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Good morning!

Students, parents, alumni, teachers and honored guests – I would like to welcome you to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. I hope you had a good summer and had an opportunity to spend time to relax with friends and family.

I would like to wish our graduates of 2018 the best of luck in the next phase of their lives. It has been another record-breaking year in that our graduates were accepted to the best universities in Turkey and the world. I had a chance to meet with many of our graduates this summer as they visited ACI to pick up their transcripts and many of them told me that they were a bit nervous to go to university as ACI was like a family to them; but they were also excited about the next step because this school did such a good job preparing them for the part of their education.

Lise 4 students – welcome! You are the veterans of this school – do you remember when you sat at the very top where our new prep students are this morning? You are our leaders and mentors for our younger students and we expect many things from you including the importance of helping our newest members understand our important cultures of learning, behavior and our school motto ‘Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve’

Lise 1, 2 and 3 students: Welcome back. One of the most satisfying things for me last year was to learn about you. I enjoyed watching you in class, watching you in performances, and enjoying time with you on field trips and on club excursions. You are here because of your hard work in academics but also because of your talents and desires to become well-rounded and creative world citizens. I wish you a great year academically and I am looking forward to seeing how you make this school an even better place to learn and grow.

Congratulations to our new prep class – you have worked hard to come to this school. Many of you are from Izmir, and many of you are from other cities and regions of Turkey – that is one of the things that makes this school special. I am telling you right now that you will be challenged in your prep year to work hard, contribute in positive



ways to our school culture and to expand your horizons. Again, welcome to ACI and welcome to our family.

And dear students, before I wrap up my speech, please take a few seconds to acknowledge the wonderful teachers among you here today and all the staff and workers who make this a great place to come every day.

I want to end with a quote.

Malcolm X said: 'Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.' – all of you have dreams about what you are going to do in your lives – so make sure you are preparing now.

And, a quote from Martin Luther King which describes the philosophy of learning at ACI:

'The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.'

Have a great year – thank you!

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