Jessy K. Miller, Class of 2011 Female Member-at-Large

Good evening Class of 2011, family, friends and faculty.

The Scottish author and poet Robert Louis Stevenson left us with this advice: “Do not judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant”.

A short time ago, we came to a solemn campus ready to begin our own growth. Tonight, through our acquired maturity, we are able to realize how clearly we have understood that our responsibility lay not in individual, separate destinies but in the shared renaissance of the Hokie Nation.

It is this value combined with a determined spirit that has become an integral component to our achievements throughout our undergraduate journey. We have immersed ourselves in the gardens of rigorous academic standards, exceptional student organizations, outstanding athletics, and the opportunities to build meaningful relationships.

Exposure to these elements of a full Hokie experience has allowed our university community to also become our home.

It is in this moment we acknowledge that we have not gotten here on our own. After all, just as seeds need attention and care to grow, we have needed the encouragement and dedication from those around us to flourish as well.

In the truest nature of our university motto, *Ut Prosim*, we seek to serve the community that has cultivated us. As alumni, our collective future will benefit from our individual potential today.
Thus, the seeds of success have already been planted. And each day as we forge ahead, our harvests will become more bountiful – not solely because of tradition in our yesterday but because of the Hokie future created today, here at Virginia Tech.

Congratulations, Class of 2011.