is my pleasure to congratulate you on your Fantastic accomplishments, graduates. And to celebrate this very special Moment, I'm going to give each and every one of you a free, yet very valuable present today. A lifetime membership in the Binghamton University Alumni Association. You're welcome. This is something truly valuable. You are now a member of an organization with more than 130,000 members in all 50 states and over 100 countries.
Your alumni association is one of the most important professional and social organizations you will ever join. Believe me, it’s a hot ticket. We have almost 4,000 new members joining this weekend alone.

I’m sure you’ve walked around Campus at some point or another Wearing a Binghamton sweatshirt Or hat. As you move on from school today, I encourage you to continue to wear Binghamton on your sleeve. You are now an emissary and ambassador for Binghamton. Your success reflects on the school and other alumni, and the success of other alumni reflects on you. Among our many accomplished alumni are CEOs and senior management at leading corporations, leaders in the financial and legal industries, the most talented
engineers, teachers, nurses, social workers and professionals of all kinds, as well as media personalities, movie stars and even a United States Congress man. I look forward to the day when there are posters of you on campus as accomplished alumni. And, I'll admit it, you guys are much more impressive than alumni of my generation and I'm reminded of this every time I meet recent graduates. I mean, I satisfied my science requirement by taking a Geology class called “Earthquakes – whose fault?” And I took it pass/fail. So, as you graduate today, I ask you to take 3 very important steps: Number 1: Make sure that you are digitally connected to Binghamton University alumni page. Like us on Facebook page, join
our LinkedIn groups, follow us on Instagram and elsewhere and visit alumni.Binghamton.edu to make sure that your information is always up to date in our alumni directory; B-connected. We can’t find you for opportunities if you don’t first find us.

Number 2: Don’t be a stranger. The Alumni Association holds over 80 events around the country each year. Sign up. Show up. And have some fun with your fellow alumni.

Number 3: Make new Binghamton connections. When you come across another Binghamton graduate, use that common bond as an opportunity to open a door. Tell older alumni how amazing campus looks.

I am giving the same message to all graduates this weekend. You and I are now connected forever,
and I’m looking forward to
Connecting with my 4,000 new best friends.
You’re a Bearcat for life and I’m honored to be in the same alumni association as you.
Congratulations. [APPLAUSE]

>> Thank you, Gary.
It is now my distinct pleasure to introduce Mary Golden, the 2018 Harpur College of Arts and Sciences Commencement Student Speaker.

Mary is graduating today with majors in English and Music. She is active with the Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lamda, having served as the National Eastern Region Vice Present and the Binghamton University Chapter President. A Very well-rounded student, Mary has been involved with The Dickinson Community Players since arriving at Binghamton in the Fall of 2014. Mary will be Pursuing her master’s in musicology after
graduation.  
Please welcome to the podium, Mary Golden.  [APPLAUSE]

>>  Good afternoon, graduates, board members, teachers and friends. I would like to start off by saying, thank you to the wonderful faculty of the music department who have pushed me to be the best version of myself I can be. To the friends I have made here you are now a part of my forever family and I cannot thank you enough for being there every step of the way. To my fraternity brothers and sisters, you have made this last year so special for me and without you, I can't imagine what this year would have been like. To my siblings and extended family members, thank you for always being there for me and supporting me in everything that I do and I would especially like to thank my godmother and aunt Nancy Maddon who recently passed away. Thank you for teaching me what it means to truly be kind to others and finally, mom and dad. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to blossom and grow into the accomplished person that I am today.
Without your support, I would not be standing here right now. I love you and words cannot express how grateful I am for the wonderful life that you have given me. Graduates, we have spent the last few months going through a whirlwind of emotions. We have walked the various paths of Binghamton University wondering what it would be like when we walked them for the very last time as undergraduates. We have done our best to imprint every feeling into our mind for the final time. The wind blowing into our hair as we walk to the lecture hill, the rain on our faces downtown. The walk from union to Hillside. Waking up to snow in April and all nighters spent studying with friends in Barto library. We have held on to experiences in the present as long as we could and after today, they become nostalgic memory. We know we are taking paths as we must moves on. The ones who love us never really leave us. We have made it to the cross roads of our lives once again and we’re completely different people than we were the last time we graduated. Getting here was not easy and most of you
probably struggled tremendously to sit where you are sitting right now. I know I did. We all came here because we wanted to further our education. And we have. To do that, we had to take a risk. We took a risk when we came to the institution, because we didn't know what was going to happen between the moment we attended Binghamton University and the moment we graduated. All we knew was that there was a starting point and an ending point and we were going to get there no matter what it took. Well, here we all are, four years later. Now what? Well, they say that what happens after today defines the rest of our lives. But that's just not true.

