talents in the arts and sciences. Some of you planned to take design developments to new heights or improve our business world. Whatever it was that you are passionate about, you were eager to learn more. After all, we are here today to celebrate the incredible accomplishments each of us has made in completing our graduate studies.

The decision to pursue a graduate-level education posed many new, unique challenges for all of us. Struggling to balance

new advanced roles, as novices. Some of us may be entering the work force for the first time, unsure of what challenges lie ahead. We are, however, all armed with a greater sense of self and a greater awareness of the world around us, able to impart our skills and passions throughout our community. We have not only learned the rigorous academic content and knowledge of our areas of study, we have also