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I want to take a moment to address the recent article from the Buffalo News featuring Sweet Home. At Sweet Home, we deeply value and encourage our students' ability to express themselves. Unfortunately, the article misrepresented our mission and caused hurt by omitting key details from Superintendent Dr. Ginestre. We apologize for any confusion this has caused.

Graduation is a special academic celebration for all students. Our guidance allows for personalized decoration of the mortarboard, as long as it is flat and doesn't hang from the sides. While it does say caps will be reviewed in advance, we have made it clear that we do not police tassels or other graduation accessories.

Again, students are free to decorate their caps as they wish, and no tassels will be removed on June 27.

Moving forward, the DEI Committee will review our practices to honor Sweet Home and academic traditions while also allowing student individuality. We hope this clears up any confusion. Congratulations to the Class of 2024, and we look forward to celebrating with you on June 27 at UB.