

Good afternoon everyone,

I would first like to thank Dr. Toews for the introduction. It is an honor to be here today to speak to family, friends, and faculty on behalf of my fellow graduates. I would like to acknowledge several individuals personally, that I feel deserve recognition. Katie, I am grateful that you welcomed me to UGA Tifton 2 years ago and made my transfer stress free, and always made me feel important. Lisa, you have always made advising and registration a breeze, and you have encouraged me to do things I usually would not do. Dr. Kemerait, the ability to work in your program has enabled me to get an education and gain an unmeasurable amount of knowledge. I will forever be thankful for the opportunities you have given me in the past, and the opportunities you have presented me going forward. To my professors, I feel that I have received an elite education under your guidance, and I am fully prepared for what stands ahead of me. Cloey/Family, I am thankful for the constant support and encouragement you have given me. I am sure each student here today feels equally as blessed as I do and has much to be thankful for. To my fellow graduates, I will not stand before you today to quote famous individuals or say cliché things such as “we made it”. Our lives have merely just begun. I have been blessed to complete my bachelor’s degree alongside motivated students as myself, who have direction, and I am sure that each of you will be successful in any endeavor. Whether we are continuing our education, or going on to look for jobs, we have much to look forward to as graduates from the University of Georgia. I wish each of you the best, as it has been a blessing to work alongside each of you. Thank you, Lisa, for giving me the opportunity to speak today. GO DAWGS!