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Faculty, family, Friends,

I am honored to address you today, on behalf of the first group of graduating phds of the Gatech/PKU/Emory joint program.

As I think back on the years I spent at PKU and Georgia Tech, my mind is filled with memories, memories of happiness and sadness, memories of achievement and frustration.

I remember the interview when I first applied for the program. When Dr. Zhu asked me why I applied and have I thought about this program might require a lot more hardwork? I didn't know many fancy words back then and the only thing I was able to say is I think this is a great chance and it is worth the hardworking. When I look back now, I am glad I was right.

I remember when we first started taking IBS555. That court was not easy for us especially with the language barrier. We were behind other students in the first two exams. But we didn't just give it up and used the language barrier as an excuse, we held on with it and we caught up.

I remember the qualify exam, I was so nervous and drew the phospholipid bilayers inside out. Luckily I figured it out immediately.

I remember the thesis proposal I did in Georgia Tech. I had been in US for about 9 months then and I had built up my confidence. But the first practice in group meeting was still brutal. I made I don't know how many revisions and finally I saw Dr. Boyan's face "defrost" a little. And I knew if I can survive in the group practice, I can surely survive the official proposal.

And I remember the most frustrating month, when I came back to PKU, finished defense and had to face the administrative process. It was difficult. We had to put our feet in the shoes of two different systems. Fortunately, we have amazing stuff here helping us, Jialei and Shannon. They've made things easier for us students. When we encounter problems, they are the people we can turn to without a second thought.

Finally, I have a few acknowledgements to make.

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establishing this wonderful program and providing us the opportunity to experience both Chinese and American education styles. I have learned a lot in the 18 months I spent in US. This experience would be a highlight in my life.

I would like to thank my family. I am the only child and I've been far away from home for a long time, and will be again for a while. It's not easy for them, but they are very very supportive.

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Thank you very much!