

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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To The John Jay Class of 2017:

I'm sorry I couldn't be there in person, but I didn't want to miss the opportunity to congratulate the entire John Jay Class of 2017 on its tremendous achievement. I'd also like to acknowledge my dear friend President Travis, and thank him for his years of service to John Jay and to educating future students for generations to come.

You are graduating today from one of the top academic institutions in New York, and this will no doubt serve you well as you enter the workforce and pursue your passions. John Jay is a fine college and a treasure to our city and our state. But as you leave school behind, I hope you don't forget the importance of being open to the new opportunities that will surely present themselves along the way -- and could change the course of your lives forever. They probably won't be advertised as such, and no one's going to flag them for you when they'll appear. Just keep your eyes open to them, take the risk, and don't let the fear of failure deter you. It is my hope, it is my prayer, and it is my confidence that you will find true success and joy. Congratulations to you, to your families, and I wish you all the best for your future.

Sincerely,



Charles Schumer
United States Senator

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