

**President's Senior Class Toast**  
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Good evening. It's such a pleasure to join you in celebrating your last evening as undergraduates at The College of New Jersey. Tomorrow at this time, you will officially be alumni, looking to build on what you have learned at TCNJ. Tonight seems to be the perfect moment to make sure you remember some of the most important things you have learned during your years on the campus.

After four years of what is considered some of the best undergraduate education in the nation, you know the following:

1. SOCS S-O-C-S does not go on your feet.
2. Neither SOCS nor PAWS has anything to do with feet or legs.
3. The Stud and the Rat are places, not certain people of your personal acquaintance.
4. TESS is not a girl; WILL is not a boy; and ABE is not a president.
5. CUB is not a cute little lion.
6. New Res has not been new since you were born and neither welcome week nor Senior Week is a week.
7. Green Hall is not green and while it does not print money, it does take your money.
8. The Signal does not show you which way to go, but has been known to suggest what you should think.
9. The Seal can not swim; indeed, it almost went "under water" last year.
10. "The" is not simply a definite article, but rather part of a proper name, and thus must always be capitalized-- as in THE College of New Jersey.

So on this special night, my wishes for you are:

Whether SOCS or PAWS, may your drop box always be filled with the right answers and may you get the best seat in the place of your choice; may neither Studs nor Rats ever stand in your way of success; may TESS and WILL continue to thrive and have equal opportunity to become ABE's successor; may you TCNJ Lions flourish—even as you grow older and perhaps become less cute; may your future promise that new is in fact "new," that you always get a full week of fun, that you get plenty of "green" of your own, that you continue to know your own mind and that you become expert in swimming in the ocean of promise that awaits you.

With best wishes and deep affection, from

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