

Graduate's Commencement Speech

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Welcome members of faculty, graduates, and everyone. I am Wu Han-Hsin, a graduate student in Institute of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences. It's my honor to represent the Class of 2021 to deliver a commencement speech. Firstly, a hearty congratulation on your graduation, and please stay away from the virus. During the outbreak of the epidemic this time, we are about to enter the workforce. Everyone, at this moment, has to learn how to live with the virus, not to eliminate it, just like some bad guys in our society. Although we don't know when these bad guys would show up in front of us, what

we can do is make ourselves stronger and bravely fight against them together.

When I entered the university, I didn't spend much time exploring my interests. Finally, I studied biotechnology in Tainan. During the summer vacation from my junior year to senior year, I decided to apply to the Academia Sinica for summer internship. During those two months, I finally realized that I was not interested in biotechnology; what's worse, I found that I always studied what I didn't like. At that time, I was so confused about my future career path. I didn't want to study in biotech-related graduate institutes and didn't want to work in related industries.

After graduating from university, I was admitted to the Institute of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences in National Yang-Ming University. What I knew about this institute was only based on the information provided from its official website. At first, I thought that I would learn how to help cancer patients in the early stage discover abnormalities earlier through mild signs or symptoms so that they can receive early treatments and prevent deteriorating conditions. After I entered the institute, it seemed that my future career was only related to labor safety and health. However, I never thought that my research would be related to the exposure to third-hand smoke. When one door shuts, another opens, that will be the best description for my situation. If you can't find your interests, it is normal. However, if you don't give it a try, you never know. Knowledge, like a sea, is boundless; only through hard study can one reach the destination. I don't know how many people choose what you want to pursue and also don't know how many people have a clear picture about your future. So, Here, may everyone live and find your ideal life and work. Well balance your work and life, but please remember that life should be your top priority.

Last but not least, I hope all of you know that life is not a bed of roses, so even if you

encounter hardship and some difficulties, don't get frustrated. More what you have gone through, more courageous and stronger you will become. Like nestlings, learn how to fly against the wind earlier so that you can soar high freely in the sky. Thank you so much.

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