# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Class of 2017

Aim for the Stars!



Elmsford, New York



## "When you talk, you are only repeating what you know; but when you listen, you learn something new." - Dalai Lama

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## Our Yearbook is Dedicated to Mrs. Paulette Pezzella



Mrs. Pezzella has done so much for us during this amazing, wonderful year. She taught us skills and has given us tips that we will carry with us into the next chapter of our lives - high school. Some we may use for the rest of our lives. She even showed us how to open locks!

Teaching us Life Skills for almost five years, she showed us how to make the right friends, and how to prevent making mistakes that could have a serious effect on us and everyone else around us.

Throughout this year she instructed us in many things that have changed our lives. She put a lot of energy and hard work into preparing us for high school, both mentally and socially.

This school year would not have been the same without her and we are very grateful for the time she has spent with us.

Thank you, Mrs. Pezzella, for everything. You have had a major impact on all of us. We will miss you tremendously.

Sincerely, The Class Of 2017







17 June 2017

St. Paul tells us: God gave each one of us a special gift (Eph 4:7)
These gifts are given to share, not to compete: to cooperate, not to overwhelm; to unify, not to divide

My dear Graduates of 2017,

It is time to say 'farewell' but never 'goodbye.'

My advice to you is:

Watch your thoughts; they become words,

Watch your words; they become actions,

Watch your actions; they become habits,

Watch your habits; they become character!

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.

2017 will be remembered for many things. For you perhaps it will be your Confirmation. This is a sacrament of the mature Christian. You have now acknowledged that you are prepared to assume responsibility for your Christian growth. This decision has changed you. *You* will never be the same again - I hope! My prayer for you is that you continue to grow closer to God. It is your faithfulness to Mass, prayers, and the sacraments that make us Christians that will help change the world. The world needs you because it needs Christ and you belong to Christ. *You* do make a difference! And so I ask you to accept the responsibility in the Church, the responsibility of your Catholic education: to help by your words - and above all by your example - to spread the Gospel.

I pray that you may always be loyal to the values that have been imparted to you by the dedicated teachers at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and we assure you always of our love and concern.

May our Lady of Mt. Carmel watch over and protect you.

With love and prayers,

Sr. In Stephen, De

Sr. M. Stephen, RDC



Dear Graduating Class,

I will leave you with a poem...

#### Always Be A Student

Keep on learning, Class of 2017, Though your graduation's done; Your whole life's an education That has only just begun.

Your diploma is the first big step, For knowledge is the special key To winning what you want in life And being who you want to be.

If you'll always be a student,
You'll find the secrets to success
And travel on the golden road
To peace and happiness.

~ Joanna Fuchs

Sincerely,

Anne C. Donnellan



## Start children on the way they should go and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Dear Members of the Class of 2017,

Congratulations on your graduation from your Catholic elementary school. This is a magnificent milestone for you, your family, and your friends, and I am proud to join you in celebrating this moment, and adding my prayers and best-wishes to this well-earned achievement.

Your hard work and desire to better yourselves with an education grounded in faith has prepared you for the next four years of high school and all the joys and challenges that come with this next stage of your lives. With every passing year, each grade, and each challenge overcome, you are closer to becoming an accomplished young adult. You are blessed to have supportive parents, guardians, and other family members who have sacrificed to send you to an excellent Catholic school so that you could receive a quality education of the mind and of the heart. Be sure to take some time to reflect on why this has been so important to them, and be sure to say "thank you." Share with them your gratitude for all you have learned and for the guidance you have received during these formational years in Catholic school.

As you embark on the next phase of your academic and spiritual lives, remember these exemplary Christian role models—your teachers, counselors, principals, and coaches—who have positively impacted you up to this point. Their commitment to challenging, inspiring, and developing you as Christ-centered individuals will remain with you for the rest of your lives.

As you move on to new and exciting experiences, always remember that you have the strength and foundation of Jesus Christ, our greatest teacher, guiding your every step. When challenges arise, remain faithful and look above for meaning, purpose, and identity for all of these things come from God.

Equipped with your Catholic education, you are ready not only for high school, but for a life of faith and service to Christ and others. Remember that the Lord's love for you is constant and unchanging. With His help, you will become all you were meant to be and be able to face the future with confidence and grace, knowing that He is always near.

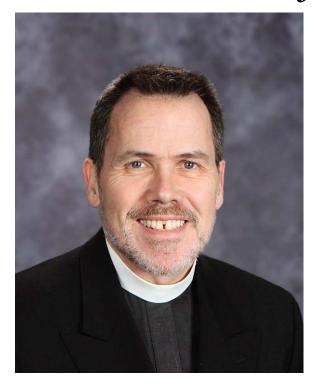
With a promise of my prayers and warm wishes for your continued success, I remain,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan Archbishop of New York

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## Faculty and Staff



Rev. Robert Norris, PhD Pastor



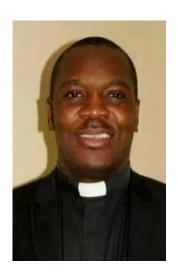
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Anne Donnellan Eighth Grade



Thomas McCaffery Seventh Grade



Rev. Fidelis Olokunboro In Residence

"The teacher who can arouse a feeling for one single good action, for one single good poem, accomplishes more than he who fills our memory with rows and rows of natural objects,

classified with name and form."

