

BEYOND THE CERTIFICATE

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Graduation is an open door for new opportunities and discoveries. A feeling of excitement for many graduates as they take an immediate step from academic life to professional life. As the ceremony ends, filled with joy and farewell, many students remain uncertain about what lies ahead. This narrative explores the journey after graduation, encompassing career paths, personal improvements, further knowledge, and life-long goals.

Wendy Hargreaves (Academic Success, 2021) presents the final chapter of academic success, which thoroughly examines the various paths individuals may consider as they step into the future. Furthermore, it illuminates the challenges that may arise on their journey. Some individuals achieve their long-held dreams upon graduation, while others opt for practicality over passion. Moreover, some pursue higher studies until they acquire the skills essential for their desired profession. This underscores the abundance of opportunities available to everyone, whether it involves entering the workforce, pursuing further education, or committing to self-improvement.

Furthermore, challenging examinations outside the school and university range from easy to difficult. Challenges that will push an individual to feel lost and overwhelmed due to difficulty in adjusting from schoolwork to real-life situations. The long period of idleness after graduating affects one's self-esteem negatively. Others choose to take a break and discover the other side of life.

The encounters after graduation may seem like a rough road to take. That is why having a career plan and future goal are important for an individual not to make the wrong choices and direction. The steps outside the school and university may lead a person to a thousand miles toward success or a thousand miles toward failure.

In conclusion, the experiences and lessons gained during the academic period shape individuals into skilled and responsible members of this society. Regardless of the paths we take, we can establish a brighter future not only for us but also for the upcoming generation that will surely benefit. We grow, gain, improve – It concludes with a reminder that learning is always a part of the journey.

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