• Good afternoon.

• I see your theme is “Shoot for the Stars.” I’m quite familiar with that idea. (I’ve always ‘shot for the stars, even when everyone said I couldn’t….)

• All of you VECTOR students should be extremely proud of yourselves. You embody one of my principal beliefs: Self-sufficiency. It’s a core belief because…..

• I notice one of your “mini-courses” is called “Welcome to the Real World.” That’s exactly the kind of class we need more of in our education system. Too often, students aren’t ready……

• I know that some of you students, now that you’re done here, will go on to post-secondary education, others will get into the work force. Both are excellent options, depending on your situation. Different people have different needs and goals…. (There’s no one right course to take)

• You students are an inspiration. You represent what can be done, not what can’t. Keep up the good work.