

Mohawk Council of Kanesatake

Office of the Grand Chief

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I would like to start by voicing my disappointment for having to miss the honor and privilege of personally addressing the graduates tonight as well as thanking the faculty for all that they have done for you.

I've always admired people who have the courage to go out and achieve their goals in whatever field of interest they may have for not only their personal betterment but for those communities they live in, by being an example for others to follow.

To all of you here tonight, you have all achieved and should be proud of the hard work that got you here and hope you keep that sense of achievement towards broader success in your lives.

I've always seen adult education as a second chance for those with the courage to seize it and you've proven that courage with the diploma you now hold. So now go and show the world around you that courageous pride and determination to those that would try to hold you back, so they understand that you are on the path to success and will never be deterred from it.

I would like to add a special congratulations on behalf of Kanesatake and the Mohawk Council to one of our own Kanesatakeron:non, Edward Gabriel, who is graduating with you all tonight

I leave you with one of my favorite quotes:
It always seems impossible until it's done.
Nelson Mandela.

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