

“Writers see the world differently. Every voice we hear, every face we see, every hand we touch could become story fabric”.

Buffy Andrews

The story of the Class of 2018 has been written letter by letter as the years at Marymount have passed, from the barely defined strokes that you produced in preschool to the elaborate paragraphs you write with ease today. Your story is about a long journey, composed of small narratives in varied tones that leads us to our happy ending, today, saying: “We did it!” And I say “We did it” because perhaps the most beautiful thing about this story is that we wrote it together; each and every one of you, along with your peers, some of whom have already left; with teachers who have joined you here today; with others who, although they are not here right now, have contributed to the plot of your story; with your parents, who have fulfilled a very important role; and with each one of the characters, who in some way have caused some event to make this story great.

This school has seen your childhood and your adolescence, and now you are walking into your adulthood of life stage. Now it’s time for you to start a new story, with new settings and new characters. This new path will force you to defend your personal convictions, to put your potential and the skills you’ve been developing throughout your lives to the test. Though it may seem complicated, never lose sight of the North Star that will guide you to achieve your dreams and goals. William Shakespeare once wrote, “Come what come may, time and the hour run through the roughest day.” Girls, never give up and always continue ahead, be strong and confident and believe in yourselves. It’s your convictions, courage, endurance, and hard work which will undoubtedly lead you forward and give you a promising future.

Now that you are much closer to the adult world, envision the future with a clear mind, making your own decisions, always opting for fair play, and trusting in the truth. Keep writing your story the way it should be written: honestly and in the best way possible.

Today, we are gathered here to bid farewell to you after the successful completion of your studies. Know that we are proud of your accomplishments over the years and that you have left behind an outstanding legacy for the future students who follow you.

Here at Marymount, we will keep you in our hearts and memories, with the hope of soon reading your new stories and applauding your achievements.

We bid you farewell and wish you best of luck in your future endeavors.

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