

Good morning everyone, before I begin my speech I would like the time to thank CMAE for allowing me to speak on behalf of the class of 2020.

I would also like to thank my mom because without you I would not be here right now. All the sacrifices that you have made for me and continuously make has help to shape me into the person I am today. I hope to be at least half the woman you are some day.

For the past 2 1/2 almost 3 years I have had the absolute pleasure at working at CMAE.

However my story at UO didn't just begin there. When I first got to UO I had a difficult time finding out where exactly I fit in. Most times I felt like an outsider even when I was surrounded by people that looked just like me. This led me to looking at other options beyond UO, not just transferring, but not wanting to be in school at all.

Fast forward and the beginning of my sophomore year I applied and was hired at CMAE. I would like to say that CMAE and my mom of course are a huge reason why I am graduating from the UO. I have found a forever family within CMAE and I am truly grateful for that.

Now for the class of 2020 I know this isn't exactly how we envisioned our last term at UO. I personally broke down when I found out that commencement was canceled and spring term was now remote. I guess the class of perfect vision truly didn't see this coming, um I kind of have a hard time laughing at that joke because I really don't think it's that funny.

But nobody really expected the pandemic to happen along with the racial eruptions that disrupted the world and have continuously disrupted the world even before we were born. The late George Floyd's daughter stated that her father changed the world. I am confident that my generation and the class of 2020 will be the ones who will be at the forefront of those changes. I believe we have a voice that needs to be heard, I am proud to say that we are at the forefront of most of these protests. I believe in us, you know this isn't the way we expected the economy to be like when we graduated, we really hoped for more. However, the last thing I kind of want to leave you guys with is that, in November 3rd, 2020 it is important to go down to those polls and vote to also implement these changes that we are looking forward to.

Thank you guys for everything, um I am truly blessed to be graduating from the UO, I am truly thankful for CMAE, my mom and everybody who was also lead the way. So thank you guys.