



B E L L E V U E U N I V E R S I T Y

Commencement Ceremony

SATURDAY, THE THIRTY-FIRST OF JANUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX

TEN PAST NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

MID-AMERICA CENTER
ONE ARENA WAY
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

Program

Prelude	The Plymouth Brass
Processional	The Plymouth Brass
National Anthem	Ms. Liz Pettinger
Invocation	Dr. Stephen Linenberger
Welcome and Introductions	Dr. Mary Hawkins President, Bellevue University
Commencement Speaker	Mr. Terry Kroeger CEO & President, Smith Kroeger
Student Speaker	Patience Mudundulu <i>The Work That Built the Dream: A Journey of Sacrifice, Education, and Becoming</i>
Authorization of Degrees	Dr. Mary Hawkins President, Bellevue University
	Mr. Michael S. Cassling Bellevue University Board of Directors
Presentation of College of Business Doctoral & Master's Degree Candidates	Dr. Rebecca Murdock Dean, College of Business
Presentation of College of Arts and Sciences Master's Degree Candidates	Dr. Michelle Eppler Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Presentation of College of Science and Technology Master's Degree Candidates	Dr. Mary Dobransky Dean, College of Science and Technology

Program

Presentation of College of Business Bachelor's Degree Candidates.....	Dr. Rebecca Murdock Dean, College of Business
Presentation of College of Arts and Sciences Bachelor's Degree Candidates.....	Dr. Michelle Eppler Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Presentation of College of Engineering, Technology and Management Bachelor's Degree Candidates.....	Dr. Matthew Davis Dean, College of Engineering, Technology and Management
Presentation of College of Science and Technology Bachelor's and Associate's Degree Candidates	Dr. Mary Dobranksy Dean, College of Science and Technology
Benediction	Dr. Stephen Linenberger
<i>(The audience will please rise and remain standing through the Recessional.)</i>	
Recessional	The Plymouth Brass



The Bellevue University Seal

At the center, the great mission of Bellevue University, founded in 1966. A Diamond Circle of Excellence, signifying you - our remarkable graduate - who carries this mission into the world. *Eruditio Vera Pro Vera Vita: Real Learning for Real Life.* The heartbeat of Bellevue University and our commitment to prepare you for a life of leadership. Quills, representing the gift of knowledge. Carry forth to make a difference. Purple to inspire your life's journey with strength and energy. Gold, the color of success. A symbol of your triumph over the challenges and our lasting belief in what you will achieve.

Commencement Dignitaries



Terry Kroeger
Commencement Speaker

Terry Kroeger serves as Chairman and CEO of Smith Kroeger, a full-service advertising agency headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. Since acquiring the agency in 2019, Kroeger has grown Smith Kroeger fourfold and expanded its services in traditional and digital media, creative services, web development, and public relations. In 2025, Smith Kroeger acquired RCG, making Smith Kroeger one of the Midwest's leading agencies.

Before entering advertising, Kroeger spent more than three decades in the newspaper industry, including serving as President and CEO of BH Media Group and Publisher of the Omaha World-Herald. During his tenure, he led the company's sale to Berkshire Hathaway in 2011 and oversaw BH Media Group's growth through strategic acquisitions of newspapers and broadcast media.

He has served on numerous boards, including the Associated Press; the Omaha Symphony Association; the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce board, which he chaired; and the University of Nebraska Foundation, other others. He currently serves on the Boards of Directors for the Aksarben Foundation, Westside Community Schools Foundation, and StratCom's Strategic Consultation Committee.

A native of Nebraska, Kroeger earned degrees in finance and economics from the University of Nebraska. He lives in Omaha with his wife, Jackie, and together they have four adult children working in healthcare, education, technology, and counseling.



Patience Mudundulu
Student Speaker

Dr. Patience Mudundulu graduates today with a Doctor of Business Administration from Bellevue University. She was born in Lusaka, Zambia, raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, and currently resides in Chicago, Illinois.

Her academic journey reflects perseverance, resilience, and a deep commitment to education. As an immigrant, Patience worked alongside her family to support her educational pursuits, guided by the belief that education is the most meaningful investment one can make. Her dissertation, "Navigating the American Dream: A Narrative Study of Sub-Saharan African Immigrants in the United States," examines the lived experiences of Sub-Saharan African immigrants and highlights the voices and experiences of immigrants who, like her, have worked tirelessly to transform hardship into opportunity.

