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In this article, you will learn how to write an anchoring script for a college function. Table of Contents An anchor should always start a program with a quote, a poem or some famous saying so that he or she is able to capture the attention of the audience. For college functions, quotes on the topic of education, teachers, students, art, creativity or having fun, can be a good start. Some interesting quotes that you can use are listed here: "The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge, but imagination." - Albert Einstein "The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be ignited." - Plutarch "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." - Zig Ziglar Choosing a quote that goes well with the nature of the event and following it up with a good welcome speech is important. "Hello and a warm good morning/ good afternoon/ good evening to all! Today/ tonight is the day/ night for which we all have been eagerly waiting for months, for which our students and organisers have worked tirelessly for weeks. The moment has finally arrived. I am [your name], your host for today/ tonight and I heartily welcome you all to the annual cultural festival of [college name]. We are really honoured to have our respected principal, Mr/Ms [name], chief guests, Mr/Ms [names], revered teachers, dear parents and of course, our lovely students among us. We are very glad to have you all with us today/ tonight and I welcome you all on the behalf of [college name] to enjoy the event." RELATED: Anchoring Script for Sports Day [With PDF] Most school and college functions start with a lamp lighting ceremony. If so is the case with your college, this is how you can invite the principal and chief guests on the stage to light the lamps: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - Martin Luther King Jr "Now, I would like to call on the stage our respected principal Mr/ Ms [name] as well as our chief guests Mr/ Ms [names] for the lamp lighting ceremony. Please give them a huge round of applause." Once the lamps are lit, the next step is to honour the chief guests. "Now I would like to request our Principal sir/ ma'am to honour our chief guests with the bouquets and mementoes. We thank you for gracing us with your presence." -. Thank you, sir/ ma'am. I would now request you all to please take your seats. Thank you. Let's give them a huge round of applause." "Education can truly change the world. Without education and dedicated teachers, it would not have been possible for us as a society to come this far. We, the students of [college name], are so blessed and grateful to have such wonderful teachers among us who happily guide us at every step. It is our teachers who have made us capable and responsible. Our hearts hold so much gratitude for all our teachers. So, on this special occasion, how can we let go of the opportunity to hear words of wisdom from our respected Principal Sir/ Ma'am. Now, I would like to invite our Principal, Mr/Ms [name], to come on the stage, say a few words and enlighten us. Please give him/ her a huge round of applause." RELATED: Anchoring Script for Annual Function [With PDF] "Thank you so much, sir/ ma'am. That was indeed motivating and I am sure all the students present here agree. We are honoured and privileged to have you among us. Thank you. Please take your seat." "Now, our students of [course, year] will present the first act of the evening, a classical Kathak dance performance. Kathak originated in North India and the dance form was used to portray epic tales from Ramayana, Mahabharata as well as other Hindu scriptures. It has now evolved into a brilliant dance form full of technique and grace. Our students today are not only going to show you the traditional side of Kathak but also the more modern, fusion side of it. Let's welcome them on the stage and present their performance." "Wow! What a beautiful performance! Indeed graceful and brilliant. They indeed deserve a huge round of applause! Now, it is time for the next performance which I guarantee, is going to be equally mesmerising. Our musically-talented students are now going to present an intriguing musical stage. The story of Romeo and Juliet, but with a twist. Let us welcome them with a round of applause." "That was truly ethereal. We are so proud of you all! Let's give these talented young people a huge round of applause. They deserve it. Thank you for such an amazing performance." "The famous Irish poet, Oscar Wilde, once said - I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being. Indeed, dramas and plays can help us connect with the audience and get the message across in ways that plain conversations are unable to. And so, I believe that our next act of the event by the members of our drama club will also be successful in getting its message across. Let's put our hands together and welcome the performers on the stage!" RELATED: Anchoring Script for Christmas Celebration in School [With PDF] "I am speechless! Wow! What a brilliant