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Welcome graduates, faculty, administrators, family, and friends. We come together today to celebrate the culmination of four years of hard work, success, and good times. I would like to start by saying congratulations to the Class of 2007 for persevering through the trying times and, in the end, finding success. If it were not for your hard work, you would not be sitting here today.

Professors, on behalf of the Class of 2007, I would like to thank you for investing your time in our futures. Your support has made this journey a little more bearable. To all the families and friends, your faith and love has been a source of strength, and for that, we also thank you.

We have been faced with many choices these past four years. Some of our choices we wish we had never done, others we wish we could replay a million times in our heads. And in the end, it's those experiences which shape every detail about us; if we were to reverse any of them, we wouldn't be at the exact place we are today. So just LIVE. Make mistakes, but learn from them. And have wonderful times, but never second guess who you are, where you have been, and most importantly, where it is that you are going...just have faith that life is happening as it should.

For many of us, we came to Illinois Wesleyan University not knowing a single person. We had left our families and friends, and we were starting a new episode in the reality series called "Life". Some of us were scared, some excited, but we all had one thing in common...we were in a new environment. Now, we are faced with the same scenario. We are graduating college and we are once again leaving our friends, but with what we have learned throughout our years, we are better prepared us for what lies ahead.

This is the part of the speech that many people have begged me to say. Four years ago, we gathered together as a class for the first time. It was hot, and we were all getting antsy to get back to doing our thing. Nonetheless, we came together for the Fall Festival Convocation. Because of unforeseen events (that being the paramedics having to come) decided that she was going to stall by regaling us with the ever-so-graphic story of her pregnancy. There was one word of her speech that has remained with us. It would not be right of me to say this word without the help of my fellow classmates because, alone, I would not be able to do it justice. Ok everyone, now's the time. On the count of three, we are saying this together. 1...2...3...OUT! Again, congratulations to every member of the Class of 2007. I wish you the best of luck with what ever you choose. Be strong...be proud...and let's get OUT!!!