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Commencement Statement from ABOR President Eileen I. Klein and Chair Rick Myers

“Savor this day, graduates!

On behalf of the Arizona Board of Regents, we congratulate you on the moment you have spent years working towards: Meeting the challenge of earning a college degree. It’s the culmination of hard work, tenacity, dedication – and hopefully a little fun along the way.

For this, you should be proud. And we are honored to celebrate this important achievement with you.

But the road to learning and discovery does not end here. That is a lifelong endeavor. The degree you have earned today will open many doors for you. It ensures a brighter future for you, as well as for the state of Arizona.

In today’s global economy, the best employers are seeking candidates with strong college credentials. And our great state benefits tremendously from your success and a highly-educated workforce to meet quality job needs and fuel entrepreneurialism and innovation.

At the Board of Regents, our mission is: educate, discover and make an impact. We hope this is a guiding mission for your life, as well.

We thank you for choosing to pursue a degree at one of our three great public universities. To the 23,000 students graduating this commencement season: We wish you the best in your future pursuits, and are confident in your abilities to achieve success.”

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