In addition to her DBA, Patience holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Sociology from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and a Master of Business Administration from Bellevue University.

Prior to her advanced studies, she co-founded the International Shine Bright Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering underserved children through access to basic necessities, education, and stable living environments.

Dr. Mudundulu currently serves as a Senior Global Go-to-Market Leader for Agentic AI at Amazon Web Services, is a frequent speaker at industry events, and teaches AI and Machine Learning as an adjunct professor at City Colleges of Chicago.

Doctor of Business Administration

Adam A. Canaday:

Dissertation Title: Army Leadership in Civilian Management Positions: How Army Leadership Skills are Interpreted and Evaluated by Civilian Employers

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Nick Wolff

Ida Lopez Chan:

Dissertation Title: Leadership During Crisis: A Qualitative Study of Health Care Middle Managers and Senior Leaders to identify Crisis Leadership Competencies

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Nick Wolff

Joseph W. Davis:

Dissertation Title: Abandoning Ship? Employee Turnover Intention in Firms on the Decline – A Phenomenological Study

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Nick Wolff

LaTasha Patryce Ellis:

Dissertation Title: Perceived Factors Influencing Leader Decisions Regarding Remote Work in a Small Midwest University: A Phenomenological Qualitative Inquiry

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Eric Riley

Patience Mudundulu:

Dissertation Title: Navigating the American Dream: A Narrative Study of Sub-Saharan African Immigrants in the United States

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Nick Wolff

Jennifer J. Parker:

Dissertation Title: Exploring Work-Life Balance: Women-Owned Small Businesses

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Martha Helland

Doctor of Business Administration

Jeremy B. Wright:

Dissertation Title: The Effect of Emotional Intelligence on Occupational Stress and Burnout
Among Human Resources Professionals

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Eric Riley

Ph.D. in Human Capital Management

Christopher Michael:

Dissertation Title: A HERO-Based Approach to Diversity and Inclusion in Veteran Affairs

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Paul Poppler

Doctoral Biographies

Adam A. Canaday

Adam A. Canaday is graduating with a Doctor of Business Administration. Dr. Canaday also holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an MBA. His dissertation, "Army Leadership in Civilian Management Positions," explores how civilian hiring managers evaluate and value military leadership skills in applicants for management-level positions. Currently, Dr. Canaday leads both the HR and Quality departments for a worldwide manufacturing firm and also serves as a Director of Instruction for Construction Engineer Leadership Courses for the U.S. Army Reserves. Dr. Canaday plans to pivot from private enterprise employment to academia and secure a role as a university professor in business, HR, or related fields. Dr. Canaday would like to thank his wife, Mary, and his children, Dave and Aiden, for their support and love.

Ida Lopez Chan

Ida Lopez Chan is graduating with a Doctor of Business Administration. Dr. Lopez Chan also holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance and a Master of Business. Her dissertation, "Leadership During Crisis: A Qualitative Study of Health Care Middle Managers and Senior Leaders," explores the crisis leadership competencies utilized by leaders during challenging times. Currently, Dr. Lopez Chan is the CEO of a Health Care District and aspires to become a professor at a community college or university. Dr. Lopez Chan would like to give special thanks to her husband Willie Chan, her sons Christian and Aaron Chan, her professors, and her colleagues in the DBA program, as well as her Lopez family.

Joseph W. Davis

Joseph W. Davis is graduating with a Doctor of Business Administration degree. Dr. Davis' dissertation, "Abandoning Ship: Employee Turnover Intention in Firms on the Decline: A Phenomenological Study," studies the choice an employee makes to leave or remain with a declining company, and what management can do before it's too late. Joseph holds two master's degrees in Business Administration and Educational Leadership. He is currently pursuing a second doctorate in education, specializing in curriculum and instruction, through Columbia Southern University. In the future, Dr. Davis hopes to assist educational and non-profit organizations in developing into exceptional facilities that focus on community enhancement.

LaTasha Patryce Ellis

LaTasha Patryce Ellis is graduating with her Doctor of Business Administration degree, building on her academic foundation that includes a Bachelor of Arts in Management and a Master of Business Administration. Dr. Ellis' dissertation, "Perceived Factors Influencing Leader Decisions Regarding Remote Work in a Small Midwest University: A Phenomenological Qualitative Inquiry," explores how leaders navigate decision-making in evolving work environments. She was recently promoted to Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Baker College. Dr. Ellis extends heartfelt thanks to her husband, children, family, friends, and all who supported her throughout this journey.

