

THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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End of Year Ceremony
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Hello everyone. Thank you for coming to the End of Year ceremony. It is really great to see you all again.

I want to send out thank yous to everyone who has helped me get through these four years, whether it was paying my tuition to donating to the school, everyone deserves to be thanked.

First, I want to thank my teachers. Mr. Tom, thank you for being there for me. You always had my back, and I know you always will. You watched me every step of the way, and you were there to pick me up if I started to fall. Throughout the years I've been here, you have helped me get to a place where I am able to pick others up so they can keep going, all while keep myself up. I am more independent because of you. I couldn't have gotten so far without you.

Mr. Noah, thank you for always showing me that you care. You should take pride in your work because you do a lot for the students of this school. You are one of the most intelligent people I know. The three years I have known you has been short, but I feel like I have known you for a long time. I had a great time in your classes. I will use the tips you have given me throughout my life.

Mr. Don, thank you for teaching me how to write with my imagination, you gave me the tools I needed to unleash my writing skills onto the world. I have grown a lot since the first writing I have done. I looked back at my first writing and I looked at the last writing I've done. There is a big difference, but at the same time, both reflect me. You helped me increase my thinking skills through our writing classes and I will be forever thankful.

Thank you Ms. Peg for traveling such a long distance every week to provide a lunch to the school and for helping us with resource development. One of my earliest memories of the school was when you were teaching me in my first year because we didn't have a teacher at the time. You are such a caring person and you are so full of life. You have cared for me like a mother throughout these years. I will always appreciate you.

Thank you Ms. Leah for being a bookkeeper for the school, you are a big help to the school. Also thank you for being my sponsor and always checking on me to see how I am feeling and

how my grades are doing. You could always tell if I was upset, tired, or happy, and you always asked me the reason for those emotions. I think of you like family, and you have done more than you know for me from teaching me to sit up straighter to giving me advice on how to deal with something that bothers me. Thank you Ms. Leah.

Thank you Ms. Bree for keeping the school's website up to date. We are glad you are working with the school.

Thank you to all of the students for helping me be a good role model and leader. I have learned through helping you what it takes to be a leader and how to be efficient.

Thank you to all of the parents and sponsors who have supported the school this year, it is really appreciated.

Thank you Mom, for supporting me through all of these years. You have helped me all my life, and putting me in this school was one of the best decisions you have done for me. I am forever grateful to you.

Thank you Blaine for giving me so much helpful advice throughout my time in the school. I will always carry the tips you have given me. You are a really generous person. I appreciate all you have given me.

Thank you to all of the people who have donated to the school in some way. You don't know how much a simple act can affect so many lives.

Before I got to this school, I had horrible grades and habits. I was getting c's and d's. I was constantly getting sent out of class until I was put into a special ed class because of my behaviors. I didn't go to school to learn, I went to be around people and friends. When I got into TCS, I changed a lot, just in the first year. I still wasn't the best student, by a long shot.

In my second year I started to pick up responsibilities from my upper classmates. I learned how to be a good example.

Last year, the rest of my original classmates graduated except for Jordan and I, so we picked up a lot of responsibilities and we became leaders and role models of the school. I like to believe that the students learned from us and will take up our responsibilities after we graduate. This year went by very fast, but it was a really good year for me.

I have talked with Mr. Tom a lot about next steps, and I think I have a good plan. I am going to go to community college, specifically CCBC. I will get an associates degree and while I am achieving that goal, I will be volunteering as a firefighter. After my degree I am going to apply for the firefighter job. While this whole process is happening, I will be staying around the school. I look forward to giving back to the school that gave me everything.

After Jordan and I leave, our roles are going to have to be filled. I don't think that will be a problem for this group of students. The students who have made it this far are really good people and they are all hard workers. I can't wait to see how they grow up as they move along with the school.

You guys will become the new role models of the school and you will have to show a whole new group of students how to become a really good TCS student. Show them how great they can be. Teach them how to use their five habits every day. Show them how even returning students have trouble, then show them how to fix it in the most efficient way. I have no doubt in my mind that all of you will become great examples of a TCS student.

Make sure that you always try to help out, during school and outside of school. During summer, try to keep in touch with the school and if something around the school needs to be done, help. It's the least you can do.

So, this is it. This is the last time I will be up on this stage. But I promise, this will not be the last time I'm in this room with all of you. I have had so many experiences in this school that will stick with me for the rest of my life. Most of the greatest moments of my life came from this school and I will not take it for granted. The Community School has helped me through a lot from academic problems, to personal problems, and more. I don't think there is enough time in the universe for me to show how much I love the school and the people involved. Thank you all, for making these past four year of my life the best thing that could have ever happen to me.

I love you everyone.