

Valedictorian

2026 GRADUATION



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Congratulations! You are graduating and you are a valedictorian this year. That's amazing! What kept you motivated to reach this milestone?

Throughout high school I was a very determined student, always wanting to improve my learning. I never wanted to improve for anybody else but myself. I valued making myself proud and excelling as a student. So on every test, race, and event I would push myself because of my own values. It was also a goal for myself to make a positive difference in my school and community, ensuring that changes were being made. I valued feedback from community members to make sure everyone felt safe and included. When the opportunity arose to become my classes valedictorian I did not hesitate to put my name forward, I knew the determination I had throughout high school was the representation of our community and class that we needed.

Who has had the biggest impact on your journey to become valedictorian?

Through my five years at Cedar I was continuously supported by my teacher Mr. Peffers, and my principal Mrs. Kraeker. Mr. Peffers was my biggest supporter in high school. He was my gym teacher, my math teacher, and my coach. The support he gave me allowed me to grow as a student and a leader. He helped me through mental struggles as well as understanding the quadratic formula. Without him my experience at Cedar would not have been as impactful on me as it was. Mrs Kraeker joined our community while I was in grade 9, and changed it for the better. She cares for the school so much, and with that caring for each and every student. She always found a way to celebrate something; handing out hundreds of cookies on national cookie day. These memories she created will last with me forever, and I wish her the best of luck on her retirement next year. You will be missed by the entire student body.

What are you most excited about next?

Next year I will be going to the Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia. I am planning to get my bachelors degree in Commerce, and am unsure of what I am specializing in but am eager to try everything. I am excited to be going to a bigger school and meeting so many new people. I valued my time in a small school, but I am ready to go see the world and branch out.

Fill in the blank: "High school taught me _____".

to become a leader and show up for the people in my community. It allowed me to grow as a person and develop the skills I can take into my future education, all while making so many valuable memories and making lifelong friendships.

If you could choose a song to walk across the stage as you graduate-what would it be?

Landslide by Fleetwood Mac.