Christopher Michael

Christopher Michael is graduating with a Ph.D. in Human Capital Management. Dr. Michael holds a Master of Arts in Business and Professional Communication and a Bachelor of Arts in Health Communication. His dissertation, "A Hero Based Approach to Diversity and Inclusion in Veteran Affairs," theorized an improvement to hiring practices by combining diversity and inclusion, and merit-based hiring. Dr. Michael currently works for the Salt Lake City Veterans Affairs as the Organizational Health Specialist and hopes to become a professor. Dr. Michael would like to thank his wife, Holly, his family, and friends for their years of support.

Patience Mudundulu

Patience Mudundulu is graduating with a Doctor of Business Administration. Dr. Mudundulu also holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and an MBA from Bellevue University. Her dissertation, "Navigating the American Dream: A Narrative Study of Sub-Saharan African Immigrants in the United States," explores how immigrants overcome barriers to pursue education and opportunity. Patience is a Sr. Global Go-To-Market Leader for Agentic AI at Amazon Web Services and an Adjunct Professor of AI in Chicago. Dr. Mudundulu hopes to continue advancing innovation, representation, and access in her field. Dr. Mudundulu gives special thanks to her family for their unwavering support.

Jennifer J. Parker

Jennifer J. Parker is graduating with a Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) from Bellevue University. She also holds an MBA and a Bachelor of Science in Management from Bellevue University. Dr. Parker's dissertation, "Exploring Work-Life Balance: Women-Owned Small Businesses," examines how single mothers balance the demands of small business ownership with their family responsibilities. It was published in the Journal for Excellence in Business and Education in February 2025. She is currently focused on real estate investing through her company, JV Parker Properties, LLC, and hopes to continue learning, growing, and building. Dr. Parker dedicates this achievement to her children, whose patience, understanding, and unconditional love made this day possible.

Jeremy B. Wright

Jeremy B. Wright is graduating with a Doctor of Business Administration. He holds a bachelor's degree, Master of Business Administration degree, and Master of Science in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, all from Bellevue University. Dr. Wright's dissertation, "The Effect of Emotional Intelligence on Occupational Stress and Burnout Among HR Professionals," explores critical factors in workforce well-being. Currently a Human Resources Business Partner specializing in talent management, performance management and organizational development, Jeremy also teaches undergraduate courses. He is the author of the Peace and Purpose book series, a contribution to the personal development genre. Dr. Wright aims to become a Fortune 500 HR Executive. Dr. Wright gives special thanks to his mother, Vickie Wright, dissertation chair, Dr. Riley, professors, doctoral cohort, and family for their support.



