



“Unfortunately the time has come to bid the Class of 2012 farewell, but I’m not ready to say goodbye yet. The end of our high school career is not the end, but the beginning that will send us into the world to pave our own paths.”

“John Mason once said, ‘You were born an original, don’t die a copy.’ There are various lessons in these few words, but I want you to understand just one. You are an individual. So, in your future life, live how you want to live. Your life is ending in with every second that passes so you do not have time to squander chasing someone else’s dreams.

“Don’t be a victim of conformity. Rather, “Dream big, act bigger.” Once you have established your unique path in life, pursue your dreams with a passion.

“In order to fuel the drive, needed to chase down our dreams, you and I need the loving support of our friends and family. Our friends and family allow us to see the world from a different set of eyes. They help us appreciate life’s positive aspects rather than dwelling upon the negative.

“Now that some of us are going to schools that are hours away from our friends and families, we have to remember one thing, a stranger is a friend I’ve yet to meet.

“I know some of you are sitting out there thinking that you can make it on your own, but friends, I plead with you to let new acquaintances have an impact on your life. You might be surprised.

“The last bit of advice I want to deliver to you is that it’s never too late for anything. The most beautiful aspect of choosing your own path in life is that you can change it at any time. The end of high school is the perfect opportunity to re-invent yourself and move on. Remember high school as a pleasant time in your life, but do not let it define your life.

“To sum it all up, do what makes you happy, be with you makes you smile, laugh as much as you breathe and love as long as you live.

“Good luck Class of 2012 because it’s our turn to go out into the world and make a difference.”

2012 CHS Valedictorian, Kaylan Holloway