“...excited about the possibilities of a new year.”

“...growing into a better student, and a better person, and making your family proud.”

“...you wonder at times what your own future will look like.”

“Nobody gets to write your destiny but you.”

“Your future is in your hands. Your life is what you make of it. And nothing – absolutely nothing – is beyond your reach.”

“An education has never been more important.”

“Nothing will have as great an impact on your success in life as your education.”

“...the farther you go in school, the farther you’ll go in life.”

“...your success in school will also help determine America’s success in the 21st century.”

“...education is going to take all of us working hand-in-hand.”

“...here’s your job. Showing up to school on time. Paying attention in class. Doing your homework. Studying for [tests]. Staying out of trouble.”

“...just because you’re not the best at something today doesn’t mean you can’t be tomorrow.”

“...you may find out you have talents you’d never dreamed of.”

“...excelling in school or in life isn’t mainly about being smarter than everybody else.”

“Don’t avoid new challenges – seek them out, step out of your comfort zone, and don’t be afraid to ask for help.”

“Don’t feel discouraged or give up if you don’t succeed at something – try it again, and learn from your mistakes.”

“...life is precious, and part of its beauty lies in its diversity.”

“We shouldn’t be embarrassed by the things that make us different. We should be proud of them.”

“...in this country, we not only reach for our own dreams, we help others do the same.”