

## IU Graduation 2016

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Amber: As you can see from all of these photos, my dad lives for the photo moment.

That was middle school. High school?

Speaker 2: Well no, sorry, eighth grade.

Amber: He's been taking photos of my entire life for my entire life. And he's the one that's given me this entire experience and so ...

Speaker 2: This is Amber graduating from high school. So we'll have a college picture to go with this.

Speaker 3: It's my only niece. And I've always known she could do it. She's always been a goal-centered person.

Speaker 2: One of the main influences that we haven't talked about was her mom. Shara from birth registered with her the fact that you have to achieve as a woman and you have to be able to be independent. And as Amber told you, she's achieved that. Her mom will be smiling down tomorrow afternoon. When Amber takes that walk. As you said, she'll be smiling too.

Congratulations.

Amber: Thank you.

Yay!

Graduation's like the culmination of my entire experience here. I've been here for four years, I did it in four years. That's an accomplishment in itself.

Speaker 5: Okay on three? One, two, three. College graduate. That's so nice.

Amber: To be around my classmates, my friends, everyone that has also experienced the same things with me. Some of the best memories that I have here with the friends that I've made, so to stand up there with them, to be in your cap and gown. I feel like when you put it on, you feel so official. That's when it gets real. It's when it gets really real.

Speaker 2: For Amber to take the walk it just proves to herself and her family that she's done all the right things to get here and to graduate from a college and have a university and have a degree is important in life.

No, I haven't seen her yet. I'm anxious to see my daughter walk out.

Hey, Pumpkin! Pumpkin!

Amber: I wanted that moment. I wanted that personal congratulations and my own pride of graduating college.

Speaker 6: I now invite you to show that you're truly graduates of Indiana University by moving the tassels on your caps to the left side.

Amber: It's special because it's a culmination of everything that I've accomplished and I got to share it with my family, I got to share it with friends and my mother, she's the light of my life and I do everything for her. It's an incredible feeling. Really good day, really good day.