## Faculty and Staff



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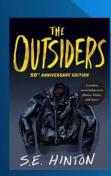


























Friendships come and friendships go Our friendship may falter or grow But know that you have changed my life so

Jillian Coffey



Friends know who you are, so you don't always have to impress them Friends will always be loyal, trustworthy, and respectful Chey inspire you to be the best you could be My friends have helped me deal with the tough times Even though we have had our ups and downs, we always are good in the end We have created so many memories during our time together, And I hope we have more to come You will always be in my heart, even if we are separated from each other

Brigitte Pajares

Friendships can last forever, Some can lead to an end, But best friends stay together, Even if they're dead.

They stick together, No matter what comes ahead. For you are the one they would always defend.

Best friends are there to be your crying shoulder, But they might complain your head is a boulder. Though day by day we grow older, A best friend's love will never be over, Because you bring out the best in each other. Abigail Angeles



A friend is someone you love One you always put above All the rest so you can see Who you are and want to be

They're always there When you aren't "you" They'll never not care All the way through

A friend is one who understands When you need a hand Who knows your every quirk and flaw A friend will love you through it all

Kyle Shepherd

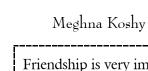


Friendship is forever. Friends are like photographs. They help create memories.

Mt. Carmel is an amazing school that helped me create lifelong friendships.

Friends drift like waves in the sea, So hold on to the ones you have and don't let them go.

True friends will always have your back.



Friendship is very important. It shows everyone who you are, So you can be a star. It brings out your happiness. Friends give you a lot of company, So you will never be bored. Life would be nothing without friendship.

James Lalji



Friendship is one of life's greatest treasures. Friends that are loyal are always there to make you laugh when you are down, they are not afraid to help you avoid mistakes and they look out for your best interest. This kind of friend can be hard to find, but they offer a friendship that will last a lifetime. Other friends may not be quite as loving. We should all be those kind of friends that show our gratitude, love, and pain for others.

Ann Panat





Friends Something that you need to live. A good friend will never throw you under the bus. Someone that is kind and has peace of mind. Someone that is loyal, and when you say something mean, they won't boil

Kristoffer Nilovic

A friend is someone that we treasure They are those who are there forever Always together no matter the weather Someone who you'll always remember They'll listen to your darkest secret And will always keep it They won't judge you You can always trust a friend For they will always trust you Friends are people that make our lives better

There is nothing like a good friend they will always look out for you no matter what you do they will always be there for you they will always treat you with love and respect never will they not have your back every time you're down or blue they will cheer you up the best they can you can trust a very good friend

Cole Talarek

Friends, the ones you can depend on, even when they are not there.

They are there to make you laugh during your worst times.

They are the people you can count on no matter what.

They are a priceless gift that can't be sold or taken away.

They always stick with you no matter what.

Even if we are far in distance, we will always be together in heart.

Blessing Forson



A friend is someone you can always trust Who could hold you down from the gust And make you laugh when you're bored Someone who'll help if you need a lift And when it's not a special occasion, Will still get you a gift.

Jessie Lozada



Friends are always there for you, Friends should always tell the truth Friends are with you till' the end Friends mean more than the rest

They always treat you right When you feel bad they make you feel alright With friends you always have fun Your friends are who you love a ton

Your friends are who you're with the most They are with you throughout your years of growth Friends make sure you're not alone They always welcome you in their home

Landon Johnson





A friend is someone who stays by your side no matter what Someone who supports you and someone you can depend on A companion to laugh, cry, and make memories with One that won't stop helping you through the tough times One that'll fight for you through hardships Someone by whom your strength is fueled Someone who will still be there for you when the dust settles One to learn from and one to grow with One that will never forget you Someone you can make forgiven mistakes with Someone who will never leave you.

Philomena Poirier

Best friends will stay till the end like a straight line that will never bend. Best friends will have your back, and help you up when you feel down. Best friends are the people in your life that make you laugh a little louder, smile a little brighter, and help you live a better life.

Best friends will have your back no matter what and that's what friendship's about.

Justin Paz



At one minute it is a gift, but then another minute, it isn't. Some people fake the whole friendship and secretly despise you, while others genuinely enjoy being with you. those are the ones you can trust. The ones who cheer you up when you're down, they are the ones who will be by your side...always

Ariana Gagliardi





Our Lady of Mount Carmel was a blast,
I made new friends but time went by fast,
I already know that high school will be tough,
But as long as my friends are there for me
that would be enough.



We have a group chat to keep in contact,

But, of course, that's not enough for the wire not to snap.

We might go to the park, shoot hoops and have fun, And remember each other as time moves on.



Friends are great
Friends are always close by
With friends it can always be hard to say goodbye

Friends are fun Friends always give you a challenge Having loyal friends makes you feel like you're living in a palace

Friends are truthful Keep you stronger that steel And when you feel otherwise they'll ask how you feel

Friends don't ever switch up Friends stay loyal It's good having good friends that make you feel joyful

Friends are grateful Treat you like siblings They'll always help you out when your emotion tree needs trimming

Philip Bello



#### Dennis Bailey

A good friend is like your favorite video game
Because they never get old.
Who will stand up for you when you are scared to be bold.
The one who will always look out for you.

When everyone else is cold.

Shelton Sapara-Grant

Friends are there to help, without friends it sometimes can be a struggle.

A friendship should always start positive,

Friendship is the shininess to everyone's darkness.

They are usually filled with kindness.

They always make me stay positive.

David Gomez

Friendship is that special someone you know you can always be there for you not matter what.

They are the people who bring out the best in you. They stand by your side when times get hard.

They are there to pick you up when you are down, and to make you laugh as hard as you can.

Without a doubt they can always make you smile. You know they won't judge you and you know that no matter what happens, you can count on them to be there for you. They were always there for you in the happiest, saddest, and embarrassing moments.

