

Teachers, all of whom have braved higher education, offered wisdom and advice for the Class of 2023.

Phillips noted an inside joke from his Calc BC class, “Check on your garbageman.”

Polansky said, “You’re already equipped for whatever comes your way, more so than any other young people. Believe in yourselves.”

Hartley commented, “The only person stopping you is you; go as far as you can and make a big change in the world.”

Banish said, “Pay attention to your surroundings, listen, ask for help if you need it, and follow your own road.”

McLaughlin added, “Above all, else be happy. If you’re not, have enough guts to make a change.”

O’Lare remarked, “Be honest, as difficult as that may be. Be confident, as difficult as that may be, and enjoy yourself in the moment because you never know what life will throw at you.”