Master's Degrees

Accounting

Grace Moore

Business Administration

Robert Anthony

Eric Wayne Bedford

Renae M. Brandt

Glenn L. Brass

Jordan David Dahrensbourg

Seb E. Gall

Mahmoud Hadri

Annika L. Hubbard

Ahou Grace Daniele Kouassi

Katherine A. Little

Nicholas Robert Lucyshyn

Patrick J. McCarthy

David Merchan

Jennifer L. Newcombe

Aspen Leigh Oliverius

Hossana Agedew Redi

Ebony Michelle Rhymer

Albert Joseph Orr Ryan

Leonardo Schio

Megan Maureen Walter

Educational Leadership

Yoav Daniel Arjhang

Healthcare Administration

Mary Louise Bolotaolo

Sarah Ann Carroll

Marcelo Fernández Campos

Adrian Kenneth Balbuena Labayen

David Allen Redfern

Shannon Vaccaro

Human Resource Strategic Management

Dawn Marie Anderson

Tiffany Jo Carstens

Jonathan A. Castro Cuevas

Michelle D. Cruell

Dacia Carter Duncan

Sharon Felt

Jessica Lopez

Erika Yvette Martinez

Michael Joe Mitchell

Kaylah Morgan

Amber Rudolf

Carlos J. Tapia

Craig Tarr

Victoria Elaine Wentzel

Scott Wilson

Management

Jacqueline Glover

Brock Richard Townsend

Vy T. Tran

Organizational Leadership

Joseph P. Black

Leah M. Bryant

Tyler N. Butler

Rebecca Crawford

Scott Davis

Kayla M. Dowdy

Jameelah Finch

Dustin Floyd

Michelle Hillebrandt

Felicity Ann Jackson

Kristin Lee Jordan

Mark Linenberger

Rachel A. Verch

Supply Chain Management

Yinka Emmanuel Akindele

Brenda Rae Green

Business and Professional Communication

Bryce Merrill

Kimberlee J. Obert

Carson James Townsend

Child, Youth, and Family Studies

Rena Christoffersen

Autumn Cotton

Isabella Morris

Claire Elizabeth Mueller

Brittnie Jo Snyder

Clinical Counseling

Charlee Florez

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Gabrielle L. Albeck
Sumreen Asif
Sarah J. Barnhart
Audrey Kathleen Barton
Lesley Noel Belew
Kathryn A. Benish
Alex Bitting
Maggie M. Blodgett
Jenna Rae Buono
Peyton Ivy Campbell
Ana Maria Cocea
Libby Collins
Madison Criner
Ryan Anson Cuddy
Tikisha May Cuevas
Terry Lee Davis Jr.
Daeshanna Debel
Roseanna Marie Elizondo
Amanda May Frame
Emily G. Fraser
Lauragale Madeline Freese
Michaela Renee George
Kiersten Gonzalez
Joy Salem Hamati
Monique Lauren Harkins
Bobbie Jo Hunter
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Alaina D. Kuisma
Kashawn Stephen Lungelow
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Jennifer Ann Menden
Stacy Nelson
Codi Jeanean Perry

Christine Priselac
Nicole Lynn Puentes
Robert Dwight Reece II
Khatren Carolina Reed
Darius Eugene Richardson-Barnes
Tara Lynn Smith
Madison Danielle Spurgeon
Melanie M. Staver
Sara Ventriglia
Jennifer Walsh

Human Services

Tuesday J. Kuhlman
Samantha Marie Livermore
Shiloh Mudundulu
Jessica Schaben
Kimberly R. Trenou

Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Nicholas G. Barnett
Adrian Billhardt
Chase James Brownlee
April Shernell Davis
Tiffany Downey
Patricia D. Mason
Florence Pui Kam Ng
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Holly Joy Schopfer

Professional Studies

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Teaching

Meckenzie Ryan Gleason
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Business Analytics

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Computer Information Systems

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Criminal Justice

Kelsey Marion Meharg
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Cybersecurity

Andrea Barton
Fishel Brach
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Ezra Achamyeleh Shuremu
Alexander Charles Taylor
Nicholas J. Terrigino



Data Science

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Alyssa Renee Graham
Amy Rebekah Hatman
Kyle Kingston
Ryan Krenke
Fatma Mahfoud
Vasavi Nagesh
Russell Edward Parker
Rohit Patil
Tae-Hyun Sakong
Hamza Salah
Akshay Sharma
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Project Management

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Management Information Systems

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Pavan Kumar Uttharpally
Thopa Venkata Saikarthik
Christopher Michael Wieskamp

Bachelor's Degrees

Accounting

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Amanda Nichole Clark
Megan C. Kemper
Kerwana Maffei-Roberts
Kyra L. Peterson
Jose Antonio Ramirez Jr.
Alice Anderson Watson

Business

Derrell L. Chastain
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Maggie Marie Fichtl
Jonathan Tyrell Frazier
Jamie L. Harlan
Mitchelle John Jurado
Michael Patrick Murphy
Jason Paul Ricks
Bobby Riouse
Jaimie Rae Tietsort
Jesus Zuniga

Business Administration

DaTrina L. Cain
Nina Govea
Katie D. Meldrum
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Rylee Kay Seim
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Contact Center Management and Leadership

Staci Lynn Jackson

Finance

Natalie G. Arnold
Ryan Heath Bartee Jr.

Healthcare Management

Bionca Niquisha Allen-Devoe
Geneidra Flourence
Zoey A. Frazier
Kimberly Michelle Hawkins
Wendy R. Karr
Lakeshia Knowles
Yetunde Ogunleye
Zabi Qayumi
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Courtney Rogness
Samantha Smith
Ebony M. Veney
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Hospitality Management

Bailey Jordan Ahlberg
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Leadership

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Management of Human Resources

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Kayleigh Ann-Marie Lorentz
Melissa Ruth Reece
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Madelyn A. Torrey
Xe Yang

Supply Chain and Logistics Management

Jill Elizabeth Mack

Supply Chain, Transportation and Logistics Management

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Supply Chain, Transportation and Logistics Management (cont.)

