Good morning! I am Marianna Walker, Chair of the Faculty. I bring you greetings on behalf of the faculty at East Carolina University. Congratulations on your accomplishments that have led to your graduation today from this great university.

The faculty…. Remember us?... We have worked many hours for you and with you, to prepare you for the next phase of your life. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Regardless of your degree or discipline, you will leave the university a better person as you begin the rest of your life. Now it’s your time to teach, research, counsel, treat, discover, and create. Use this degree to make a difference in your life and in the lives of others. Be a leader, but lead with respect, integrity, and empathy.

Always have gratitude toward the faculty and experiences that have contributed to your success. You certainly have enriched our lives! Please keep in touch with that special professor or two and come back to visit us. And remember what East Carolina University means to you and your future.

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision of tomorrow.

Yesterday - students…
Today – graduates…
Tomorrow – alumni
Forever - Pirates!

Congratulations 2011 graduates!

Thank you.