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2025 Travelers EDGE® Graduation Speech

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Scholar Madison Bagioni stands in front of a gray background.

(Speech begins)

Hello, everyone!

My name is Madison Bagioni. I recently graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and a minor in business. It is a great pleasure to be this year’s keynote speaker for the Travelers EDGE graduating class of 2025.

First and foremost, I’d like to congratulate my fellow Travelers EDGE graduates for their incredible success and achievements! The Class of 2025 overcame hardships that changed education as we once knew it.

The Class of 2025 certainly had a different experience than past graduates. We were the first class to go back to campus after a global pandemic, and we didn’t know what to expect. But for many of us, the Travelers EDGE program helped us make the most of our time at college.

The meaning of Travelers EDGE, Empowering Dreams for Graduation and Employment, truly resonated with me throughout my journey at CCSU. Empowering: I was empowered to find my own voice and confidence, which served me well in achieving my goals. Dreams: I began to think beyond today and truly imagine what my future could look like. Graduation: As a first-generation college student who didn’t have a high school graduation due to the pandemic, I was inspired to accomplish what

I did on May 17, 2025: walk the stage at graduation. Finally, Employment: I was prepared to not only take on full-time employment but also was provided exposure to internships, where I found my passion in product management.

I believe that the true power of education lies in one’s ability to feel empowered to speak their minds and grow. With the help of Travelers EDGE, I am proud to say that my ability to learn and the bachelor’s degree will forever be in my presence. I will use them as my light throughout my career. My passion for learning will continue to guide me beyond college and into the future. Everyone has a different path through the tunnel called life, but it is about understanding the light that can guide you through.

As Travelers EDGE alumni, we have the power to be a guiding light for others and to become leaders who can make the world a better place.

I thank Travelers EDGE for all they had to offer us. Now, Class of 2025, let’s go out and make the future ours!

Congratulations, all!

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