



First-Year Commencement Remarks, 2015


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Commencement Ceremony

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Welcome, students and parents! I hope you are all still doing well after the intense workout you just had; moving all of your stuff into your residence rooms. After living for close to four years on a floor that was not ground level, I really developed a strong respect for elevators. Wow though, I can't even begin to express how thrilled I am, to be standing here in front of you speaking as you're 2015/2016 Student's Union President. My name is Justin. And to you the students. You truly deserve the biggest round of applause getting to where you are right now. So on behalf of all students, I want to first, officially welcome you to our Mount family. Please give yourself a hand (applause).

Also, with this ceremony today marks a very special moment for you as a Mount student. Number one; you are instantly 10x more awesome than you already were by stepping foot inside our doors. That is a given. But, more importantly so, is that by stepping foot inside our doors, you are now officially dubbed as an honorary Mystic. And in true mystic fashion, we celebrate that achievement with a cheer. Now to do this, we need help from both the students and the parents. So parents,



I want you to repeat after me. Let's practice. "Who is that out in the crowd?" Now students, I want you to say "We are Mystics strong and proud". Alright, so from the top repeat after me! (Cheer and applause)

That was absolutely incredible. You all did fantastic! Welcome home Mystics. You really resemble what it means to be a Mount student.

So to rap things up, I would like to elaborate a bit on you the students. And to speak about your experience during your time at the Mount, but more broadly as a university student. And in true Dr. Seuss style, with a Justin twist, it goes a little like this:

You have kits in your hands, and you're all set to go

But there are still just a few little things you should know.

The hill is a mountain, we know it's a fact

And the crows they are plentiful, hundreds to be exact.

Our classes are small, our profs set apart from the rest


They realize you're potential, and will give you their best.

The Student's Union is here for your campus involvement,

And if you have a problem, we will do our best to solve it.

When it comes to the fun, there is no shortage here,

You can even go sightsee some of our residence deer.



Our University President is the best, no questions asked
She is here for the students, no matter what she is tasked.
But to finish up quickly, let's put it like this,
You'll leave with so many memories, no shortage to reminisce.
You are all very special, in every way shape and form,
And university is a place where you can start to transform.
So don't be afraid to try out new things,
Experience the joy that university brings.
We are all here for you, from beginning to end,
And to give you a start, let me be your first friend.