

## **MBA SPEECH - GRADUATION CEREMONY - NOVEMBER 2017**

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It is always nice to write to graduates. Here are their families and their friends, everything that constitutes their lives.

Although this ceremony is repeated every year, it always has a magical halo.

Many of you breathed, sighed and vibrated with your triumphs, defeats, anguish. But everything was about making work and family compatible. And the costs of this, are never low.

Life always runs away to always point out those costs ... and we, you, are to tell life ... "Yes ... I missed my free time, my extended family time, but everything I did, I did for them".

Nothing comforts the spirit more than being aware of its internal strength, which is released in necessary moments

And always look ahead; forgive yourselves during the journey. For some the journey has been easy .....without many nooks and steep slopes. For others it has been more difficult, but that is already in the past.

The energies must be concentrated in future projects ... in the life that comes ... and the life that has already passed, they are historical data that we cannot modify, but we can change and alter the future.

The Incas had as conception that the times (past, present and future) ran parallel ... hence the closeness to those who have already left ... ..you had them by your side always. And so, they clung to life. And this generates internal strength, roots and a lot of love.

The Austrian poet Rainer Maria Rilke pointed out that to work is to live without dying, and that this permeated human effort; this, he said, is sublime. And he waited a long time until he had the inspiration to write.

## Some comments and ideas

**Migration:** we must have respect for migrants who work and seek an opportunity in our country. I have not seen a greater love in life than working in a foreign country, and almost everything you get is sent to the country of origin to help you people, even if that means living with the minimum comforts.

**Make work and family compatible:** the balance between both is important. Success in a deep sense requires both.

**The Art and Science of Doing Nothing:** by Andrew Smart. A book that points out that going back to the deep is the natural order. No multi-tasks or overwork ... that only leads to health problems, and although that is global, it is affecting relationships. It is the vision from neuroscience.

**Think outside the box:** this is quite popular; find solutions instead of seeing conflicts, empathize instead of discuss, and build relationships based on trust and not on disruption.

**The enemy is the Ego:** by Ryan Holyday. The enemy "ego" will not help you succeed in family or work relationships ... it is the main enemy and is internal.

Then I tell you two stories that I have lived recently:

a) A Master's student who came from an Industrial School of a province ..... grows in the company ... .He occupies a position with a certain power ... and continues to advance in his professional development. He points out that apart from having the technical characteristics required by his position, he is a manager who unites teams from different areas, looking for tasks to be carried out with the least possible disruption. Talent at the service of the team.

b) A senior executive of a multinational company ... .. a little overwhelmed; He had the attributes: experience, rigor, technique ... but he did not fit in the new vision of the company, despite being relatively young. He prepared his departure by leaving his position in order. At the end collaborators approached him ..... they said "THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DELIVERED TO US, THANK YOU FOR WHAT WE LEARNED" .... ..as time passes, it is what you remember most of this final phase, ungrateful but luminous.

We have all experienced intense, unexplainable, work and non-work moments ... and the whole being, our being is damaged ... suffering is normal ... but it must be overcome and in a minute, turn the page. And reinvent, rearm .....

I give you this poetry ... .. dedicated to those who loved, who are no longer there, and perhaps (depending on your connection) are with you sitting in this room.

### **Nostalgia without Words .....**

I started thinking about you again ...

how could I live all this time

stuck to your face, tied to your hands ...

Again I feel the light of life

that invited me to fight for you,

no matter our fatigue or our sorrows ...

I still long for time not to fade

what we unite in our eyes ...

and I still hear conversations and family laughs ...

But again I started thinking about you

because I never stop doing it,

because I never understood your departure ...

and because the cold of that time

it became skin on my sadness ...

And I know that every afternoon

you will not cross that door

because I can not touch your hands

waiting for your love to flood my temples ...

Mother, Father, Brother, Grandparents, Friends ...

, ... it's all because I started thinking about you again ...

## **Final Words**

In this historical place, of the School of Arts and Crafts, where the Chilean homeland began to become a reality, where generations of technical professionals were formed in the heat of the development of the State of Chile and its Republic. In this space full of energy, lights, memories, sensations ... here I invite you to be a living example of what master's training means. Obtaining a master degree is not better or different from other things ... This is a gift for your families, this is to understand and empathize even with those who did not have the possibility of studying.

**Welcome to this new stage, which many have already crossed ...today is the time for symbols and rituals .....**