Good evening. On behalf of the Class of 2017, it is my pleasure to welcome the faculty and staff, the Board of Trustees, parents, siblings, friends, loved ones, and most importantly, my fellow classmates to the two-thousand and seventeen Harpeth Hall graduation ceremony. Thank you to everyone gathered here today to witness and to celebrate this special occasion with the Class of 2017. I believe you all have played a major role in shaping each of us into the person that we are today and guiding us along the way. For this and much more, we are grateful.

When the portals of Harpeth Hall were opened to the class of 2017, regardless of when we entered, we did not expect the kind of transformation we would experience by the choice we had made. Beyond reading and assimilating books in various areas of study, Harpeth Hall has taught us to think critically, to live honorably and to lead confidently. For each of us, the discipline of Harpeth Hall has made us emerge stronger and better prepared
physically, intellectually, socially and morally as we move on to the next level of our development and education.

It has been such a privilege to attend Harpeth Hall and an even greater blessing to be surrounded by these remarkable and intelligent women of the Class of 2017 each and every day. I know that we as a class will cherish the memories we have made and the friendships we have formed at Harpeth Hall for the rest of our lives. It is my hope that we will greet the future with anticipation and never forget our roots and the people that have motivated and inspired us in our journey thus far.

This graduation symbolizes the collaborative efforts of my fellow classmates, our teachers and our parents. At this crowning moment of our time here, we invite you to celebrate the great tradition of Harpeth Hall in raising another cohort of strong, resilient, determined, and confident young women.

Thank you