

Senior Speech - by Cam

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Hi everyone, this is my senior speech and it may be shorter because I have only been here for three years. Before I came to Hiland Hall I went to an elementary school called PS 276 Battery Park City School in New York City, where I was always shy. I joined The Hiland Hall School after moving to Vermont during COVID. Since joining, Quena, Brennan, and Jessica have helped me gain confidence which I would like to thank them for. I would like to thank Brennan for helping me improve and enjoy drawing, along with giving me a little nudge out of my comfort zone. I would like to thank Jessica for giving me a push out of my comfort zone and enhancing my interest in history. I would like to thank Quena for writing my letter of recommendation for BBA and helping me improve my math and Spanish. Another thing that has helped me gain confidence with public speaking like I'm doing right now, is the Play and Open House. One thing I appreciate about this school is getting to help and hang out with the younger students, as this is my only year with my sister at school, and in a public school, we would not see each other for the whole school day.

Some of my favorite activities during the Hiland Hall School have been the Camping Trip, the Haunted House, the Picnic, Thanksgiving lunch, Tourist Town, Valentine's Day Tea, April fish day, cooking projects, chess with Trevor, readers theater with Cass, and visitors such as the Improv actors, the seeing eye dogs, and Otha. I enjoyed the picnic because I got to play soccer all day. I also enjoyed the Camping trip because it was my first time camping.

I got to do some pretty cool projects during my three years such as making round calendars, making a giant frisbee, making the PSG stadium I did this for my second Independent

Study, this is the stadium of Paris-SainGermain a team in France and making Lamingtons which is a cake cutt up in to squats and covered in chocolate and coconut. A cool fact I learned was the name was that the governor of Queensland named Lord Lamington.

I want to thank my fellow seniors Marlo, Tai, Weslyn, and Matthew for helping me adjust, and feel welcome to Hiland Hall School and Vermont. I want to thank Marlo for her jokes which are mainly sarcasm, I want to thank Tai for his creative ideas such as the PSG stadium, I want to thank Weslyn for her help in math mostly for group work, and I want to thank Matthew for his sportsmanship, and inclusivity.

Some advice for younger students is to raise your hand if you are confused or have a question and teachers will respond. If you are struggling with an assignment just take your time, because if you rush you won't succeed.

Like Messi once said, "You have to fight to reach your dream, you have to sacrifice and work hard for it."