

Student Address



Senior Ryan Hayes makes a point during his Graduation speech.

Before I start I would like to say thank you, for the unparalleled support and dedication that our teachers, families, friends, coaches, administrators, custodial staff members, and mentors have provided us. And I promise you that is the only list in this speech.

Oh... wait, wait, wait.

Mom, do you have your camera out?

Okay, I only ask because if she does not get pictures and videos I will hear about it for the next six months... at least.

Some people were saying that my speech will have a lot of dry humor in it.... Don't really know what's so bad about that....

I want to ask two questions.

First, how do you measure up? A question that I have asked myself many times during my years here. How do you measure up? I am sure that many of my fellow graduates have asked the same question. We have all done it, been curious about the grades our peers got on an exam, wondered if you were better at basketball than your teammates. We have asked ourselves, "how do I measure up?" Most of us have been measuring ourselves by a pre-determined set of standards set by our teachers, peers, coaches, or directors, and we ask ourselves,

"how do I measure up?" Up until this point we have allowed others to place us on their yardstick.

Albert Einstein said, "If you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." In life it doesn't matter if you don't measure up to everyone else's yardstick; what matters is knowing your yardstick.

Now for my second question:

What is a moment? Mitchell nailing that shot junior year in the State final game was a moment. Max's day being made because classic rock was getting played in the lounge was a moment. Today is a moment, possibly the biggest moment in our life, but each big moment is a culmination of little moments. Today is a culmination of the last 13 years of our life. The class of 2018 has had such large moments and successes because of the little things done each day; staying late to work and getting up early the next morning to excel. The countless hours my fellow graduates have spent studying, doing homework, or making bread for Spanish class is the reason why we are able to have this big moment. A life is often measured by all of the big moments a human has had.

So, what is a moment? A moment is a brief second when something ends. Today is the moment. I have shared many moments with the class of 2018 and wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

I am honored to be graduating as a part of Saint George's class of 2018. GO ZAGS!!

— Ryan Hayes, Class of 2018



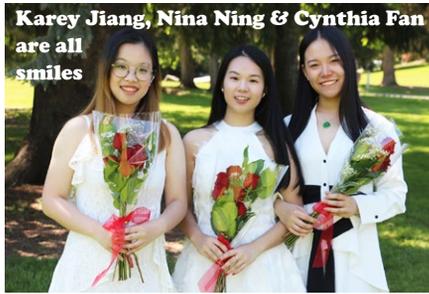
Positive Seniors!



Katie Thew receives the Head of School Cup from Jamie Tender



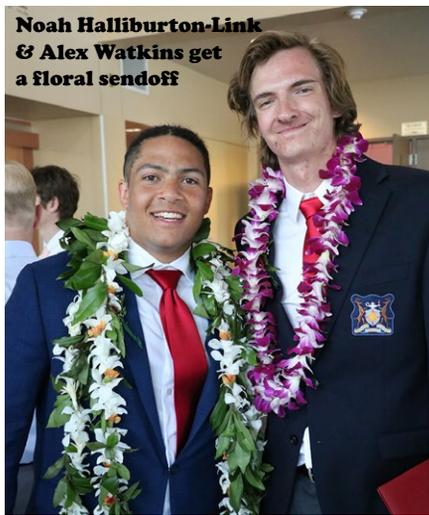
Following the Pipe Band to Graduation Reception



Karey Jiang, Nina Ning & Cynthia Fan are all smiles



Adit Arora receives the first of Jamie Tender's "Kind Words"



Noah Halliburton-Link & Alex Watkins get a floral sendoff



Silver plates for 13-Year parents

Head of School Cup

Katie Thew was this year's recipient of the Head of School Cup, given to a graduating senior who exemplifies the mission and core values of Saint George's School. Selected by the faculty and confirmed by the Head of School, Katie embodies the school's mission of academic excellence, participates and contributes in athletics and the arts, and lives out our Core Values of respect, honesty, best efforts and generosity of spirit.

On the Web

See more of Graduation at www.sgs.org/magazine



Community Service Award

The Alumni Association Community Service Award was presented to Delaney Ennis (right) for her multiple contributions to the school community. Delaney started an Improv class and Middle School Improv group, brought a more welcoming approach to the Glow club and moved it into the courtyard for lunchtime discussions, and helped classmates with CAS projects.



Delaney Ennis is "thumbs up" after receiving the Community Service Award

"13 Year Plates"

These were given to parents of seniors who started at SGS in Kindergarten and attended through 12th grade:

- ▶ Paul and Anjum Gortler
- ▶ Jason and Lisa Jones
- ▶ Ryan and Tami Peplinski*
- ▶ Mike and Sally Poutiatine
- ▶ John Richardson and Denie Inman
- ▶ Jamie and Elizabeth Tender*

(* Already received a plate for an older child)