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To SUNY Poly Faculty and Staff:

The 2018-2019 academic year has successfully concluded, and as we now begin to look ahead to the next academic year, I am proud to share my sincere appreciation for all that you have done to ensure a smooth and inspiring commencement for students who received their graduate or undergraduate degrees. Your work directly contributed to the auspicious conclusion of a critically important chapter in our graduates' lives. These ceremonies also provided a memorable transitional moment for our alumni to share with their families, friends, fellow students, and others who filled Wildcat Field House.

Thanks to you, SUNY Poly continues to support our students through progress in a wide range of areas that help drive academic achievement and form a foundation for lifetime success. As we broke ground on a new residence hall to address our growing student body, and as we partner with other academic institutions to provide even more "paths to Poly," among other recent positive news, I am grateful to you, our outstanding faculty and staff, who are enabling this vibrant student experience.

The Utica campus' 45<sup>th</sup> commencement provided an excellent chance to honor the accomplishments of our graduates, as well as our entire community. I was proud to stand on the stage to commemorate our graduates' bright future that you have made possible.

I could not have been more proud to be a part of this exciting celebration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Grace Wang  
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