and emotional performance by our juniors. They did so well. Please give them a huge round of applause. It really left us all in tears! The story was so heart touching. Very well done. Thank you for the performance. Please give these talented kids a huge round of applause." The anchor can similarly welcome different acts on the stage and carry on with the show. "The most beautiful moments always seem to accelerate and slip beyond one's grasp just when you want to hold onto them for as long as possible." - E.A. Buchianeri "Indeed, all good things come to an end. We have now reached the conclusion of the event. I hope that you enjoyed all the performances and acts that our students had meticulously prepared. Thank you for attending this event and making it successful. Thank you for your time, encouragement and support. I would like to especially thank our Principal and chief guests who took time out of their extremely busy schedules to attend this event and boost the morale of our students. Thank you so much. Also, all the staff members and organisers who helped us organise everything and make this event possible - Thank you! Thank you, everyone! Have a good night." Note: This is a sample script meant to provide you with a basic idea of how to write an anchoring script for a college function. Feel free to use this script and edit it as per your needs. Sign Up Now & Daily Live Classes3000+ TestsStudy Material & PDFQuizzes With Detailed Analytics+ More BenefitsGet Free Access Now Theme: CommunityOpening: Good afternoon, esteemed faculty members, parents, families, friends, and fellow graduates. As the valedictorian, it's an honor to have you all at our graduation ceremony. My name is [Name]. Today marks the end of a chapter in our lives and the beginning of a new one.Key Idea 1: (Past) 4 years ago, we were just a bunch of freshmen with no clue of what we were doing, trying to find our way through the maze: which classes to sign up for, which extracurriculars to join, which friend group to try to fit into. And then, before we knew it, we were seniors. We had a sense of purpose, trying to leave our mark on this school. We've had countless memories, from finals-week jitters to the carefree days of senioritis. And we made it through, and here we are today, ready to take on the world.As a theater kid, I spent a lot of my time either rehearsing for a play or performing in one. During our first year, I was cast in our school's production of "Grease." I was thrilled. I had always wanted to play Sandy, and my dream finally came true. However, on opening night, disaster struck. As I walked onto the stage, I slipped on a piece of confetti. But I didn't fall flat on my face. No, even worse: I forgot my line. The silence in the auditorium was deafening. My heart was pounding up to my ears. And for a moment, the entire world froze. But then, the person playing Frenchy ad-libbed a line to get us back on track, and the show continued on.Later, I was talking to my parents about it, and they had no idea that anything had gone wrong.Key Idea 2: (Present) Looking back on that moment, I realize that school and even life are filled with moments like that. We all stumble at different points, and we have to be there for each other. School isn't just about textbooks. It's about the communities we discover outside of the classroom. This is how we grow into the best versions of ourselves. No matter how long our friends stay in our lives, they permanently shape our worldview. As Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "One's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions."Key Idea 3: (Future) As for the future, who knows what it holds? But one thing is for sure: We will make the most of it. We have all worked incredibly hard to get to where we are today, and I have no doubt that we will continue to do so in the future. We'll scatter around the world and become part of different communities. And the world will never regain its original dimensions.Closing: So, to everyone here, I urge you to allow yourself to slip on the confetti, forget your lines, and—most importantly—let people be there for you. Learn from your communities, grow with your communities, and maybe even help build one of your own. Congratulations, Class of [Year], and let's all enjoy today as a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. The final moments of an academic journey bring mixed emotions - excitement, nostalgia, and anticipation for what's next. As you stand at the podium, ready to address your fellow graduates, you have the opportunity to capture these feelings and inspire your audience. Your words can leave a lasting impression, celebrating achievements while looking forward to future possibilities. Want to make your mark with a memorable valedictory speech? Check out some engaging examples that will help you craft the perfect message for this significant milestone. These samples will spark your creativity and guide you in expressing your thoughts eloquently. Valedictory Ceremony Speech Samples Get inspired by these carefully crafted speeches for your upcoming valedictory ceremony. 