

**Commencement Speech by Paweł Sadłowski, MA Graduate,
the winner of the Dean's Award**

Your Magnificence the Rector, Honourable Vice Rectors and Deans, Professors, Dear Guests, My Friends!

It has been a great honour for me to receive this award. I would like to dedicate it to my parents. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who deserve gratitude today.

First of all, I would like to thank Professor Andrzej Torój, my Master's thesis supervisor, for his invaluable comments and suggestions, and for kind atmosphere of cooperation. I can say with all certainty that working on the thesis was not only a duty but also a pleasure for me.

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I would like to express my gratitude to the authorities of our University and all the lecturers and employees of the Warsaw School of Economics. We, the graduates, owe it to your efforts that today, we can face new challenges equipped with substantial knowledge and practical skills and, equally importantly, that we can start the new stage of our lives drawing on the attitudes and experiences you have taught us.

Last but not least, I would like to thank you all, whose faces are familiar to me, though perhaps I only met you a couple of times on one of the lectures. Dear Friends, I will always kindly remember the hours spent together studying books in the library and the conversations about finances and economy, but also about literature, music or travel, which contributed so much to broadening my horizons.

I congratulate you on your successes, which frequently inspired me to continue my own development. I am sure there will be many more beautiful moments and valuable achievements in your future lives.

Although professional work is nothing new for many of us, we begin our full-time career at a difficult moment – the pandemic has turned many aspects of our reality upside down. Yet, I am convinced that in time, we will remember the days and weeks that lay ahead of us as a challenge that made us stronger, more experienced, and more determined to act.

Regardless of the surrounding uncertainty, one thing makes me optimistic about the future. I am optimistic because I know that I will be meeting many of you again in the world of business and science, or maybe in one of the many contact points of these two environments.

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I would like to heartily thank you for the five wonderful years I spent among the walls of our Alma Mater. See you soon!