Dear Arts & Science community,

On May 10, I had the pleasure and the honor of congratulating the newest graduates of the College of Arts and Science at Vanderbilt’s 146th commencement. The nearly 900 undergraduate and close to 200 graduate students were beaming with pride as families, friends, faculty, and staff celebrated their graduation and officially welcomed them as Vanderbilt alumni.

As I looked at these amazing students, I could see their excitement, hope, and optimism about the future ahead of them. And with good reason: armed with their Arts and Science diplomas, they are prepared to use their education to make a difference in the world.

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The Senior Class Fund sponsored Pups & Pops on Alumni Lawn on April 23 to help seniors de-stress during finals. Music City Pet Partners provided the pups and Las Paletas provided the pops!