Graduates, you can make your life anything you want it to be. And when I came to Binghamton, I was convinced I would be a neuroscientist who would find the cure for cancer and as time went on, being a neuroscientist was not what I wanted to be. Yes, I wanted to help people because they were suffering. I went through a crisis and about ten other majors and my mom panicking beside me the entire time, wondering if I would
have a degree to get a job. People think they have it figured out but they don't. Life isn't about how much money you have, finding a job immediately out of college. Sure, all of that is super important but focusing on those aspects of life makes it miserable. Life is about being true to yourself, your values, your needs. If there is something about your life that you don't like, you have the power to change it. If there is someone in your life who is holding you back from being the best version of yourself that you can be, make the decision to move on. There is no defined path for you to follow in life. Make the path up as you go. Just don't forget about those who are truly suffering and always help those in need, when you can.

We take risks every single day of our lives. We do it when we hit the snooze button on the alarm clock. Using our debit card to pay for a meal without checking our bank accounts or when we finally send that text-splanation that we have been putting in our notes for days. But they are pretty low in the grand scheme of things. If this doesn't define our lives, why
should the next few years’ risks? We don’t learn if we don’t take lives. This is what we learn in this room, as we took the biggest risk of our lives. I’m not telling you to take the same path in life, but take the risk if it is not what you want out of life. After all, we only get one life and one lifetime to live it. Don’t be afraid of the future. Embrace it. Own it. Live it. Thank you. [APPLAUSE].

>> Thank you, Mary, for your remarks.

At this time, we will recognize the accomplishments of our baccalaureate degree candidates.

Dean Chilton, please come forward for the presentation of our baccalaureate degree candidates from the Harpur College of Arts and Sciences.

>> At this time, we will recognize the accomplishments of our baccalaureate degree candidates. First, we will recognize students who have achieved Latin Honors.
We recognize three levels of achievement: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude. The names of the candidates for these honors appear in the Commencement program. Almost 600 Harpur College students are candidates for Latin Honors, so we will not announce each by name, but we will recognize students attending today by having them stand in place.

Candidates graduating Cum Laude, please rise.

[APPLAUSE]
You may be seated.

Candidates graduating Magna Cum Laude, please rise.

[APPLAUSE]
You may be seated.

Candidates graduating Summa Cum Laude, please rise.

[APPLAUSE]
You may be seated.
My congratulations to all of you on your outstanding academic achievements. Latin Honors are based on a student’s cumulative grade point average. Students who have earned the distinction of departmental honors or distinguished independent work have achieved academic excellence and have been recognized by the faculty in their major department. President Stenger, as the Dean of Harpur College, I am pleased to present to you these candidates who have fulfilled all their baccalaureate degree requirements as prescribed by the faculty. Please join the President and me in greeting the degree candidates from the Department Of music. School Marshal Celia Klin,
please lead the candidates to the platform so that all may receive recognition for their academic achievement.

[Reading names of graduates] [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

>> Will all baccalaureate degree candidates please rise?

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

President Stenger, I am honored to present to you these candidates for the baccalaureate degree by the University.

>> For those who have successfully completed all degree requirements, by the authority vested in me by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York and the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York, I confer on each of you the appropriate baccalaureate degree with all the rights and privileges
accompanying it.
On behalf of the Binghamton University community, I congratulate you all for this well-earned accomplishment.

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]
As is customary upon conferral of the baccalaureate degree, you may now move the tassel on your Cap from the right to the left!

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]
Ladies and Gentlemen, Parents, Partners, and Friends, I present to you the Binghamton University Harpur College of Arts and Sciences Class of 2018!

[CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

>> Will everyone please rise?
Gentlemen, please remove your hats as we sing the Binghamton University Alma Mater.
We invite everyone to join in singing the refrain and second verse. The lyrics may be found on the back cover of the
Commencement program.

In the rolling hills of
Binghamton,
’Neath everchanging skies,
Where two gently flowing rivers meet, We form our cherished ties.
Oh Binghamton, we carry thee
With us for all our time
And through us individually
Forever may you shine.
Together we spend these years,
United in our aim.
Through our bold pursuit of excellence,
We proudly bear your name.
Oh Binghamton, we carry thee
With us for all our time
And through us individually
Forever may you shine.
Forever may you shine!
The Spring Commencement
Proceedings of Harpur College State University of New York at Binghamton are now concluded.
We kindly ask the audience to remain seated for the academic recessional.

Once the academic recessional is completed, please exit as soon as you are safely able to.

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