A friendship is a relationship between two people that trust each other and you treat them like family. A friend is the person you can always be yourself around.

With a friendship you make many memories together and you live for those moments with each other. They're the people that love you, for simply being you.

They will always have a special place in your heart. A true friendship is everlasting.



#### Live Life to the Fullest!!!

Graduation is approaching

I have so many friends at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

They are all unforgettable and it has felt like I have spent my entire life with them.

We may not be able to see each other every day, or talk, but they will always remain in my heart.

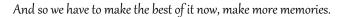


That's why I say "Live Life to the Fullest!"

Graduation is almost here.

It is both an ending and a beginning.

It is a gateway from the past, with all its memories, to the future, with all its possibilities.



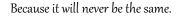


We have to laugh as much as we can,

Enjoy life as much as we can,

Spend as much time together as we can.

It is time to make the best of everything and appreciate everything we have now.





Noely Guzman



















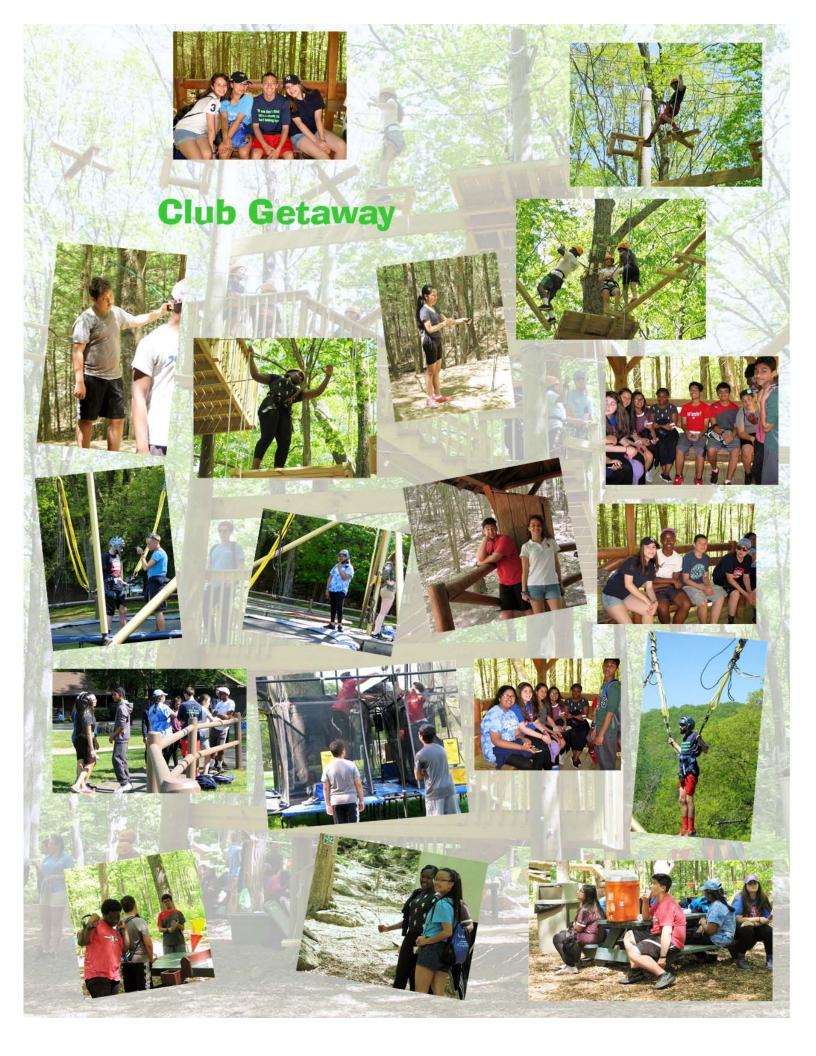














#### About us

#### Tanya

Nice, smart, caring
Daughter of George and Liny
Who likes to dance, cook, and play volleyball
Who wants to be happy, healthy and successful
Resident of Hartsdale

#### Koshy

#### **Blessing**

Cheerful, delicate, polite
Daughter of Michael and Leticia
Who likes to sleep, dance, and watch Netflix
Who wants to be a very successful doctor

Resident of Bronx, NYC

#### Forson

#### Lilliana

Athletic, caring, funny
Daughter of Anna
Who likes to sing, bake, and play basketball
Who wants to be happy and successful

### Resident of Hartsdale *Fino*

#### Philomena

Intellectual, obstinate, incomprehensible
Daughter of Noelle DeMasi
Who likes sleeping, biscotti, and the notion of a paradox

Who wants to afford a Fender

Resident of White Plains **Poirier** 

Dennis

Tall, easy-going, friendly
Son of Ray and Hiroe
Who likes to swim, play basketball, and eat
Who wants to program video games
Resident of Elmsford

#### **Bailey**

#### Abigail

Athletic, artistic, brave
Daughter of Elizabeth and Guillermo
Who likes to draw, play volleyball, and sing
Who wants to become a famous YouTuber
Resident of Elmsford

#### Angeles

#### Landon

Athletic, funny, nice
Son of Lance and Kim
Who likes to get buckets, go to movies, and watch Netflix

Who wants to go to the NBA

Resident of White Plains

Johnson

#### Ann

Friendly, artistic, smart
Daughter of Joseph and Neetha
Who likes to play basketball and draw
Who wants to be a successful doctor
Resident of White Plains

#### Panat

#### Jessie

Smart, honest, careful Son of Jessica and Jessie

Who likes sports, video games, and going on vacation
Who wants to go to North Carolina University

