



January 17, 2016

Dear Member of the Graduating Class of 2016:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation!

We are pleased to offer you an exciting opportunity to participate in the **Graduation Pledge of Social and Environmental Responsibility**. Students at many colleges and universities nationwide have taken the pledge, and Webster University is proud to be among the institutions that have endorsed it since 2004.

The pledge reads as follows:

“I pledge to explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider and will try to improve these aspects of any organization for which I work.”

Taking the pledge is a voluntary decision, and likewise the determination of what counts as environmentally and socially responsible is up to you. Our hope is that your pledge will contribute to a broader effort to build responsible citizenship and a sustainable world. We ask that you sign the pledge card or wear a green ribbon on your gown at Commencement only if you intend to fulfill the commitment. Wearing the ribbon makes a public statement of your intent to consider the well being of the world and its inhabitants, both in your choice of career and in the decisions you make while in the workplace.

If you wish to participate, please send an email to kparsons@webster.edu. Simply write “Pledge” in the subject line, and list your name, student number, and mailing address in the body of the email. A certificate, wallet card and green ribbon will be mailed to you in the weeks prior to Commencement.

Further details about the pledge are included below. Additional information is also available on the Graduation Pledge Alliance site: <http://www.graduationpledge.org>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Parsons".

Kate Parsons, Ph.D.
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