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- Hi, everyone. It's Kody Blois, Member of Parliament in Kings-Hants. And let me start by wishing the 2021 graduating class of Acadia University a hearty congratulations on all your success.

I know that this year has been difficult trying to take on a degree in the middle of a pandemic, and you've not been able to experience what other graduating classes might have been able to take on, but I applaud you. And to the graduates, to the staff, the faculty, and the entire administration, well done for continuing this great tradition here at Acadia University.

To the graduates, you have an experience, an education, and a skill set here at Acadia that will serve you well in whatever you choose to do. And whether or not you're going to make your life here in the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia or anywhere else around the world, I hope that you'll always remember your time here at Acadia and in Nova Scotia.

And I would ask you this, make sure that whatever you choose to do in your future, think about how you can help serve others. Our world will be better off with your service and your contribution in the days ahead.

Finally, I want to make sure I thank the parents, and the families, and the support system for the students. I'm a recent graduate, not too many years ago, myself, and I remember my family was there and helped to get me to where I am today. To the families, to the support systems, thank you.

And to the graduates, make sure you give a hug to mum or dad to help get you to where you are today. A final note to our individuals who are receiving honorary graduate degrees today, thank you so much for your contribution to public life across Canada and indeed across the world. And an honorary shout out to my predecessor, and mentor, and a friend, Scott Brison, well deserved.