

COMMENCEMENT GREETING (PSU)
Spring 2009

President Bryant, President-Elect Scott, members of the faculty and staff, Pittsburg State University alumni, friends, family and, most of all, to you the graduates, I want to sincerely thank you for inviting me to spend this special day with you. I am honored to bring you the greetings from the Kansas Board of Regents.

Let me begin with congratulations .. First, to the parents, who have supported you through these financially and emotionally demanding years .. Second, to the institution, which has dedicated itself to providing you with a top notch education that should propel each of you to invent

the future boldly and fearlessly .. and, to you the graduates .. this day signifies that you have made a exciting beginning to build upon the knowledge you have earned.

Let me also take a little time .. to thank the citizens of the state of Kansas .. for their belief .. in the value of higher education.

Graduates .. now it is up to each of you to make the best use of the training and education that you have received at Pittsburg State University .. to excel in your chosen fields of study ..

These historically challenging times demand individuals who have the capacity to not only think clearly, creatively, and critically .. but more importantly those who can LEAD .. wisely, humanely, and responsibly.

I am excited about what you are about to do for our world .. not just through your words .. but more importantly with your deeds .. so be true to yourselves .. and share that truth with others .. for we need leaders within our communities and the workplace who strive for success for more than just themselves .. your degree symbolizes your preparation .. to meet these challenges

As a Regent, I entreat you to make a commitment to the belief that each of us can make a profound difference .. we have all struggled with the belief at times that our individual contributions seem to be isolated .. but never stop believing in yourself .. no matter what naysayers might whisper or think of you.

Today is your day to celebrate! .. I wish for each of you joy, happiness, and fulfillment .. in wherever your chosen path takes you.

Class of 2009, I know I speak for my colleagues on the Kansas Board of Regents when I say “Congratulations and best wishes” to all of you.

Thank you.