Resident of Elmsford

#### Lozada

#### Kyle

Confident, smart, different Son of Conway and Jessie

Who likes to sleep, eat, and watch Netflix Who wants to be rich & famous with a pet tiger

Resident of White Plains

#### Shepherd

#### Noely

Exuberant, gullible, loud
Daughter of Nelson and Raquel
Who likes to play violin, volleyball, and swimming

Who wants to be a doctor Resident of Elmsford

#### Guzman

#### Ariana

Lazy, awesome, weird Daughter of Mario and Maria

Who likes to play volleyball, watch Netflix, and sleep

Who wants to be a lawyer Resident of Ardsley

#### Gagliardi

#### Justin

Funny, smart, athletic Son of Matt and Joslin

Who likes sports, learning, and listening to music

Who wants to be the President Resident of Tarrytown

#### Paz.

#### David

Funny, nice, lazy
Son of Monica and Greg
Who likes video games, basketball, and swimming
Who wants to be a police officer
Resident of New City

#### **Gomez**





#### About us

#### James

Kind, athletic, procrastinator Son of Laura and Dusty Who likes to sleep, eat, and watch Netflix Who wants to make it to the Olympics Resident of Greenburgh



#### Lalii

#### **Brigitte**

Short, generous, trustworthy Daughter of Janet and Marco Who likes to play volleyball and basketball Who wants to make her parents proud by being successful Resident of White Plains



#### **Pajares**

#### **Philip**

Athletic, funny, caring Son of Juan and Clara Who likes hanging out with friends, sports, and music Who will be a successful lawyer Resident of Elmsford Bello



#### Cole

Nice, caring, funny Son of Tracy and Joe Who likes basketball, going out with friends, and video games Who wants to be happy and successful Resident of Greenburgh



#### **Talarek**

#### Shelton

Funny, outgoing, intelligent Son of Leone and Kobina Who likes hanging out with friends, video games, and basketball Who wants to help people in need Resident of White Plains Sapara-Grant



#### Meghna

Creative, ambitious, optimistic Daughter of George and Liny Who likes to play violin, dance, and watch Netflix Who wants to make an impact on the world as a marine biologist Resident of Hartsdale



#### Koshy

#### Jillian

Smart, strong, creative Daughter of Maryellen and Joe Who likes books, watching Booktube - making edits, crafts Who wants to be successful, free to make my own choices, a hero Resident of Elmsford



































**Band** 





























## Red Bandana Day







#### I Remember...

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade: our basketball team was losing mainly because of a 5'10" player. With 10 seconds left in the game, I chucked the ball at him, missing, but landed in front of Philip, who turned, waited and shot. At the same time, someone hit Philip and fouled him. The buzzer rang as the ball went in; he also made the free throw. Another time I stole the ball from Andy and when I was about to shoot, he rammed me from behind and I did a flip and landed on my head.

Justin

In  $4^{th}$  grade: Kris trapped James & I in the bathroom because he stole our paper towels. Mr McCaffery came in and sent us to Sr. J's room.  $\sim$  I fell into the recycling bin because SOMEBODY pushed in the chair when I went to sit down.  $\sim$  Winning the Sacred Heart Tournament.

Cole

I was so shy when I first came to OLMC Vine Trends in the classroom.

DAVID

Noely and I automatically became best friends as soon as she enrolled in our school, later Noely, Justin ⊕ I would be known as "the Best Friend Trio" ~ I overcame my stage fright in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade by singing in the Talent Show ~ In 6<sup>th</sup> grade I was obsessed with "Twilight" ~ My first time zip-lining at Club Getaway

Abigail

In 7th grade: beating the 8th grade in Tug-of-War at Field Day ~ Philip eating a dirty Jolly Rancher off the floor ~ GGGGGrrrraaah-Designer

Shelton

Dancing in the Talent Show in  $2^{nd}$  grade  $\sim$  When we finally won a basketball game in  $6^{th}$  grade

Ann

Justin and I had a rivalry to be the fastest kid in our class, but *that day* when I became the fastest kid in the school...

James

Brigitte fell in my arms when the frog ate a fish in our  $\mathcal{F}^{th}$  grade fish tank  $\sim$  Lilianna squirted orange juice in her eye  $\sim$  Kyle pushed me off the bench at recess  $\sim$  Blessing, Brigitte, Lily, Meghna and I got squirted with water by Andy while we were setting up the fish tank.  $\sim$  Mr. McCaffery took Blessing, Brigitte, Ann, Meghna, Lily and I to the fish store across the street

Tanya

Mr. McCaffery took Blessing, Meghna, and me to the Eldorado Diner after we picked up the Thanksgiving turkeys for the Food Pantry. We ordered pink lemonade and called ourselves "the Pink Ladies."

Lilliana

I was really mad at Jessica for getting me in trouble in  $3^{rd}$  grade  $^{\sim}$  The water fight in  $7^{th}$  grade  $^{\sim}$  All the girls hugging Alex at Club Getaway  $^{\sim}$  See Lilliana's Pink Ladies

Blessing

Blessing and I became friends at the garage sale ~ Ann and I performing a dance a school ~ At volleyball, Isabella Grey hit Tanya in the face twice ~ Prank wars between Mrs G. and Mr. McCaffery ~ When we were coloring snow, Michael Ryan pushed me into the snowbank and turned my pink coat blue.

