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ISAIAH 40:31 (NIV)



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# MESSAGE *from the* DEAN

Congratulations on this remarkable achievement! Today, we celebrate your dedication, perseverance, and the faith that has guided you along this journey. Isaiah 40:31 reminds us that “... those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

As you move forward, trust that God’s plan for your life is full of hope, purpose, and opportunity. May the knowledge and wisdom you have gained inspire you to serve others, lead with integrity, and shine His light in all you do. Step into the future with faith, courage, and a heart ready to make a difference. Congratulations, Class of 2026!

**Dr. Richard Diddams**

*Dean*



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