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## CALTECH QUOTABLE

*Caltech's 120th annual commencement took place on Friday, June 13, 2014.  
Here's some of what our 526 graduates heard from the distinguished speakers that day:*

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### **Caltech Board of Trustees chair David Lee addressing the audience:**

"I hope all of you share my pride in being part of this exceptional community of researchers, educators, students, and alumni who work to advance the boundaries of science, engineering, technology, and education in ways that break new ground and reach beyond what is currently considered 'possible.'"



### **Commencement speaker Daniel Yergin shares six lessons for success:**

**One:** "Follow your passions. You'll enjoy what you do more and have a bigger impact."

**Two:** "Take your opportunities when they're there, especially if it affords you the opportunity to do what really interests you."

**Three:** "Be curious and ask questions."

**Four:** "Things change in big ways. Try to see the changes early. Try not to be too locked in. Ask the what ifs."

**Five:** "The power of conviction, and willpower to act on that conviction, can change the world."

**Six:** "Try to be innovative."



### **Caltech interim president Ed Stolper's charge to the graduates:**

"Your post-Caltech career will surely take you in unexpected directions as the world changes dramatically over your lifetimes. But I am confident that your Caltech education will empower you not only to ride the crests of the waves resulting from these changes, but also to help define some of these changes."

"Let yourself be willing to explore, to take risks, and let yourself be willing to fail."

"We expect great things of you, but that is because you have proven already that you are capable of them."

"The Caltech community could not be prouder of you, and I hope you are equally proud of yourselves."



### **Caltech Trustees honor Dr. Stolper with a Resolution of Appreciation:**

"We commend you for your dedication, and we honor the many contributions that you have made to the Institute—this year, and in the thirty-four before them—as Interim President, Provost, Division Chair, faculty member, professor, mentor, and friend. You serve both the mission and the people of Caltech with integrity, and you continue to bring honor to the Institute."

**@DanielYergin**

Very honored to deliver @Caltech commencement speech to brilliant & dedicated graduating students. Inspiring visit. Thank you! #Caltech2014

**@francesarnold**

@DanielYergin gave a great commencement address today at @Caltech. Lucky us. Enjoyed lunch afterwards with him!

**@preskill**

Most sentimental moment of Commencement @Caltech: Ed Stolper explaining how he wears his grandfather's gown every year.

**@preskill**

Second most sentimental moment of Commencement @Caltech: Ed Stolper hugging son Daniel after awarding his Ph.D. in Geobiology.

**@TerryTornek**

At Caltech's commencement this morning. Congrats to class of 2014.  
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**@smarbut31**

Always inspired by graduation and sending bright young ladies from our program out to conquer the world! @Caltech  
[pic.twitter.com/bQ6nuoslqF](http://pic.twitter.com/bQ6nuoslqF)

**@PolycrystalhD**

Congratulations to all the #Caltech2014 graduates!!! #WeDidIt  
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**@trueanomalies**

Finally here! @Caltech 2014!  
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**@baconphile**

Congrats to my good friends, brilliant scientists, and now Drs. @PolycrystalhD and @trueanomalies. @Caltech #phd #caltechPhD. So proud!!!

**@CalBeach**

@Caltech I'm happy for those talented students. I hope they invent something interesting.