1. A Journey of Growth and Discovery "Distinguished faculty, proud parents, and my fellow graduates, This day marks the end of a chapter, but the beginning of countless new adventures. We arrived here as strangers, unsure of what lay ahead. Now, we stand united, having shared laughter, tears, and unforgettable memories. Our time here has taught us more than just facts and figures. We've learned resilience in the face of challenges, the value of true friendship, and the power of perseverance. Each late-night study session, every group project, and all those moments of self-doubt have shaped us into the individuals we are today. As we move forward, let's carry the spirit of curiosity and determination that brought us this far. The future awaits our contributions, and I'm confident that each of us will make a meaningful impact in our own unique way. To our teachers, thank you for your patience and guidance. You've not only imparted knowledge but also wisdom that will serve us well beyond these halls. To our families, your unwavering support has been our foundation. We wouldn't be here without your love and encouragement. And to my fellow graduates, I'm honored to have shared this journey with you. As we go our separate ways, let's promise to stay connected and continue supporting each other's dreams. So, here's to the class of [year]! May we always think back on where we came from, be proud of how far we've come, and be excited for where we're going. Congratulations, everyone - we did it!" — END OF SPEECH — Commentary: This speech strikes a balance between reflection and inspiration. It acknowledges the shared experiences of the graduating class while encouraging optimism for the future. This sample works well for high school or undergraduate college ceremonies, especially when the speaker wants to emphasize personal growth and community bonds. 2. Embracing Change and New Beginnings "Good evening, everyone. Can you believe we're finally here? After years of hard work, sleepless nights, and countless cups of coffee, we've made it to the finish line. But let's be honest, this isn't really the end, is it? It's just the beginning of something even more exciting. You know, when I first started here, I was terrified of change. I liked my comfort zone and wanted to stay there forever. But our time here has taught me - taught all of us - that change isn't something to fear. It's something to embrace. Consider how much we've all changed since we first walked through these doors. We've grown, learned, and become versions of ourselves we never thought possible. And now, as we stand on the brink of a new chapter, I want to remind you all of something important: you're ready for this. You're ready for whatever comes next, whether it's more education, starting a career, or taking some time to figure out your path. The skills you've gained here - critical thinking, problem-solving, and most importantly, the ability to adapt - these will serve you well no matter where life takes you. So, as we leave this place that's been our home for the past few years, let's not be sad. Let's be grateful for the memories we've made, the friendships we've forged, and the knowledge we've gained. Let's be excited for the adventures that await us. To our teachers, thank you for challenging us to think bigger and dream bolder. To our families, thank you for your endless support and for believing in us even when we didn't believe in ourselves. And to my fellow graduates, thank you for being on this wild ride with me. We may be going our separate ways, but we'll always be connected by the experiences we've shared here. So here's to change, to new beginnings, and to the incredible future that's waiting for each of us. Congratulations, Class of [year] - we've only just begun!" — END OF SPEECH — Commentary: This speech focuses on the theme of embracing change and looking forward to new opportunities. It acknowledges the fears and uncertainties that come with graduation while encouraging graduates to feel confident in their abilities. This sample is well-suited for both high school and college ceremonies, particularly when the speaker wants to emphasize personal growth and readiness for future challenges. 3. The Power of Community and Collaboration "Esteemed faculty, honored guests, family, friends, and fellow graduates, As I look out at all of you today, I'm struck by an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Gratitude for the journey we've shared, for the lessons we've learned, and for the community that has supported us every step of the way. You know, when we first started here, many of us thought success was a solo sport. We believed that to excel, we had to outperform everyone else. But our time here has taught us a different, more valuable lesson: true success comes from collaboration, not competition. Consider all the group projects, study sessions, and late-night discussions that have shaped our experience. Each of these moments