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So you have already sat through the previous speeches from students, the good news is that this is the last one. I promise to keep it in short and sweet!

When I was trying to figure out what I wanted to speak about, I thought... what do I want people to remember? But That's when I realized that when you remember back to this day, our speeches won't be remembered. What will be remembered is the excitement and the nervousness you felt. You'll remember all our tears and smiles. That's what graduation is really about. It's about celebrating what you have accomplished these past four years. So Class of 2019... Take time to soak it in. Look at those sitting beside you and those in the audience here to support you. Take time to enjoy the moment because after four years of daily classes, unflattering polos, late nights doing homework, long essays, petty drama, and life changing moments... you've made it. You have even made it through a lot of odd situations other classes will never understand.

For example, we were the first freshman to struggle in Mr. Keener's history class. We were the only class that had to hear Mr. Walker play "its Friday" by Rebecca Black every Friday of sophomore year. We were the first juniors class to encounter Mr. Mitchell's daily Hebrew lessons. We were the first seniors to have our last homecoming at a K-8 campus. And last but not least, were the first class to have TWO of our math teachers leave after the first semester of teaching us.

After all these odd events, you are still sitting here about to graduated. So before you rush off onto the next moment, enjoy this one. Like Ecc. 3 states, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens, ... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." Right now, it's the time to laugh and dance, and even weep a little bit because, like high school, graduation will be over before you know it. Thank you.