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BEYOND THE MUSIC

Taylor Swift has navigated a remarkable amount of challenges and media distortions - yet she has consistently emerged stronger. One of the most defining moments occurred at the 2009 VMAs, when Kanye West interrupted her acceptance speech, undermining her achievement and sparking a feud that unfolded over the next decade. Nearly ten years later, she faced another major setback when the rights to her first six studio albums were acquired by Scooter Braun following her transition to Republic Records, raising widespread concerns about artist ownership and creative control. During her NYU graduation speech, Swift reflects on her experiences, revealing how self-advocacy and resilience has shaped her journey throughout industry challenges.

When a young girl from Pennsylvania unwrapped a guitar on Christmas morning, the world had no idea she would become one of the biggest pop sensations the music industry has ever seen. From entering the spotlight at age fifteen to leading the charts with every album, Taylor Swift has become a role model and inspiration to people all over the world. However, a record-breaking career doesn't come without its challenges. Taylor has faced many controversies, scandals, and harsh rumors throughout her years of fame.



TAYLOR SWIFT'S NYU COMMENCEMENT

Taylor Swift's 2022 NYU commencement speech was equal parts confession, celebration, and classic Swift charisma. She began by applauding the graduates' hard-won achievements before diving into her own unlikely rise - starting with the twelve year old girl who fell in love with songwriting and never looked back. From genre bending reinventions to headline making hits, Swift pulled back the curtain on the highs and lows that shaped her career, turning each challenge into a lesson for the next generation. She recalls, "I became a young adult while being fed the message that if I didn't make any

mistakes, all the children of America would grow up to be perfect angels." Taylor grew up under the kind of spotlight most adults couldn't handle, with an industry that demanded perfection from a teenager still figuring out who she was. Yet she admits that her biggest breakthroughs didn't come from flawless victories, but from the mess ups that taught her how to get back up. From viral paparazzi scandals to splashy tabloid covers, the world fixated on the drama behind her love life, often missing the grit it took to build the powerhouse career she has today.