taught us the power of diverse perspectives, the strength of teamwork, and the importance of lifting each other up. We've learned that when one of us succeeds, we all succeed. When one of us struggles, we're all there to help. This sense of community and collaboration is perhaps the most valuable thing we'll take with us as we leave these halls. As we move forward into the next chapter of our lives, let's carry this spirit of community with us. Let's keep in mind that we're stronger together than we ever could be alone. In a society that often seems divided, we have the power to build bridges, to foster understanding, and to create positive change through cooperation. To our professors and mentors, thank you for showing us the value of shared knowledge and collaborative learning. To our families, thank you for being our first and most enduring community, supporting us through every triumph and challenge. And to my fellow graduates, thank you for being part of this incredible community. As we go our separate ways, let's promise to stay connected, to support each other's dreams, and to continue the spirit of collaboration we've cultivated here. Keep in mind, the networks we've built here are not just for our benefit. They're a powerful tool for creating positive change in society. So let's use them wisely and generously. Congratulations, Class of [year]! We've achieved something remarkable together, and I can't wait to see what we'll accomplish next. Here's to the power of community and to the bright future we'll build together!" — END OF SPEECH — Commentary: This speech emphasizes the importance of community and collaboration in achieving success. It encourages graduates to carry the spirit of teamwork into their future endeavors. This sample is particularly suitable for college or graduate school ceremonies, especially in fields where networking and collaboration are crucial. 4. Turning Challenges into Opportunities "Respected faculty, dear parents, and fellow graduates, Today, we celebrate not just the end of our academic journey, but the beginning of a new adventure. As I stand here, I'm reminded of all the challenges we've faced and overcome together. Think back to that first day when everything seemed overwhelming? The assignments that looked impossible, the exams that kept us up all night? Yet here we are, not just surviving, but thriving. Our time here has taught us a valuable lesson: challenges are not roadblocks, but opportunities for growth. Each obstacle we faced pushed us to be more creative, more resilient, and more determined. We learned to turn setbacks into comebacks. We discovered strengths we didn't know we had. And most importantly, we learned that it's okay to ask for help when we need it. As we step into the future beyond these familiar walls, we'll face new challenges. But now, we're equipped with the tools to tackle them head-on. We've learned to adapt, to persevere, and to find solutions where others see problems. To our teachers, thank you for challenging us to think critically and to never settle for less than our best. To our families, thank you for being our support system, believing in us even when we doubted ourselves. And to my fellow graduates, thank you for being part of this incredible journey. The bonds we've formed here will last a lifetime. As we move forward, let's continue to support each other, to challenge each other, and to inspire each other to reach new heights. So, Class of [year], as we face the future, let's do so with confidence and optimism. Let's see every challenge as an opportunity to grow, to learn, and to make a positive impact on society. Congratulations, everyone! We've proven that we can overcome any obstacle. Now, let's go out there and show everyone what we're capable of!" — END OF SPEECH — Commentary: This speech focuses on overcoming challenges and viewing them as opportunities for growth. It encourages resilience and adaptability in the face of future obstacles. This sample is well-suited for graduations at any level, particularly in times of widespread challenges or when the graduating class has faced significant hurdles. 5. Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion "Distinguished guests, beloved faculty, proud families, and my dear fellow graduates, Look around you. What do you see? I see a collection of diverse faces, backgrounds, and experiences. Each of us brings a unique story, a different perspective, and a special set of talents to this moment. And that, my friends, is our greatest strength. Our time here has taught us more than just academic knowledge. It's shown us the power of diversity and the importance of inclusion. We've learned that the best ideas emerge when different viewpoints collide, when we step out of our comfort zones, and when we truly listen to those who are different from us. We've discovered that diversity isn't just about race, gender, or nationality. It's about the richness of human experience - the variety of thoughts, beliefs, and dreams that make each of us unique. And we've learned