Meghna

#### I Remember...

Getting in trouble for stealing a Jolly Rancher  $\sim$  Freaking out when I got 100 on a test  $\sim$  Introducing myself to a new student in a very funny way  $\sim$  Meeting David on my first day at OLMC - h reminded me of Lymani at my old school  $\sim$  That day I struck a home run and nobody cared  $\sim$  I realized that Shelton has been in OLMC for the past 2 years and didn't notice

#### **Dennis**

I was new to OLMC in third grade and learning everyone's names was terribly hard work. I remember being titled the "class reader" along with Jillian in 4 grade, and reading more than twice the number of required books that year. In 5 grade we had Greek Day and I ate my first Gyro (which was not all that bad.) In 6 grade we got our school iPads. The abundance of parties in 7 grade that my sister Olivia had always talked about.

#### Philomena

In Pre-K Kyle purhed me and lied to the teacher so I got in trouble for lying. Every time I fell down after that day, I blamed him. ~ Our observion with silly bands in first grade ~ I was Brigitter #1 best friend in 1st  $^{1}$ 

Ariana

At the pep rally before Field Day, the blue team winged their chant ~ Rock Wall. Zipline, and climbing trees at Club Getaway ~ The girls had to tackle the boys to get the basketball or football, but still ended up losing. ~ Mr. McCaffery carrying Mr Vallarelli through the hallway ~ Prank calling Mrs. Gilberti ~ Justin got a spanking from Mr McCaffery ~ Mr McCaffery carried Cole, threw him on a desk and started to tickle him ~ Blessing. Abigail. Tanya and I stole a book.

Noely

A frog ate the baby fish and I fell into Tanya's arms ~ The note Abby & Philomena gave to Mr. McCaffery Brigitte

Our huge, epic water fight at DeLuca Park on Field Day ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Prank wars with Mr. McCaffery's class ~ The David and Goliath play when Mr. Masella called Shelton a "gallon of chocolate milk."

James shooting a video of me dancing historically (no, hysterically) on the stage during the dance party at Club Getaway.

Kyle

There are many memories I've had in this school and I took some time to name a few of them. I remember in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Landon was imitating people and he accidentally broke the table in the back of the room. Everyone was dying of laughter! Landon just stood there and was like "ummmmm..." Mr. Masella just said "oh, it's all right." I don't think that ever got fixed. I remember when Justin assisted my first point of the basketball season and I scored over a 5'10" player. At the time I was 5'5" or 5'6". I celebrated so much that when my dad arrived I accidentally spilled his coffee. Then there was the time Kris tried to throw me in the trash can as we were setting up the gym. To be honest, he actually did...

Philip

Philip and I got into trouble because he accidentally spilled water all over me ~ When Denis lost his iPad I helped him study and with homework ~ Getting a question that no one could answer.

Anonymous

























### The Perfect Male Graduate

He stands as tall as Dennis, has Landon's hair and David's eyes over Kristoffer's smile. Humorous like Shelton, intelligent like Kyle, but his personality is all Cole. He is athletic like James, and competitive like Justin. With a style that belongs to Jessie, he could not be more loyal than Philip. We present to you the perfect OLMC male graduate - Class of 2017.























The Perfect Female Graduate

Jillian provides height to our grad. The hair is Meghna's, her eyes are Lilliana's, she smiles like Blessing and her voice belongs to Abigail, but she laughs like Ariana. Philomena supplies the artistic ability, while Tanya's personality shines through. She has Ann's intelligence, and is athletic like Noely, but it is Brigitte's style that rounds out the perfect OLMC female graduate - Class of 2017.





































## Abigail Angeles



María Regina High School

















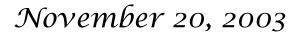












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## Dennis Bailey



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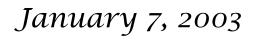












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Maria Regina High School











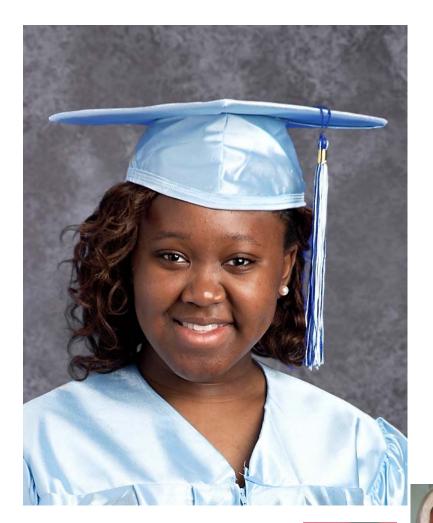






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## Blessing Forson



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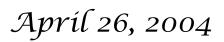












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## Aríana Gagliardí



Ardsley High School

























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## David Gomez



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## Noely Guzman



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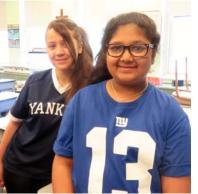


















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## Landon Johnson



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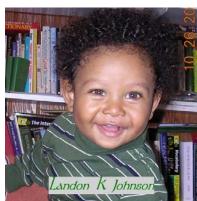












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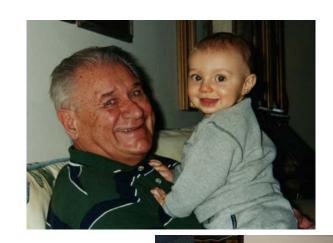
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Dear Mom,

Thank you, Mom, for sending me to OLMC. Even if I didn't want to go to school, you made me go. I don't know how you put up with me sometimes. You always helped me with my homework, even when you were with a customer. You helped me when I was feeling sad. You are always there for me. I am thankful for all the things you did for me. You made me the person I am now. This school has prepared me for a lot in life, especially high school. You made the right decision to enroll me in this school.



