



The life you are about to face as you leave Ateneo is uncertain not because opportunities will be scarce but because opportunities will abound and choices will be difficult. Decisions and answers are not going to be similar to exams where you are either right or wrong. Neither will they be like experiments where you know that you will always have the carefully implemented scientific method to support your findings whether they are good or bad. Oftentimes, your choices will be between good and a different kind of good or between bad and a different kind of bad. Worse even, you may find yourself needing to decide between one uncertainty and another uncertainty. But I suppose this is life. The exam you are given is the lesson itself and no one will give you tips on how to pass.

Still, I trust that what you have learned from us will get you to the right path and the right decision sooner or later. I trust that you will find a path where happiness will be with you throughout your journey and not just at the end. Finally, I hope that you will keep Science in your lives and in your choices. This nation needs scientists like you who are fully capable of doing what is right and what is good. Congratulations and I wish you all the best.

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