

Good Morning and Welcome. Board of Directors, faculty, family, friends, mom, dad, and most importantly my brothers and sisters from the CLASS OF 2018, la Promocion 28.

We never thought this day would come, but fourteen years later it did.

It's an honor to give this speech today at the end and the beginning of a major chapter of our lives filled with a lot of hard work and joy.

Even though we have had our misunderstandings and we have not always seen eye to eye on things, like any other family. As a group we bonded over magic classes, flying ceiling fans, our senioritis that started a year before, our eternal procrastination about everything, and our parties in Sausalito and Arcadia. We have bonded in leaving our unique mark in this school. After a lot of effort and hard work, we became the first class of the school to entertain an intercollegiate Model of United Nations, our JeffMun 2018. Our first intercollegiate MUN was a total success and hopefully will be seen as an example for years to come. Our Gaitas Gitanas 2017 will go down in history for breaking everyone's

expectations, even our own, and achieving multiple collective and individual awards in music and dancing. Way to go!

Integrity is defined as the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Value is defined as a person's principles or standards of behavior; one's judgment of what is important in life. Integrity are values that we have been taught since 2003 in preschool until, our graduation. It did not matter what was happening in the country, integrity and values were always first. Our own integrity and our principles are what defines the success of our education. The class of 2018 is known for its integrity, its kindness, and its good face during difficult times. I hope we will continue to be like that.

Our school's colors are red white and blue, our school song is part English, our class sections are red or blue, our semana colegial is called Spirit Week, and the school has always kept the line of work and education intact and of high quality. What I am trying to say is that I believe graduating from Colegio Jefferson is truly a privilege, and also a

great responsibility. We received an education unimaginable by our country's standards and conditions today. We can go out to the world and have the courage and education to experience it. We can do that because we have learned for the last fourteen years to have integrity and values above all, to always uphold them.

Due to the effort by our board of directors, faculty, and our parents the class of 2018 will be composed of future doctors, engineers, architects, lawyers, filmmakers, entrepreneurs, political figures, artists, graphic and fashion designers, and chefs from the best schools of Mexico, Spain, United States, Italy, Colombia, Belgium, and Venezuela.

Maybe, most probably, you are going to forget everything I just said, and that's ok. We would all be millionaires with a perfect life if we would remember and follow every TED Talk or speech we have ever heard. I just want you to leave with this in mind: be grateful, show gratitude to your parents, your teachers, your friends, even the person that holds the door for you. It may seem obvious, but we don't do it enough. I want to

personally say thanks my mom and my dad for everything, for your hard work, your sacrifice, and your warmth, because I truly don't say it enough. I would also like to say thank to all the families present here, specially the moms of promo 28 for your relentless help, thank you to all of our teachers specially our godmother Ms. Erika, you have taught us to always to have compassion. A special Thanks to Professor Elvis, Professor Tabares, Professor Pedro, and Ms. Maria for your hard work and passion.

I would also like to say thanks to the school's board of directors, faculty and staff for always being there, you know who you are.

And las last, but certainly not least I would like to just say thank you to my graduating class for 14 amazing years, and to say that ends are not bad, and many ends aren't really an ending; some things are never-ending.

Someone said **man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.** I'm sure promo 28 has the courage to wander in unfamiliar territory and do amazing things in the process.

**“Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.”**

Here is to you 28. Good Luck!

Thank You