

2022 Graduation Speech

Dear graduating students, parents, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen:
After months of online teaching, we are now hosting the biggest event on campus for you.

We are celebrating not only your success in completing college life, but also your growth into maturity and a social life with well-developed interpersonal relationships.

We are especially happy that now you are ready to go for higher goals. This is the moment we have been waiting for since your first step into Wenzao.

The theme for your graduation is “Yes, we can!”
The three simple words carry our sincere wishes for you all.

The first word “Yes” is a promise. It is a promise to yourself and to those who know you, love you, and support you, including your parents, your teachers, your friends, and even your future employers.

It’s a promise that from now on you will be truly responsible for yourself in career and your future life. I hope you carry out the motto of Serviam shared by all Ursuline schools in the world, that you will be happy and willing to serve yourself and others in your new life.

The second word “we” refers to “togetherness.” It means that you will work together with others as you have been doing on campus; e.g. you have to do group work and projects with your teachers and fellow students.
In your future career or life, you will also get involved with a lot of people to finish a task or a mission, and I believe this spirit of team work is what make you stand out differently as a Wenzaorian.

The third word “can” shows a dream of reaching the highest point in life and career. The prop of a mountain for your graduation ceremony shows an upward climb. It is sometimes difficult to aim high and climb high .

But, normally, when we climb any mountain we might feel the height is almost like a Himalayan Mountain. However, when we finally climb up to the top of the mountain, and found actually, it is not a Himalayan Mountain, instead only a Ban Pin Shan. That means when we have the courage to overcome obstacles and challenges, no more mountains seem unreachable.

However, no matter the mountain is high or low, we always have to start from the bottom. After reaching the top, we still need to walk down. And there will be more mountains ahead of us to overcome.

So, ups and downs are the patterns of life. In life onward, we have to say a lot of “cans”, in order to open up possibilities and opportunities for ourselves and for those whom we care.

Although our life has been seriously affected by Covid-19 in the past two years, I saw you courageously move on without doubts and hesitance. I saw your courage in adapting a new mode of communication, learning, working patterns, and life styles. The pandemic actually proves that we human being probably could be destroyed physically but never will be defeated as long as we believe that we can cope and we can create and care.

After today's commencement, you move on to your next stage of life, We don't know when we are going to meet again at Wenzao, but our relationships remain forever. No matter where you are and where you go, Wenzao will be always there open for you to return at any time. Once you study at Wenzao, you are a Wenzaorian for the rest of your life with best wishes from Wenzaorians all over the world.

Finally, congratulations to the graduation class of 2022. You have already climbed up to the top of your college life, and now at this moment you have already conquered Yusan. Your mission is accomplished.

Good luck to you all. May God bless you. Thank you.