

Good morning Professor Jeff

I'm Ezra Hernandez, Director of Communications for A+ Charter Schools, and one of the photographers at our A+ & Inspired Vision graduation ceremonies. Firstly, let me say just how much I appreciate your being our commencement speaker this year. I have sat through many a commencement speeches for dozens and dozens of other schools (including my own graduations), couldn't tell you what any of them were even slightly about... but yours is one I'll be able to quote for years:

"You are not a mistake. You are meant to be here. You are a gift."

Your understanding of what our students, and our families, need to hear, over and over, until they believe it, and then a few times more for the times they forget, was delivered in speech-perfection. Your entire speech was phenomenal, and I thank you greatly for sharing it with our scholars.

Thank you again for your words to our graduates, and I hope you come back to visit with us soon! I'd love to have you tour our other locations sometime, and perhaps visit with more of our scholars.

Sincerely,

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