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Dear Parents,

Can you believe that it's been nearly four years since you helped us move in to our freshmen dorms that rainy August morning? As most of you probably remember, that day consisted of parents cleaning, unpacking, and arranging clothes and other items, as well as making trips to the bookstore, Target, or Walmart to buy even more things to clutter our tiny dorms. If you weren't traumatized by that experience, most of you have probably come back to campus to visit your child. With this letter, I ask you to come back to campus just one last time. On behalf of the Class of 2010, I am honored to extend this invitation to our commencement ceremonies.

The Johns Hopkins University Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2010. Commencement will begin at 8:40 a.m. with an address by President Ronald J. Daniels. The keynote address will be given by Hopkins alumnus Mayor Michael Bloomberg. After the degrees are officially conferred, the doctoral and bachelor candidates will be called on stage to shake hands with President Daniels and the respective Deans of their schools.

I hope that you will attend this momentous ceremony and witness the rich tradition of Hopkins Commencement. Please note that we are expecting lots of people, so I strongly encourage you to arrive early to secure your seats.

We would not have made it this far without you. Your enduring support has given us the most remarkable experience of our lives. My classmates and I hope to see you that morning as we cross the finish line!

Yours truly,

Affan A. Sheikh  
President, Class of 2010