Good morning! We’re back after a short break, and decided we’d be remiss if we did not at least acknowledge that huge events have been planned in the meantime. There are lifetime implications for this generation of children, and of course only one of them is having missed milestones that most of us have had the pleasure of experiencing like prom and graduation. I still remember seeing Hillary Clinton speak at my college graduation to this day. Our leaders and celebrities have rallied, though, and come up with some exciting virtual graduation opportunities that no OTHER generation has had the pleasure of experiencing. You may have heard of a few of these tips below, and know that next Saturday, May 16th is “the big day.” We’ll all graduate together, in a way.

Alecia at AIMS

#GraduateTogether 2020

This weekend, we’ll all have the chance to watch Graduate Together: America Honors the High School Class of 2020. This event is hosted by the education advocacy group XQ Institute, The LeBron James Family Foundation and The Entertainment Industry Foundation, and will feature Barack Obama as the primary commencement speaker, as well as Malala Yousafzai, The Jonas Brothers and so many more. It’ll be the most high-profile graduation anyone has ever seen! It’s almost laughable how many famous people will be at this graduation. You can check out this one hour event on multiple channels at 8:00 this Saturday.

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Other Ideas for Graduation

One of the best things we do, as educators, is to capture and deliver on the “teachable moment.” No doubt these times are just brimming with an oversize cup of such potential moments. **It’s a great practice to provide context by having students listen to notable commencement speakers from days past and to compare themes that arise between those previous days and our own.** This isn't just for seniors, either! We're all in this together, and so we all have the potential to help shape the narrative we all experience and the story we tell future generations. Check out a few of out the **15 best celebrity graduation speeches below**, and see how true they ring for yourself and your students.

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