

To Our Graduates:

As undergraduate students majoring in the General Studies Bachelor of Science degree program at Drexel, you have demonstrated a remarkable grasp of what you wanted to accomplish. You have been determined and proactive; displaying the ability and self-motivation which enabled you to succeed as a student all while under the life altering challenge of a global pandemic this past year. These characteristics will serve you well in the next phase of your academic or professional careers.

You, with initial direction from Goodwin College academic advising, employed initiative and resilience to complete a B.S. in General Studies degree despite the many challenges adults face that often present barriers to degree completion.

Some of you are wives and mothers, husbands and fathers, military veterans, or full-time employees with limited hours in your daily routine for anything that does not involve work or family. Many of you enrolled in part-time and online programs, opting for the convenience of programs which have become very appealing to adult students. Whether your program is full-time or part-time, online or on campus, you all are to be commended for completing the same rigorous requirements that attest to your ability to complete a complex task (degree completion) that not everyone is able to accomplish.

A General Studies degree serves as good preparation for the professional workplace. Employers looking to fill positions for which an innovative mind, sound reasoning and communication skills are valued above more specific skills will be amenable to hiring or promoting graduates who chose the degree for its academic diversity. Having a range of interests and a desire to explore interdisciplinary courses and emerging areas of expertise taught by world renowned Drexel faculty has helped students pursue multiple career options, while the opportunity to follow a practical, industry-inspired approach to learning from Goodwin adjunct faculty, who are among the more accomplished professionals in their chosen fields, has enabled many of you to apply what you've learned in your current work environments.

I firmly believe you are primed to make a difference! You will be the hands and minds that steer your communities, your businesses, your colleagues and our world to a brighter tomorrow. Please share your successes with us! Let us know how you are doing and keep your proud alma matter in mind as we endeavor to provide you with another class of change-makers to assist you with the challenges ahead.

Congratulations Goodwin Class of 2021! Celebrate, take a breath and set yourselves to the next phase...you are ready!



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