that true inclusion means creating spaces where everyone feels valued, heard, and empowered to contribute. As we move forward into the future beyond our campus, let's carry these lessons with us. Let's be the generation that breaks down barriers, builds bridges, and creates opportunities for all. Let's challenge ourselves to seek out diverse perspectives, to amplify underrepresented voices, and to stand up against injustice wherever we find it. To our professors and mentors, thank you for creating an environment where diversity of thought was not just accepted, but celebrated. To our families, thank you for supporting us as we grew and evolved, sometimes in ways you might not have expected. And to my fellow graduates, thank you for sharing your unique stories and perspectives. You've enriched my life in ways I never imagined. As we go our separate ways, let's promise to keep learning from each other, to keep challenging our assumptions, and to keep working towards a more inclusive society. Class of [year], we have the power to shape a future where everyone has a seat at the table. Let's use our education, our experiences, and our empathy to make that vision a reality. Congratulations, everyone! Here's to a future as bright and diverse as the class sitting before me today. Let's go out there and make a difference - together!" — END OF SPEECH — Commentary: This speech celebrates diversity and inclusion, encouraging graduates to value different perspectives and work towards a more inclusive society. It's particularly suitable for diverse student bodies or institutions that emphasize multiculturalism and global awareness. This sample works well for college or graduate school ceremonies, especially in fields related to social sciences, humanities, or international relations. 6. The Journey of Lifelong Learning "Esteemed faculty, honored guests, proud families, and fellow graduates, This day marks the end of a chapter, but it's far from the end of our story. As we celebrate our achievements, let's take a moment to reflect on the true nature of education. When we first arrived here, many of us thought education was about memorizing facts, acing exams, and earning a degree. But our time here has taught us something far more valuable: the joy of learning itself. We've discovered that true education isn't confined to classrooms or textbooks. It's a lifelong journey of curiosity, discovery, and growth. It's about asking questions, challenging assumptions, and never stopping in our quest for knowledge. Our professors didn't just teach us subjects; they taught us how to think critically, how to analyze information, and how to keep learning long after we leave these halls. They've given us the tools to become lifelong learners, ready to adapt and grow in a rapidly changing society. As we step into the next phase of our lives, let's carry this spirit of curiosity with us. Let's never stop asking questions, seeking new experiences, and pushing the boundaries of our knowledge. Whether we're starting careers, pursuing further education, or embarking on new adventures, let's approach each day as an opportunity to learn something new. To our teachers, thank you for igniting our passion for learning and showing us that education is a lifelong pursuit. To our families, thank you for supporting our educational journey and for being our first and most important teachers. And to my fellow graduates, thank you for being part of this incredible learning community. The discussions we've had, the ideas we've shared, and the challenges we've overcome together have all been part of our education. Let's promise to keep that spirit of collaborative learning alive as we move forward. Class of [year], we're not just graduates today. We're lifelong learners, equipped with the skills and the mindset to tackle whatever challenges the future holds. Let's use our education not just for personal gain, but to make a positive impact on the people around us. So here's to the next chapter of our learning journey. May we always stay curious, always stay open to new ideas, and always keep in mind that the greatest lessons often come from the most unexpected places. Congratulations, everyone! Our graduation today isn't the end of our education - it's just the beginning. Let's embrace the adventure of lifelong learning that lies ahead!" — END OF SPEECH — Commentary: This speech focuses on the concept of lifelong learning, encouraging graduates to view their education as an ongoing journey rather than a finite achievement. It emphasizes curiosity, adaptability, and the joy of continuous learning. This sample is well-suited for any level of graduation, but particularly resonates with college or graduate school ceremonies, especially in fields that require ongoing professional development or in institutions that emphasize research and innovation. Final Thoughts Crafting a valedictory speech is about more than just summarizing your academic journey. It's an opportunity to inspire, to reflect on shared experiences, and to look forward to the exciting possibilities that lie ahead. Whether you choose to focus on overcoming challenges, celebrating diversity, or embracing lifelong learning, your speech should reflect your unique voice and the spirit of your graduating class. As you prepare your own valedictory address, keep in mind that authenticity is key. Share personal anecdotes, express genuine gratitude, and speak from the heart. Your words have the power to resonate with your fellow graduates and leave a lasting impression on all who attend the ceremony. Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone, and best wishes as you embark on the next chapter of your journey! Here's my anchoring script that I created for the Valedictory Ceremony of my college. I hope it will help. Dignitaries entering the Hall Ladies and Gentlemen, may I request you to please stand as the dignitaries have just entered the hall. Thank you ladies and Gentlemen; you may please be seated (If needed). Anchors' Intro "To improve the golden moment of opportunity and catch the good that is in our reach, is the great art of life" A very warm good evening Galaxy of Intellectuals, Invited Guests, Professors, Students and ladies and gentlemen. I am XYZ of YYY. It is a matter of immense pride to stand here before all of you this evening. On behalf of the institution we are delighted to offer a gracious welcome to all of you. Escorting the Guests to the Dais it gives me an immense privilege to invite Mr. _____, Mrs. _____, Mr. _____, beloved Principal to honor the dais. Thank You Invocation "The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays" - Soren Kierkegaard I like to call upon Ms/Mr XXX of _____ to invoke the Almighty Thank You Ms/Mr Welcome Address by the Principal "A Pessimist complains about the wind, an optimist tries to change it and a leader adjusts the sails" The sails for this particular notion were adjusted by a person who is not only a great motivation to all of us but a visionary and the person who gave us the belief to bring together this event. He is none other than our beloved principal. To give a red -carpet welcome to everyone assembled here, may I take the pleasure of requesting our respected Principal to welcome the gathering. Thank You Chief Guest - Introduction "The fragrance of flowers spread only in the direction of the wind. But the goodness of a person spreads in all directions". Ladies and gentlemen we are delighted to have with Ms/Mr _____ as the Honorable Chief Guest of the Valedictory Ceremony. I like to call upon Mr/Ms to introduce our Honorable Chief Guest Ms/Mr to all of us. Thank You I Invite Honorable Chief Guest, Ms/Mr on the stage to address the gathering. {Chief Guest's Address} Thank you Ma'am/Sir for your influential message, we are charmed by your sharp fluency. Guest of Honor - Introduction "Nothing great will be achieved without great men, and men are only great if they are determined to do so" Ladies and gentlemen we are happy to have with us, Mr/Ms, the Guest of Honour. May I kindly request Mr/Ms (Speaker) to share a few words of introduction about Mr/Ms . {Guest of Honour's Address} Thank you very much sir/ma'am for sharing your deep knowledge about _____ with us .Your words were full of enthusiasm and valuable knowledge. Prize Distribution for Academic Excellence Talent and skills are the crops that are nurtured, groomed and given all possible opportunities to grow and bloom. This is a much awaited event in every student's life, as it gives the returns to the efforts put in by them throughout their academic endeavour. It is a moment full of joy, a moment about pride and accomplishment, a moment of celebration. It gives a sense of achievement and a sense of responsibility towards fulfilling further commitments. It fills the heart with mixed feelings - fulfilment, anxiety and eagerness. Following the old tradition of our college now is time we acknowledge and encourage the talent of the students for their academic excellence by Prize Distribution Ceremony. I request Mr/Ms to announce the names of the winners and I request our Honorable Chief Guest Mrs to honor them with their prizes. Thanking Guests Presidential Address I now invite Ms/Mr to deliver the presidential address. Thank You Vote of Thanks "Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul" Every celebration is an experience, the external fades away, and the internal lingers and echoes in the most depth of our hearts. We are reminded that events like this one are milestones on the journey of life and reminders of God's fidelity all through. As we come to the close of our Valedictory ceremony I invite Ms/Mr to propose the vote of thanks. Thank You Closing of the event The end of a story is the new beginning for many others On this note let's conclude a remarkable, memorable and knowledgeable Valedictory session. On behalf of the institution we sincerely thank the dignitaries for being with us this evening and enlightening us with their enthusiastic remarks. I shower my heartfelt gratitude to the professors and everyone of