

McCullough's speech will make thousands of students graduate from high school

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Wellesley High School is a famous high school in the wealthy town of Wellesley, with a long tradition and a source of talent for America for many years. During the school graduation ceremony in 2012, David McCullough's teacher gave a speech that shocked and awakened thousands of students. Especially his outspoken saying: 'You have nothing special'. The speech was described by the American media as: 'Welcome to real life'.

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Translation of David McCullough's speech

Dear Dr. Wong, Dr. Keough, Mrs. Novogroski, Ms. Curran, members of the board of education, your family and friends, gentlemen and ladies of Wellesley's 2012 course. Today I have the honor to stand here, talk to people on this special afternoon, thank you everyone.

We are here to start the most anticipated ceremony in life, the graduation ceremony. Don't ask the teacher: What about the wedding? The wedding is only one-sided, it is a splendid view that the bride is the center. And the groom just stood there and admitted a long list of unreasonable requests. There is no procession as expected, style: hey people, look at me, there is no difference statement. You can imagine it is a television program created to see Tux guys (wear costumes to attend formal events). Their father sat there, tears in their eyes with joy mixed with skepticism. Their brothers are sitting in a messy corner of the room with jealousy. For men, after a series of challenges, the wedding came with a lot of dreaming about life after marriage, but then they still had to go to the refrigerator themselves to find food. Moreover, the statistics show that the divorce rate is then up to 50%. That rate is similar to how you get the last place in American League East. The Baltimore Orioles team also plays better than the marriage after the wedding.

But this ceremony, the graduation ceremony, a whole new beginning. Since today they have entered life, whether in illness, health, financial failure, middle-aged crises, overcoming attractive offers at trade fairs. In Cincinnati, hard-to-forgive impulses, irreconcilable differences and a lot of things, you will always graduate from high school, this degree has become a part of your life to end of life.

No, this ceremony is a great beginning of life, the formal organization and the presence of everyone here has said it. Usually, he does not like to say clichés, but we are in a level playing field, and this is the problem. What does it say? Your dress is unchanged, uniform, one size fits all. Whether male or female, high or low,

hardworking or lazy, the playboy queen or X-box game assassin, when wearing the dress, you will find that everyone is the same, holding Graduated, only in the above name.

All of this should be like that, because **none of you are special.**

You have nothing special, no one is an exception.

Even though they won the U9 football championship, once ranked high in the class, participated in parade for benefits . they still have nothing special.

Yes, children who are pampered, cherished, loved, enveloped, protected little by little. Your parents can do many things to support them, kiss them, feed them, clean their mouths, train, teach, listen, encourage, encourage, and encourage them. . They always comfort, plead with you. You are praised, called with the sweetest words. Parents participate in their science games, plays, exercises and fairs. Blurt out a big smile when the children enter the room, shouting when they post a tweet. And now, they have conquered the high school gate. We focus here for you, the pride and hope of society, the people who first came out of that magnificent building .

But don't think that you have anything special. Because truth is not like that.

The real evidence is everywhere, the numbers that English teachers cannot ignore. Newton, Natick, Nee . Can I say Needham? There were 2,000 students graduating from high school, this age group came in, and that was only in the neighboring schools. Across the country, no less than 3.2 million students graduate from more than 37,000 high schools. These are 37,000 typical students, 37,000 class officials, 92,000 outstanding vocals, 340,000 athletes, 2,185,967 progressive couples. And yet, that's just in high school, what about after that? Think about this: Even if 1 million people have 1 person like you, then on the planet 6.8 billion people day there are nearly 7,000 people like you. It's like you're standing somewhere on Washington Street at the Marathon Monday and watching nearly 7 billion people run by. Consider a larger picture of our planet. In order for me to remind you, our planet is not the center of the solar system, the solar system is not the center of the galaxy and the galaxy is not the center of the universe. In fact, astronomers have confirmed that the universe has no center. Therefore, you cannot be the 'navel' of the universe. Even Donald Trump is the same, someone should say this to him, even though his hair looks pretty impressive.