Christopher Todd Ficklen
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Behavioral Science

Kiersten Marie Aichinger
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Nursing

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Tiffany Vogman

Software Development

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Truman Forey
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Arely Gil
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Tabark Mohamed Kambal
Brian Patrick LeBow
Ean Timothy Masoner
Nima Memarzadeh
Samir Eduardo Rodriguez Hernandez
Alisa Nicole Steensen
Darreon Tolen
Mark Anthony White

Sustainability Management

Angela R. Kendall

Web Development

Exenreco Bell
Devin F. Ledesma

Associate's Degrees

Business

MeShayle Davis

Cassandra Richards

Iris R. White

Multidisciplinary Studies

Jessica Stanard

Academic Attire

The regalia worn in American academic ceremonies today evolved from the everyday attire of students and faculty in universities of northern Europe during the Middle Ages. The square mortarboard is the most common head covering in the United States, originating from judicial caps and square bonnets worn by scholars at the University of Paris.

Short gold tassels are representative of doctoral degrees.

Colored tassels on the graduates' mortarboards are representative of their degrees.

Tassel Color	Degree
Metallic Gold	Doctor of Philosophy
Drab	Doctor of Business Administration
White	Master of Arts
Drab	Master of Business Administration
Drab	Master of Project Management
Brown	Master of Fine Arts in Creativity
Salmon Pink	Master of Healthcare Administration
Gold	Master of Professional Administration
Peacock Blue	Master of Public Administration
Gold	Master of Science
Purple & Gold	Bachelor of Applied Science
Purple & Gold	Bachelor of Arts
Purple & Gold	Bachelor of Business Administration
Purple & Gold	Bachelor of Fine Arts
Purple & Gold	Bachelor of Science
Purple	Associate of Multidisciplinary Studies
Purple	Associate of Business

Academic Attire (cont.)

Red, white, and blue military service recognition cords are worn by graduates, Board of Directors, faculty members, and other distinguished guests who are military veterans or currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Purple cords are worn by student-athletes.

Colored cords are worn by the Bachelor's and Associate's Degree candidates who have achieved academic honors.

Bachelor Honors Distinction

Cord Color	Academic Honor	GPA
Red	Summa Cum Laude	3.95 to 4.00
Gold	Magna Cum Laude	3.88 to 3.94
Green	Cum Laude	3.76 to 3.87
White	With Distinction	3.60 to 3.75

**60 credit hours in-residence*

Associate Honors Distinction

Cord Color	Academic Honor	GPA
Royal	Highest Honor	3.95 to 4.00
Charcoal	High Honor	3.76 to 3.94
Violet	Honors	3.60 to 3.75

**30 credit hours in-residence*



Alumni

A Message to the Class of 2026

When you graduate from Bellevue University, you join a community of more than 70,000 alumni worldwide. The Bellevue University Alumni Office is dedicated to staying connected with you as you move forward through life. After your degree is officially conferred, you can access and print your alumni identification card from your BRUIN account under My BRUIN. Please help us stay in touch by letting us know if you move or change your name, phone number or email address.

You can submit updates by contacting the alumni office at alumni@bellevue.edu.

*As a member of the Bellevue University Class of 2026,
you are entitled to the following:*

Services

You receive free lifetime access to your my365.bellevue.edu email address, access to Bellevue University's extensive library databases and services, career assistance, and free admission to regular season home athletic events.

Communications

You will receive the University's electronic newsletter, the AlumniLink, and access to the University's digital magazine, The View. You can also network and interact with other alumni and the University on social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Waivers and Discounts

Alumni receive a 50 percent tuition discount on selected undergraduate classes, up to six credit hours per academic year. (Note: The discount is not available for accelerated classes/programs, minors in accelerated programs, or independent study.) And, application fees for graduate programs at the University are waived for alumni, at the time the application is submitted.

Involvement

Alumni can become involved by making Bellevue University a priority in their charitable giving. We hope you join countless other BU alumni in making an impact for current students by considering an annual charitable contribution. Also, please let us know your interests and suggestions by using the Alumni Interest Survey located on the website.



Now that you're a graduate, wear your Bellevue University lapel pin proudly.

Congratulations!

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