

Dear students,

I feel so honoured that you asked me to speak today at your graduation.

As you may know, I always try to encourage every student to make their best effort, to make a difference to the well-being of people based on your designs, to use your creative ideas to provide a new life of neglected buildings, to raise your voice to contribute to a sustainable future and to believe in yourself, ALWAYS.

Today, seeing all of you achieving the end of your studies make me question what makes this class unique?



After almost 16 months of challenging circumstances, all of you have shown **creativity, flexibility, perseverance, a sense of responsibility, and resilience** to a continuously changing context. These skills are an inspiration and give me confidence that you will achieve any goal in your life, for difficult that could be, only your HARD WORK and your PASSION will make you accomplish all your dreams.

I wanted to congratulate each of you and your families for their enormous support during this time.

It was a pleasure to work together with some of you, and we know you will make great further contributions, not only in the field of architecture but in your life!
So, GO FOR IT!!!

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