As I started to think how my speech would be, I visualized how I see myself in the future and what do I wanted to accomplish in life, and an innumerous amounts of images crossed my mind such as working in a multinational company, helping run out the family business etc. And to my surprise I noticed that I've been living my life as others wanted me to live or as society's catalogs as "normal" to do when you grow up.

It started to hit me the idea that I was not being myself because I don't know myself. I've been acting according to society's paradigms and had never the chance to know me a little better, or dream as when I was a child I wanted to become an steward at a recognized airline or an astronaut and discover new life out there. I guess that should’ve mean something, as a child I wanted to discover different boundaries, participate in other environments and find truth in what many times has been given for granted. But thanks to the actual system those dreams were turn to a “behind the desk work.” I want to seek truth to finally find answers to my questions. I realize now that I rather lost time judging other people’s behavior than asking myself why I acted the way I did or what values I follow or what do I stand for.

So, I can't tell you what my dreams are in the future or where do I see myself in a few years because truth is I haven’t discovered my inner vocation and that’s exactly why I’m here at MPC enjoying the whole process of discovering it. For now I’m Marcela Richardson Alborná a proud and fortunate pioneer at MPC who seeks her vocation and hopefully be example to the existing educational system.

So, dear classmates and fellow guests here sharing with us the beginning of an endless journey my advice to you is: Connect with people. Live and let others live their lives, worry about yours. Question the unquestionable. Be thoughtful and mindful. Be models to others so they may join you. Be consistent with your long-term goals. Challenge yourself more. Throw yourself at what you do and become the best out of it.

At the end of our three-year program I’m convinced we will definitely have built a society of 18 successful leaders and accomplish numerous dreams. I dismiss myself leaving you with this quote by Lawrence Reed: “The true measure of any society is not what it knows but what it does with what it knows.”

Thank you,

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