

Graduation Speech.

Hello, Good evening ladies & gentlemen, and Karafin students. How's everybody doing today?

I want to start by saying my journey at the Karafin School has been a successful ride. Why I called "successful" is because I successfully overcame difficult obstacles that had come across my path and tried to stop and tear me down. I remember when I started my 9 grade year at the Karafin School; I was a bit quiet, shy and kept at first for the most part, till I slowly opened up and comfortably socialized with some of the students. I began to feel comfortable with my surroundings and who I socialized myself with. I remember when I had class with one of my best friends. We would always talk and laugh. We still got our work done, but not as fast and on time as the teacher wanted us to. You remember when you were young and energetic and to have fun but friend in the same class and both of you started laughing, playing around and then getting in trouble with the teacher. Yeah, I used to do the same when I was younger. But now. Now, all that has changed as I got older and matured throughout my years at Karafin & general. Most things aren't as funny or amusing as they used to be when I was younger. Once I started the 11th grade, that's when I knew I had to grow up, become mature and be serious, and that's what I did. I took my education MORE seriously. I did finish my class work, did my homework, paid More attention to my teacher, ignored the distractions in the class (well...At least I would try to) and get my credit for the class subject and go on with my day. But honestly, I am Proud of myself that I changed & became more mature. Mostly I am proud of me graduating from high school this year and I'm going to be honest with you, when I younger, I didn't think I would be able to see this day happened. Why

because when I was younger, I was going through very rough times where I was near the end of giving up on myself and my life. My inner self spoke to me about not giving up on myself, but to make her proud, and instantly I changed my mind and continued to keep going. I am strong, I can do it. I believe in myself. I'm doing this for me. Now look at where I am. I'm 18 years old, graduating from school to make my dream come true and I will & I am. I dedicated my speech to the two people who saw potential, intelligence, strength, a survivor but most importantly a winner in me. And these two very important people that I'm speaking of not just my supporters, cheers, my Gift from God, my angels. They are my forever king & Queen. My parents. If it wasn't for them to let me in their hearts and nurses me back to health where the doctors announced to them that I wouldn't be able to live past the age 5 then they adopt me, love me as their own. Without them I wouldn't be able to successfully live this day and graduate with the class of 2015 and stand here in front of all of you and proudly announce my speech. So I am thank you Papa & Mommy. Mommy, I know you're not physically here sitting in the audience but you been with me from the have been with me from moment I woke up to getting dressed, sitting next to me on the train, hold my hand as I walk down the aisle, cheering me on, clapping you hands when I collect my high school diploma, and now standing right next to me as I make my speech. Thank you Both Papi & Mommy for believing in to me. I've been told "I wouldn't be able to" since I was born. But now here I am 18 and proudly graduating from class of 2015. Not only am I a success. I am an Achiever.