

# *Brookwood Christian School*

## *2016 Valedictory*

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I would like to thank you all for coming to Brookwood Christian Language School's Graduation. Four years ago, I didn't think I'd have the honor of being called Valedictorian, I just thought I'd be a high school graduate.

As soon as I entered this school, I began the challenge of high school. I learned from so many of you that I could achieve anything if I put my mind to it and worked hard to discover how I could learn.

My academic encouragement, here at Brookwood Christian, has given me the confidence to have a gap year and go to Capernwray Hall Bible School in England. This is the school I have always wanted to attend. Afterwards, I plan to go to technical school and become an electrician.

The support from the founders and the teachers at this school taught me that life is full of possibilities and that my learning difference does not define me. This knowledge has been life changing and I would not be the student nor the person I am today.

Before I go any further, I would like to thank my family for coming and always being here, and in every other time of my life. I just want to say, I have the best.

There are a few people here at Brookwood that I would like to specifically thank today for all their hard work. It's been a long four years for them.

I would first like to thank Kim Wigington for being such a great principal and founder of Brookwood. Ms. Kim has supported me and encouraged me from the very first day I shadowed at the school. Her hard work has impacted so many lives, and I am forever in her debt.

I would also like to thank her husband, Kevin Wigington, for teaching me that if something is hard, you can push through it, and there is a reward at the end. Knowing that, you can achieve more than you believe.

I would also like to thank Mr. Jerry for giving me all the advice on girls when I needed it. Also, for being a teacher and a mentor that knows how I learn.

Then there's Ms. Tammy ~ I'm not sure I would have ever succeeded in math without her patient help. I can say that without a doubt, she is the best math teacher and tutor that I have studied under, even in the state of Georgia. My reason being? Because she taught me math, and that's very hard to do.

Ms. Deb ~ I would like to thank you for all the conversations we've had in the mornings. You always listened to me, even when I know you had so many other things to accomplish. Your hard work on the annual trips have provided us with memories that I will never forget for the rest of my life. During our fundraising for these trips, you taught us to work together so we can enjoy the rewards of our labor with an awesome trip.

The last person I would like to thank is my art teacher Ms. Nadiya. She has taught me that art is everywhere and that it's God's creation.

In closing, I have been blessed throughout my life. My life began at an orphanage in Russia, and by God's humble Grace, I stand here before you, thanking you all, and looking forward to the next step God has planned for us all.

I am grateful to you all and I must never forget what I have learned from each of you here at Brookwood Christian; you really can make a difference in the lives of others if you look for and value each person as a unique creation of God.

Thank you all.

*Alexei Kincer*