

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 this year, my biggest motivation has been to prove to myself that I can achieve my life long goals. Ever since my older brother graduated 12 years ago, I knew that I was going to reach for this goal. Not only have I always loved public speaking, I also love being able to share my appreciation for sense of community within our school, this has always been incredibly important to me. Community means family, and family is the most important thing.

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

My biggest inspiration throughout this journey has been my amazing teachers at our school. Mrs Fink, Mr King, and Mrs Teneycke have been so supportive and encouraging with this process. They kept me motivated and were always there to give advice when I needed it. I will forever be so grateful for their support.

What are you most excited about next?

I am most excited about starting my next chapter at the University of Victoria! I am looking forward to discovering myself on a whole new level, and making new memories with new friends.

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

Independence

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

"Landslide" - by Fleetwood Mac