

Graduation Speech

To begin, I would like to fulfill my duty as the salutatorian by welcoming everyone to this fine evening. I am not an eloquent writer. In fact, I've never written or presented a speech in my life until today so bare with me here. It is an honor to be speaking as the salutatorian of the 2015 graduating class of the Karafin School. Seeing as though I am an individual and hate to assume things about other people, I feel it necessary to speak about my own personal experiences at Karafin. My time at Karafin was brief, and thus, my speech will be as well. To be honest, I don't remember much about my time here in terms of singular experiences, mostly because I have a bad long term memory, but also because of the ephemeral nature of school itself. What I do remember, and this I consider to be more important, was a general feeling of safety and comfort throughout all of said experiences. I felt solace throughout this dark period in my life simply by coming to school, which I consider to be an accomplishment of the amazing staff and students at Karafin. If all went well, my fellow students felt the same way with their time at Karafin as well. Admittedly, there have been rough times that accompanied my relief, but overall, I can safely say that it has been a pleasure coming to this school for the past year or so. And, in closing, I would like to say two more things. First, I do not wish any of us luck, nor do I hope for the future of this generation of Karafin students. For two reasons, 1) These conflict against my beliefs in logic and reason and 2) I feel it unnecessary. For I feel confident to the point of near certainty that, in our lives, we will all achieve something, whether personal or for others, because we are who we are, that being Karafin students. Second, I will now quote one of my personal heroes in saying this. "I believe that the human spirit is indomitable. If you endeavor to achieve, it will happen given enough resolve. It may not be immediate, and often your greater dreams is something you will not achieve within your own lifetime. The effort you put forth to anything transcends yourself, for there is no futility even in death" Thank you for your time, and have a good night everyone.