

Closing Remarks to the Class of 2009

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And now it is my privilege to say a few closing words to you. I think twenty-five speeches are probably enough for one ceremony so I promise to be very brief. But several people today have referenced your very clever yearbook theme. It is a speech maker's dream, and I, too, just couldn't resist it.

So thinking of the theme of the Wyndwalk, my hope for you now is that Wyndcroft has given you some idea of which paths to walk and which to avoid in your life; which paths lead to sunlight and success, and which lead to darkness and despair.

There is the path of rewarding effort—this might be an uphill path, but the view will definitely be better at the top. As for the lazy, just-get-by path, well, this one might look smooth and easy, but trust me, it goes nowhere.

Then I hope you will walk the path of Non Sibi. This path will have lots of delightful twists and turns in it, but you can be sure, it will be a very rewarding journey. The selfish path, the take-care-of-myself-first and why-should-I-care – about-anybody-else path might look clearer and even more sensible at times, but that will ultimately be a lonely and unhappy journey for you.

I hope that from Wyndcroft, you will always have friend or two who will walk on your paths with you---who will be there with you to celebrate your first job, your wedding, your first child, your retirement party!

So go well now, Class of 2009. We love you and wish all the best for you. Please do not forget us, keep in touch, and if you walk along the path that leads to great success, we hope you will take the path leading back to Wyndcroft because, remember, you still have the opportunity to be the first alum to give the school a million dollars!