Thank you, Mom, for everything. I love you,

James



Dear Mom & Dad,

Thank you. For all the times it was hard, when we thought we wouldn't make it, and for when I thought it wouldn't take a village.

Love, Jíllían

Dear Mom and Dad.

Thank you for giving me so many opportunities in my life. I am so lucky to have the chance to attend Catholic school. You have done so much for me. I wouldn't be who I am today without you. You are my mentors who inspire me to reach my fullest potential even when it gets hard. You have allowed me to be who I am and I thank you for always supporting, no matter what. I'm so grateful for you, and for giving me the chance to go to Mt. Carmel. Attending Mt. Carmel has been amazing. I have made life-long friends and now feel confident about going to high school next year. I don't know where I'd be today without you. Thank you so much, I love you both.



Sincerely, Meghna



Dear Mom and Dad,

I'd like to say thank you for all that you've done for me: taking care of me when I was sick, which was a lot; providing me with food, water, and a home to live in; sacrificing all that you have so I could get a better education; still loving me when I acted like the complete opposite of an angel and guiding me into the light. Last, but not least, for giving me life and love.

Your daughter, Ariana

Dear Mom and Dad,

Thanks for everything you've done for me! I'm really appreciative for all the support you've given me throughout the years. Thanks for loving and caring for me to your fullest extent and doing your best to make me happy. Thanks for studying with me for those tests that I was stressing over in the past, for encouraging me to do things to help myself, and never discouraging me to go for what I want in life. You are literally everything to me and I love you so much! I'm greatful to have such amazing and intelligent parents like you two. I am so lucky! Thanks for everything you've done and for being the best parents you can be!





Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you Mom and Dad for everything you do, and have done for me my entire life. There aren't enough words to express my deep appreciation for all your hard work. Your decision to put me in Our Lady of Mount Carmel has changed my life. I have made so many great relationships, friends, and memories. I have learned so much about life and growing up. Without your endless love and support, I wouldn't be the person I am today. You made me the respectful, hard-working, and well-mannered person I believe I am today. You are the greatest parents a kid could ever be blessed with.

> Love, Kyle

Dear Mom.

There aren't enough words to explain how thankful I am to have you as my mom and how thankful I am for everything that you do. I just want to say thank you for every little thing that you do to make my life amazing.

Thank you for listening to me talk about the stupidest things ever and showing that you care even though you may not. I know I'm annoying most of the time and I'm a pain in the butt, and you just want to slap my eyebrows right off my face but you don't because you love me. Thank you for that.

Thank you for always being my number one fan, always cheering me on from the sidelines and believing in me, even though I would often play horribly.

Thank you for allowing me to have an education at OLMC. I've made so many friends here, and all of the teachers are awesome. My classmates are so funny, making going to school fun.

But most of all, thank you for being the best mom ever. I am so grateful for you and everything you do. Though sometimes I might not show it, I am so thankful to have you as my mom. I love you so much, thank you again for everything.

> Love, Lilliana



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for sending me to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. I have met so many people and made so many friends. I feel I have grown as a person and this place really changed who I am. Thank you Mom and Dad for always giving me what I want. You always want me to be happy and I really notice that. Even if I'm not being the nicest child in the world, if I ask for something, you always find a way to let me have it. Thank you for always making me what I want to eat for dinner if my dad or brother doesn't want the same thing. Thank you for helping me set up something in my room if it was beyond my variety of abilities. Thank you for letting me go out with my friends and giving me money to go. You do countless things for me and I really appreciate everything. If I said all I could say, this would be way too long and I'm not sure if Ms. D would be

ok with that. Thank you for everything you do, even if it seems like I didn't notice. I love you Mom and Dad.

> Your son, cole

Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you for always being there for me, and all that you have done for me. You always take care of me and make sure I am the best person I can be. You have sacrificed a lot for my sisters and me so that we can always have a bright future. You always encourage me to do my best and tell me to work hard every time, putting my best effort into every assignment. You have helped me make responsible decisions that would guide me in the right path. Even though I'm not always the best daughter I could be, you still believe in me and stay by my side. I am grateful that you were able to send me to this wonderful school, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and I will do my best to make you proud of that decision.





Dear Mom,

It's hard for me to express my gratitude in mere words for all that you've done for me. You have sacrificed so much to support me and keep me educated - spiritually, mentally, and academically. You've put me in a great school at which I've made great friends and many fond memories, in addition to the knowledge I've gained. I've now also found a second home thanks to you. In the years I've spent

at Mount Carmel up to now, I've been nurtured and given so much to help me in my later years - knowledge,

wít, wísdom, prudence, píety, and compassíon. And now, to culmínate all we've worked

up to, the tíme has come for me to graduate, to start a new versatílíty, devotíon to the Faíth, and all I've learned. My gratítude ís unfathomable and cannot be expressed. I love you so much for doing all

you've done for me. My sísters and I are so blessed to have you as a mother, and I wouldn't change a thíng.

Love,

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#### Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you so much for sending me to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School. At Mt. Carmel I was able to meet new people, and even make some new friends. The teachers here are very friendly, every day of school is always full of excitement. I came from a public school and it was a very interesting experience to try a private one. Our Lady of Mount Carmel taught me to respect others, work hard to reach your goals, and socialize with others more. Although I was only here for 2 years, I had a very great time and I hope that this school will stay open for many other kids in future generations.



