Graduation Speech Outline

INTRODUCTION

1. Thank the Previous Speaker
Begin with gratitude and grace. Whoever introduced you to the stage, be sure to thank them not only for introducing you, but also for the work they do within the school.

2. Introduce Yourself
Don't ever assume people in the room will know who you are. Introduce yourself, including your name.

MAIN POINTS

3. Share a Motivational Quote
Plan to include some sort of motivational quote or personal narrative with your classmates. Illustrate how it connects with your class' experiences in the school. This will serve as a nice opportunity to bring everyone together and get your classmates excited about the future.

4. Share Some Good Advice
This is perhaps the most important part of your speech. Share some meaningful advice for the years to come. Highlight some of the expectations that are about to come your way. You can also share some advice about the people and experiences that are yet to come. Keep the tone positive. Remind everyone they have what it takes.

5. Recall the Good Times
Encourage your classmates to remember the good times at your school. To move forward, we must remember where we came from. Highlight a momentous occasion that everyone partook in. Encourage your peers to take those memories with them wherever they go.

CONCLUSION

6. Restate Your Motivational Quote
Finish by reiterating the motivational quote you began with, giving it more context. Although you just dipped into the past with one of those "good times," the focus is on the excitement and hope that's yet to come.

7. Create a Call to Action
Call your fellow students into action. Leave them with an inspiring sentence encouraging them to go out and make a difference in the world.

8. Thank Everyone
Finally, thank everyone for their time. Thank them for the memories over the last few years and their time during your speech.