

Excerpts from the First College of Lower Learning Commencement Speech

*Attributed to the dean Algor Rockbottom, dated 52 SAT*

*'From the repair and betterment of the grand wheels, to the medical alchemies that our way of life is built upon, education has always been the mortar upon which each cornerstone of our society is built. With the cracking of these doors, we are all creating a world in which every dwarf, no matter the circumstance of their birth might find opportunity in creating a deeper future.'*

*'...consisting of departments of engineering, theology, alchemy, and the arcane arts. We have chosen these as the schools that this College will focus on not solely for their practicality, but also for how they represent the Spirit of the Aldun people. Our ingenuity, faith, resiliene, and curiosity are what drive us forward, now and always.'*

*'...and it is not as a politician nor a patron, but rather a proud child that I unveil this statue of my great-teenth grandfather, as he is so many of yours. Let him stand here on the threshold of our crowning academic achievement and watch us stride proudly forward! Let's show the old bastard just what we're made of, eh?'*