



**THE  
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SCHOOL**  
ALUMNI

## JULIA GILLESPIE '16

*Alumni Inspiration from our most recent Valedictorian, Julia Gillespie '16*

First, I want to say congratulations to my classmates. We did it and I am truly honored to be the valedictorian! You all did it, but we did not achieve this goal by ourselves; I would also like to thank our teachers and parents for helping us along the way.

Next year, we are all going to high school, thanks to the education we received at Epiphany. Some may take our time here for granted, but we should be thankful because our parents sent us to an amazing, Catholic, elementary school that has prepared us for our next chapter in life. Epiphany has provided us with the tools that we need to move on and do things in the future.

With the diploma that we receive, we all have the power to do great things. It may seem far away, but later in life when we are taking tests, going to college or getting jobs, we will be able to do so because we started our education here. All of the long, tiresome math homework, and what seemed like endless Social Studies notes, have paid off because we made it!

I cannot believe our time here at this school is over. Many of us we have been coming here for nine, ten, or even eleven years. Throughout our Epiphany education, we have made friends and grown up together. It may sound cliché, but we truly have become a family. I am sad I am going to have to say goodbye to all of you. However, I will cherish the memories we made together. Our friendships made our time here fun and exciting. We all share endless memories together, and those memories are the ones that made it all count.

I hope that high school treats you all well and always remember the famous words, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee." This great saying from Muhammad Ali encourages us to always be kind, try our hardest, and pursue our dreams. Thank you and congratulations class of 2016!