#### Love,

#### Dennis



Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you so much for everything you have done for me, bringing me to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, providing me food to eat every day, driving me places, buying me many clother, I thank you for all of it. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for inspiring me when I didn't think I could make it. Though there have been times when I have been selfish and did not think about what I have, you still put up with my behavior. I especially thank you for sending me here, I wouldn't have met some of the amazing teachers and students, or received a really good education if it wasn't for you. I just want to say thank you sooo much for everything! I really appreciate it. I love you both so much.

Love, your daughter, Blessing

#### Dear Mom and Dad,

I want to thank you for sending me to Our Lady of Mount Carmel. I have learned a lot from my past nine years here, and I have made many unforgettable friends. I've also made so many memories that I will always keep close to my hearl, thanks to you two. I will definitely miss this school but I think that I am ready to take on bigger school tasks and making new friends. As a result, Mount Carmel has made me a better person and has prepared me for my future years in high school, college, and beyond. I am so grateful that you sent me to such a wonderful school. Without the inspiration, drive, and support you gave me, I might not be the person that I am today. I really appreciate all that you have done for me and I love you both very much.





Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you mom and Dad for everything you have done for me throughout the past 14 years. Thank you both for sending and keeping me in a Catholic school from Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I appreciate both of you. You two have done so much for me and I'm extremely thankful. You both have a strong influence in my life. Both of you have helped and motivated me. I might not always show how grateful I am, but I am. Thank you for your endless amounts of love and always sticking by me. Lastly, thank you for always looking out for me, not letting me settle for just anything. I thank you for every last thing you do for me.

Love, Landon

Dear Mom and Dad,

There are no words that can describe my gratitude for you. Without you I wouldn't be the person I am today. So thank you for everything. Even though I may not show it, I love and appreciate you. You are the greatest parents I could ever have. Thank you for always having food on the table, clothes on my back, and many other things including sending me to an amazing Catholic school. By sending me to Our Lady of Mount Carmel for the last ten years, I not only have made amazing memories that I will have and hold with me forever, but I have received an amazing education. Over the years I have had so many great teachers that have taught me so much, and I also have made so many amazing close friends that will always hold a special place in my heart. This school helped shape me to be the young woman I am today. You have always provided for, and protected me. I can never thank you enough for everything you have done. Thank you for always understanding and caring to my quirky ways. You have always been there for me in the happiest, saddest, and hardest times of my life. I know

that you will always be there for me and I can always come to you. You have taught me to always work hard and always be myself. As I have grown older I have realized that you have shown and taught me different life lessons that I will always have with me. We have many memories and I cherish the time with you. We may disagree on some things, but I hope you know that I love you to the moon and back.

Love, Tanya



Dear Mami and Papi,

No words can describe how much I am grateful to both of you for everything, big or small, that you have done for me. You always look out for me, always see the best in me, protect me, encourage me when I am doubtful, comfort me when I'm down, give me advice on life, and love me with all your hearts.

Mami, remember the day of the TACHS exam? I was literally having a panic attack but you helped me get over it, and comforted me.

Papi, remember when I was to do the violin concert and was so nervous it felt like my heart was going to jump out of my chest? You encouraged me and told me that I would do just fine.

You both did your absolute best to teach me everything I need to know when young, and kept me in an amazing school and environment where I can be positively influenced and always be happy.

Because of this I have also made friends that I will never lose, who will always have my back - no matter what. You know...Abby, James, Justin, Meghna, Tanya, and Kris.

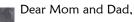
If it wasn't for you, I would be a totally different person from who I am now. Through the good and the bad times you have always been there for me, quiding me on the right path. There is no way I can express my utmost gratitude to you who have made me into the educated young lady I am today. So thank you for everything. Thank you for encouraging and comforting me when I needed it the most. Thank you for helping me whenever I needed the help. Thank you for always being there. Thank you for loving me.

Love your daughter, Noely

Dear Mama and Papa,

I am so thankful to have both of you. You have taught me so many things in life. You both have given me the confidence and the strength to be the best I can be. You have given me so much hope that I was able to believe in myself when I thought I wasn't able to do many things. You believed that I would pas the TACHS exam and get into Maria Regina when I was a nervous wreck. You have believed in me every single day, knowing what I was capable of. You believed that I had so much talent, bringing me to piano lessons, where at first I didn't enjoy it, but now play almost every day and enjoy it so much. Papa, you always sang every Sunday at Church, and karaoke almost daily. Thank you for being a singer who gave me the confidence to sing, rather than hide my talent. Mama, thank you for helping me shoot my first basket in third grade and guiding me to play volleyball in fourth grade. Because of you, I am able to play basketball and have a passion for volleyball. Thank you both for helping me with my artistic talent. You knew how much I wanted to improve my skills and be like the artists I see when scrolling through Instagram. Thank you for the expensive art supplies you bought when I was trying to save the money for them. Papa, thank you for being a great cook. You have set so much food on the table that I couldn't tell the difference between a family dinner or a five star restaurant. Mama, thank you for letting us have mother daughter time, going to the mall and shopping for such fashionable clothes that we both feel like queens. Thank you both for reminding me every single day that I am a smart and beautiful girl. Thank you for sending me to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, where I received a great Catholic education and made so many friends that I want to stay close to throughout the years. I know this is a corny sentence, but it is true - you have both made me feel like a beautiful princess and you are great parents whom I look up to because you are my King and Queen. Thank you for creating so many memories that are unforgettable. I am grateful every single day and I'm thankful for both of you showering me with so much love! Thank you for shaping me into the person I am today. I wouldn't be who I am without you. I love you, Mama and Papa, so much!