' But Dave', the kids responded, 'Walt Whitman told me that I am the perfect version of myself, Epictetus said I have Zeus spark!'. OK, he did not object. But nearly 7 billion people outside are also perfect versions, there are also 7 billion gods of Zeus. You see, if everyone is special, there is no one special. If everyone has a title, those titles will become meaningless. One thing we know but don't say is that Darwin's theory of evolution stems from an invisible fear of humanity, the fear of perdition. Now we, Americans, are hurting ourselves, we love more naughtily than real achievements. We consider it important, happy to compromise the standards, ignoring the fact that, if we suspect, the fastest, even the only way is to have something to mark, to show off, to bring yourself to a higher position in society. It is no longer as simple as the way they play a game, the problem is not winning or losing, learning or developing or enjoying the feeling of doing it. Which lies in the question 'What does this give us?'. Consequently, we make the value of the effort cheap. It has become an epidemic, and on its spread it has also infected the Wellesley School, one of the 37,000 best schools in the nation. I hope you understand what I mean. 'One of the best schools', say so to make them feel a little better about themselves, to find themselves a little different, but it is quite vague and difficult to verify. Moreover, according to logic, there is only one best thing. You are the best thing or not.

If they have learned something in their years here, he hopes that they have learned knowledge and passion for research, not just achievement records. He also hoped that the children would come across the saying that the

famous writer Sophocles once said: 'Wisdom is the main factor that makes happiness', (the second element may simply be an ice cream).I also hope you learn enough to realize how little you know, that it is just the beginning.How far you will go after leaving this school, that's the problem.

Get a diploma, before you want to fly far away, I advise you to do anything, even though it's very trivial, even things you don't like.Resist the pleasant feeling of complacency, the splendor of the material, the sensation of drugs.Make yourself worthy of what you are trying to do.Read, read anytime, anywhere, read seriously, consider it a principle in your life, a way to respect yourself.Consider reading as the source of life.Develop and protect a moral value by giving valid arguments to accept it.Dream great dreams.Work hard.Think about yourself.Cherish everything you love, everyone you love with all your abilities.And do those things with an urgent mind, like being urged, every second, every minute and little by little.Certainly the party will come to an end, like this award ceremony and you will not have the opportunity to enjoy it again no matter how great that afternoon is.

Life is improving, life is different, relevant, you will learn it yourself and it will not fall into your computer, by some kind person or your mother You put it in there.You must remember that his father suffered so much pain that he could ensure that the right to life, freedom and pursuit of happiness - pursuit, was a proactive verb.It is sometimes simply instead of lying on the bed to watch the parrot on YouTube do something more useful.

The President of the United States,Mr.Roosevelt,still rode his horse when he was old and always supported the motto: to work constantly.Thoreau wants to shorten his life into a corner to live deeper, to devote himself to his works.The poet Mary Oliver tells us to fight the storms.Someone else, he doesn't remember his name, encourages young scholarsto enjoy life every day.Whoever they are, their views are the same: make yourself busy and try to achieve your goals.Don't wait for inspiration or passion to come to you.Get up, go out, explore yourself, look for opportunities, passion and hold on to them with both hands.Now, before you go out, get a YOLO tattoo, let me point out the absurdity of this trend.They can and should live more than just once but live every day in their lives.Instead of You Only Live Once, it should be You Live Only Once.But because YLOO seems not to be as good, so we shrug and accept YOLO.

However, it should not be thought that these popular tattooists have a relaxed lifestyle.Think of it as a consequence created in the process of improving life.The problem is what happens when you think about more important things.Climb to the top of the mountain is not to plug down the winning flag but rather to embrace the challenge, enjoy the fresh air and admire the view.Climb to the top of the mountain and you can see the world, not the world will see you.Come to Paris to enjoy the feeling of living in Paris, rather than surfing through it to write Paris on the list of places where you have gone and proud that you are the one who has experienced it.

Train a free will, creative thinking, independence not only to bring satisfaction to yourself but also for the benefit of 6.8 billion people in the world.Then you will discover the greatest and most wonderful truth in human experience, that altruism is the best thing you can do for yourself.Sweet joys in life will only come when you realize you have nothing special.Because everyone is like that.

Congratulations to you.

Wish you all good luck.Create extraordinary life for yourself, for your benefit and ours. "

Video of David McCullough's speech at Wellesley High School

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