

## COMM 60511 - Speech Writing Assignment - David Graye

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Preface: This article from the Purdue University media relations list touches upon Purdue's recent achievement of becoming number 89 in the global rankings for "world's best academic institutions." In addition to holding the 8th spot in the Top 10 for public American universities. The following speech will attempt to humanize the university, celebrate its achievement, and incorporate current linguistic trends with the student demographic to create positive content for the university. In this speech, President Chiang will be keeping up with the slang terms used frequently by this generation of students. Education First wrote, "Ate that... This essentially refers to someone doing a great job. For example if someone is performing a very impressive dance, when they're done, you might turn to your friend and say "they ate that". It can also be abbreviated to "they ate" or even "left no crumbs" (Sonja, 2022). To sum up this speech, Purdue "ate/eight that."

### **Speech:**

At this point during our ceremony, I would like to address some news that has made the Purdue University faculty very pleased.

With immense gratitude and joy, I stand before you today and announce that Purdue University has been recognized and ranked as number eight among U.S. public universities. This is a reflection of this year's hard working students, faculty, and staff who have continued to uphold, and uplift, the values and standards Purdue strives for. This achievement is a testament to our collective commitment to excellence and hard work.

I would like to take a moment to extend my appreciation to the staff and faculty who provide the foundation that allows our academic community to continue to operate, innovate, and thrive. Would all of our faculty members, professors, and staff stand up from their seats and join us as we appreciate your hard work and dedication? (all rise) (applause) Thank you again, please be seated.

Dedication. A word so many of the students sitting before me are all too familiar with. Our prestigious position is largely due to our student's dedication to their studies, innovative spirits, and pursuit of knowledge. Would all of the students seated before me and the students in the audience please rise? (applause) As we appreciate your dedication towards your academic journeys, please give yourselves a round of applause for a job well done! (applause dies down) Thank you, please be seated.

The student representative that exemplifies those standards, values, and dedication is best shown in our student speaker for this ceremony. It is my pleasure to introduce X. X has received Y scholarships and has earned summa cum laude distinction. She has some important words to share before we begin our graduation walks. Without further ado, please give a welcoming applause to X.

(President Chiang leaves, X student walks to podium) (X with a confused face looking down at the podium and floor, then looking in President Chiang's direction)

X: Oh...President Chiang? I...uh...think we dropped something here

Chiang: OH...huh? What is that?

X: I don't know, could it be crumbs?

Chiang: Oh yeah, I think it is

Chiang & X: *(both waving arms expressively and pointing towards students and faculty)*

**PURDUE...WE ATE THAT!**

(president and X fist bump, confetti booms, signage of "PURDUE...WE ATE THAT" appears, the number "8" pops up, messaging interchanges with "ate" and "8")

X: Thank you President Chiang for the introduction  
*...speech continues*

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