Hi, Class of 2020. This is Amy Bei.

I wanted to wish you all congratulations on your graduation. We’re all so proud of you.

I’m sure when you came to us here at Yale is eager first year MPH students.

You had no idea that two years later you would be graduating in the midst of a global pandemic.

And so while it’s been a tough last year for all of us,

I hope that now more than ever you’re convinced in the importance of the career that you’ve chosen and that you will go forth and continue to apply all the things that you’ve learned and your enthusiasm and your intelligence and your creativity to solving public health challenges around the world. We’re so excited to see what you do next.

I wanted to let you all know that you all hold a special place in my heart and in my Yale experience as you were the first cohort that I’ve been able to see go through from beginning to end.

And so I will always remember that, and I’ve really enjoyed getting to know you in the classroom.

In the laboratory, in the field, I’ve been so inspired by the work that you’re doing and the passion with which you do it, and I just wanted to congratulate you again, so we hope that you will stay in touch.

We hope that you will come back and visit us and we look forward to hearing about the great things that you continue to do.