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In what has been considered as a rare honor and opportunity, La Union Agriculture Chief Avelino A. Lomboy, in his capacity as Commencement Speaker, exhorted the 2009 roll of graduates and the academic officials of the De La Salle Araneta University in Caloocan City during its 62nd Commencement Exercises which was attended by some 2,000 proud parents, guardians, guests and spectators.

Lomboy, an alumnus of the said university, cited the academic's gradual delivery of academic excellence while coming to the aid of the nation in its quest to redeem its rightful place in the index of progressive landmarks of development. He challenged the graduates to search for their true identity and find themselves as the catalysts of change even when we are at the threat of global economic collapse.

& you are destined to be the conduits of national recovery & the wisdom imbibed from our university shall always be your shining armour against any attempt to disturb the course of our dream in the family of nations the Philippines as the Pearl of the Orient Seas. As one great Philippine President puts it: No President can build the whole edifice of the nation. All he is called upon to do is to add a fine stone to that edifice so that those who may come after him may add another fine stone that will go for a strong and enduring republic. This is the message that I would like to impart to you graduates that you are duty bound to add that fine stone. Such noble deed only shows that our alma mater, De La Salle Araneta University, will always have a purpose to rebuild a structure which is currently suffering from the detrimental effects of moral decay, political patronage, and eroded faith in His Supreme Existence &

Lomboy said as he commended the university officials for having sustained an educational system that had pushed every alumni to success. Lomboy was one (1) of the five (5) outstanding alumni of the university in 1981 and is currently serving as the La Union's Provincial Agriculturist while managing one (1) of the finest and largest grape farms in the country today.