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- It feels surreal.

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I definitely don't feel like it's been four years.

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I feel like I'm still a freshmen.

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I know I'm ready.

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I know I have all the tools I need to succeed.

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- I'm feeling a big mix of emotions.

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I'm feeling happy, excited, sad, proud.

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- Honestly, it feels unreal.

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It feels like time flew by,

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but it also feels like it took forever,

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because it feels like I've been here for forever.

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- I'm terrified,

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but I know that my time at Suffolk has definitely helped me,

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and I can now navigate the fields that I want to go into.

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And I hope that I will have an amazing career,

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because of all the things I've learned

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and all the connections that I've made at the university.

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- It feels great to know

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that I've done so much these past four years,

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and now I'm going to be able to apply them

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to something in the real world.

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And I was definitely prepared to do that,

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with the skills that Suffolk gave me.

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Class of 2020, whoo!

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- Actually graduating feels great.

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And I realized after I graduated that nothing is impossible,

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if you put your time

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and effort to make your dream become true.

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- I am so excited to graduate, and that is mostly

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because I'm the first person in my family to attend college.

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- It's something new.

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And I think that Suffolk has taught us

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to embrace the new, the different.

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Be ourselves, and we'll find a way.

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- I'm still wrapping my head around it.

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Still hard to believe that I've graduated,

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but I'm really happy,

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and I'm excited for what's to come next.

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- I don't think it's fully sunk in quite yet,

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and it does not feel real.

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I have a mix of emotions, but I could definitely say

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I'm thankful for this rewarding experience.

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I could also confidently say that Suffolk prepared me

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with the proper resources

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to enter the real world and succeed.

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- That nervous feeling, but the good kind.

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The kind where everything is new,

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and you can (indistinct).

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And despite what's going on in the world,

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I know I'll be ready for whatever comes next.

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- I think there will be great opportunities coming our way,

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and it's just standing positive,

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and still utilizing all the resources that Suffolk has.

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- It's very validating.

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Graduation is validating.

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It's something that you show up,

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you work hard for four years,

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you do so much more than just study.

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And to kind of find who you are

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as a person going through college.

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I always say 18 to 22, that's only a four year difference,

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but it's a big four years.

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You learn a lot about yourself in those four years.

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- If I'm being honest, I'm very excited.

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I'm sort of embracing the unknown, which is what to come.

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And I look forward to that,

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because I feel like now I'm better enabled

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to take advantage of anything that's going to come to me.

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- I have a lot of pride

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for being able to push through a lot,

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and be able to walk across that stage soon,

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and say that I did it.

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- Wow, we did it.

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For four years, they felt super long,

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and yet they've gone by so fast.

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Every single year, you think,

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"Oh, I can't wait for the summer.

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I can't wait for finals to be over".

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Now, I'm here, and I don't want it to end.

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- It honestly feels like it's taken on a renewed importance.

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Graduation is a graduation

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because it's a milestone in your life.

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You've been through a challenging period

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where you've had to work really hard

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and go through a lot of obstacles.

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But this one's something else.

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I mean, given everything we've been through

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in the last year.

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And for us, part of our senior year

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was not just part of a pandemic, disrupted by a pandemic.

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And so for me, it really feels

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like an incredible moment to be able to participate

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in a ceremony actually where it's fitting,

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because we come together once again,

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when we've all been apart for so long.

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