

Graduation Appreciation Speech

**By: Miss Kyria Baranowski and
Mr. Brandon McLerie**

Today will remain one of the most important days of our lives, and there are so many people we would like to thank to make it possible.

On behalf of the 2012 grad class, we would like to thank our guest speakers that have taken time out of their busy lives to commend us on all of our accomplishments.



We would also like to thank our sponsors. With a grad class of thirteen, financially it was a bit of a struggle, but thanks to their contributions, this day has turned out to be a great success.

Another important aspect has been our parents. They have helped with everything from creating the decorations to preparing our slideshow, and taken care of the little things like tying our ties and zipping up our dresses.

Thank you to our fellow graduates for coming together as a team and making this day happen. The blood, sweat, and tears that have literally gone into this project has been well worth the suffering.

And most importantly: thank you to our teachers. You have been the reason we have come to school, and even when we tried not to, you didn't give us much of an option.

But the point is you have been a significant building block in our education and we can honestly, truly say that we would not have been able to do it without you.

As much as we hated your constant nagging at the time, it has paid off and we would not be on this stage today if it wasn't for you.

Thank you.

By: Rayne Digby and Joey Bonertz

High school has looked a little different for some of us. We have spent time thinking outside the box and found a place which fit the way we needed to learn.

The word Outreach often implies outcast, or even cast out. For us, Outreach has been the place that has accepted us as we are.



At Outreach, we are like a family: we are bonded together and rely on each other through thick and thin. We know when to push each others buttons and when to give each other space. We know when to challenge an idea and when to accept the truth when it is presented before us.

The experiences in learning, about academics and about life, would not be possible without “our keeper”, Mrs. Hodges: she keeps us in school, she keeps us on task, she keeps us in line and she keeps us on time.

Outreach students are very fortunate to have someone like Mrs. Hodges in our corner. Where our fellow graduates had many teachers nagging, chasing, promoting, and praising, we have been closely tied to this one woman who has impacted our lives in such a positive manner.

Mrs. Hodges is one of the reasons that we are so bonded together; her dedication is also a major factor in us being on this stage on time, or for someone like myself, even early. We will remain eternally grateful and will never forget her.

Response to the Graduation Appreciation Speech

By: Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Pretula

Congratulations Graduates on reaching this milestone in your life. Nelson Mandela once said "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world". The skills and tools you have learned in school can now be used to make your mark on the world. When you live life, you are learning everyday. May the experiences you will have allow you to continue growing.



Allowing others more eloquent to speak for me: Jodi Picoult said "Everyone thinks you make mistakes when you are young, but I don't think we make any fewer when we are older." Every mistake is an opportunity to learn: it's not about what curves life throws at you, but how you handle being in the driver's seat. This day tends to mark the beginning of a journey where you are now in control of the path. May your paths continue to cross, however different the way you went and how you got there may be.

On your journey, may you find health, happiness, and insight. May you overcome the obstacles and take advantages of the opportunities that present themselves. May each opportunity, good or bad, grant you wisdom as you move forward in your life. And, as Milton Berle stated, "If opportunity doesn't knock, build another door."

Quoting my favourite master of inspiration, may the wisdom that Albert Einstein has shared help you define your path today: "It is better to believe than to disbelieve; in doing so you bring everything to the realm of possibility." As you set forth on your journey, the fuel that will be essential along the way is belief in yourself. The dedication that you invest when you set your sights on something will be what carries you successfully on your way. And that's what you are right now: on your way.