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Convocation Address  
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The degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa, was conferred on Dr. Stanley Zlotkin by the Faculty of Education and Faculty of

People often call me lucky because I've travelled the world and had the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children and their families.

Fifteen years ago(as was mentioned in the introduction) I invented a concept called 'home - fortification' and a product called Sprinkles. Home-fortification is the act of adding essential minerals and vitamins to whatever food is prepared in the home (instead of at the factory), since in most developing countries, the food for young children is made from locally available commodities, not store-bought baby foods. Sprinkles the product are tiny packages, like a package of sugar or artificial sweetener. Each package contains enough vitamins and minerals, for example, to prevent blindness from vitamin A deficiency, enough vitamin D to prevent rickets (or a bowing of a child's legs) and enough iron to prevent arrested mental and physical development in young children. The Sprinkles delivery system enables families who do not have access to commercially fortified foods to add essential vitamins and minerals directly to traditional foods prepared in the home. The Sprinkles package is simply torn open and sprinkled on to any home -prepared food. It is so simple as to be somewhat unbelievable. But after 10 years of research, I know it works, as does the international research community. And amazingly, no one had previously thought of it.

finding the right partners and how I could engage with them. That required innovative thinking and it is this innovative thinking, I would suggest, that may be the most important aspect of your future careers.

As I've mentioned, last year around 15 million children received packages of Sprinkles. But it's really impossible to imagine 15 million children, so let me tell you a true experience I had with Sprinkles and one child. Picture me in Mongolia in a remote herder's ger or yurt (which is actually a small tent). There are real

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