> Your loving daughter, Abigail



I know the last few years have been hard on us, but we've been able to power through all of the situations life has thrown at us. Throughout all the ups and downs of my life, the two of you have always been there to lend a helping hand.

Mom, you left your job to stay home and take care of Elizabeth, Spencer, and me. You taught me to be a good person and to put my best foot forward in everything I do. I want to thank you, Mom, even for the little things like washing my clothes, making our food, waking me up for school. I want you to know that I love you, Mom, and thank you for everything.

Dad, I remember when I was in the first grade, every day before you went to work, you would help me get dressed for school. It may not seem like much but those are some of the most precious memories with you as a kid. I will cherish those moments for as long as I live. You work abroad so I don't get to see you as much as I would like, but I know you have to work to provide for us. I have always had a deep respect for you. You wake up every day knowing you might have to leave the people you love for longer than you would like, but you do so with a big smile on your face. You are a huge inspiration, a great father, and I love you even if I don't express it well.

You are both great people - the reason for the person I am, and the great person I aspire to be. I want to say thank you. For everything.

With lots of love, Shelton

Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for suffering so much for me and my brother. You have always cared so much about me. Thank you for sending us to this school, for our family vacations, having a roof over my head, and food at the table. You have always supported me, in everything and anything I do. Also, thanks for sending me to Stepinac High School. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.





Dear Mom,

Thank you for all the support you have given me the past 13 years of my life. I am who I am because of you. You motivated and influenced me in so many ways. I don't know how you put up with Jeremy, Anjali, and me. Still, you work hard and try to support us so that we may become important people and get good jobs. Even though our father isn't here, you are still managing while keeping us in a Catholic school. That's also why I'm going to Stepinac. Your guidance has helped me and I use your advice every day. You've helped me become smart academically, athletically, socially, and

spiritually. You have helped me in so many ways. You manage so much by yourself and always want the best for us. Words can't express my gratitude, and that is why I'm going to make you proud, and become very successful so I can help you when you are old enough to retire.

Sincerely, Justin

Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for letting me attend Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. This school has helped me get a better education and make great friends. The teachers are so nice, kind, and treat you with great respect. I want to thank you because if I didn't come to this school, I would not have learned all of what I know today.



Love, David







### We Predict...

Justin Paz owns a chain of successful **HOP** locations

Noely Guzman is 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Violinist for the Boston Symphony

James Lalji leaves Usain Bolt in the dust

Meghna Koshy, make-up artist extraordinaire

Cole Talarek is *THE* 

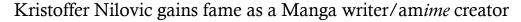


Abigail Angeles sings professionally



Kyle Shepherd takes over Google

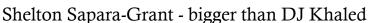
Lilliana Fino has her own Reality Show!



Ann Panat works as a part-time hair stylist

Landon Johnson becomes world famous as a music producer

Blessing Forson leads the show as a Victoria's Secret model



Arianna Gagliardi wins numerous grammys and oscars

Jessie Lozada becomes a top Calvin Klein model

Brigitte Pajares rises to fame in the field of psychology

Dennis Bailey - radio host or shock jock?

Tanya Koshy is a sought after Oncologist

David Gomez is the city's friendliest Police Officer

Jillian Coffey, theatre critic, reviews every play ever produced

Philip Bello is picked up by the NBA

Philomena Poirier receives worldwide acclaim as her books are translated into 87 languages











VICTORIA'S SECRET





















































#### Last Will & Testiment

- I, Philip Bello, do hereby leave my rhymes to Eric Malla
- I, Philomena Poirier, do hereby leave my ability & love of playing piano to Christopher Moronta
  - I, Noely Guzman, do hereby leave my happiness to Andrea Araceno-Castillo & Blake Boyle
    - I, Jessie Lozada, Jr., do hereby leave my desk bank account to Evan Bernal
      - I, Tanya Koshy, do hereby leave my coffee job to Carolyn Velasquez
  - I, Brigitte Pajares, do hereby leave my amazing, incredible volleyball skills to Jonathan Lazo
    - I, Sheton Sapara-Grant, do hereby leave my colorful personality to Nickola Nilovic
      - I, David Gomez, do hereby leave my gaming skills to Jae Duchitanga
      - I, Blessing Forson, do hereby leave my beautiful personality to Victoria Amaya
  - I, Ann Panat, do hereby leave my title *Voice of Reason* to my best friend, Gwyneth Pritchard
    - I, Ariana Gagliardi, do hereby leave my awesome volleyball skills to Emma Palmiotto
      - I, Abigail Angeles, do hereby athletic abilities to Billie Gilberti and my artistic abilites to Dayana Lucero
      - I, Landon Johnson, do hereby leave my humor to Erick Pintado
      - I, Meghna Koshy, do hereby leave my artistic skills to Erin Riley and my volleyball skills to Ciara Anselm
      - I, Justin Paz, do hereby leave my basketball skills to Derek Tiwari
        - I, James Lalji, do hereby leave my speed to Dominic Zacarolli
      - I, Cole Talarek, do hereby leave my GTA and MWR skills to Derek Tiwari
    - I, Kyle Shepherd, do hereby leave my humor, brains & personality to my neighbor and best friend Gwyneth Pritchard
      - I, Kristoffer Nilovic, do hereby leave my height to Erick Pintado, and my amazingly soft hair to my brother, Nickola
      - I, Lilliana Fino, do hereby leave my passion for basketball to Kaitlyn Pirrelli, and love for Vampire Diaries to Lauren Hotetz
      - I, Dennis Bailey, do hereby leave my Clash of Clans account to Evan Bernal, and may peace flow throughout the whole class.













