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**Speech Writing**

Good afternoon. I am President Mitch Daniels, Purdue University's 13<sup>th</sup> president. It is with great pleasure; I welcome you to new student convocation, and to Purdue University. Starting today, you are embarking on a journey of a lifetime. Here, you will have the opportunity to learn amongst some of the top dreamers and doers in the nation. The world is at your fingertips.

The mission of Purdue is to serve the diverse populations in Indiana, the nation, and the world through discovery that expands the frontiers of knowledge, learning that nurtures the sharing of knowledge, and engagement that promotes the application of knowledge.

Purdue is a University like any other. You have arrived at a very important time in Purdue history. You have been granted the opportunity to create a future that promises to move the world forward. I challenge each and every one of you embarking on this new journey to capitalize on the momentum of the present, and unlock the creativity and innovation that lies within you.

This journey will challenge you. To get there, we will have to work hard. Really hard. While you are here, you will be given unlimited resources and opportunities to succeed. What you may not know is that you now have the support of the entire Purdue University family. Not only through faculty and staff, but your classmates, peers, and myself. Together, we will achieve great things.

The future is in the palm of your hands. Get to know your classmates, your professors, and yourself. Use your time at Purdue to put your creativity to use, to get out of your comfort zone, and push yourself to take chances. Discover what no one has done before, in effort to improve the world. Take this opportunity to find your passions, your desires, and yourself.

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