

So, I started praying and thinking about,
“Wow! What am I going to say to you guys?”

I wrote a speech, but the more and more I wrote the speech...I kept getting the message
that I'm not supposed to give this speech. So, that's the speech!

(Speaker tears up speech & drops papers on the stage floor; student body claps loudly.)

Quite simply, the message that was laid on my heart to tell you guys is
HE has a PURPOSE and a PLAN for you.

a purpose

And, if you work hard and you abide in HIM, He will abide in YOU.

So, as you leave E.D. White, you'll have to figure out (you know)
what your faith means to you.

You can go to school – go to a Catholic school, you can go to church, you can do all the
right things your parents tell you to do, but sooner or later –
you gotta make that choice.

“Who do you say I AM?” And, when you answer that question from Matthew 16, you
say who He is, then that gives you a trajectory for your life.

So, if you want to be happy in life, discover your purpose, work with your craft, develop
your talents and gifts. Take advantage of the opportunities that have been laid in front
of you – the people that cross your path.

That's your purpose in life – is to develop those talents and discover them.
And, the meaning in life is to give them away –
just give them away in service to others.

Then, you'll be happy. So, think about that.

Think about how unique that you are as a person –
you were made very unique with special gifts.

I encourage you to discover them. Don't be afraid to “Go For It!”

And, you'll be happy. And, you'll leave a legacy for others to follow.

And, in return, you'll give glory to the ONE that gave you all the gifts to begin with.

So, think about that.