

New Challenges to Conquer, New Stars to Reach

(A Valedictory Address)

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*To our proactive commencement speaker, Mrs. Teresita Ang-See
To our beloved administrator, Mr. Peter M. Chan
Distinguished members of the Board of Trustees
Dear facilitators, guests, parents, fellow ISAers*

Good afternoon.

I had great expectations since my first step in the portals of Iloilo Scholastic academy. My excitement and eagerness to finish my studies made me visualize my goals that were patiently reached. But what I have realized was just a parcel of my dreams. There is still a great void in my desires to be filled up. What I have just acquired from this institution is just my foundation, a stepping stone towards what I desire.

When classes started during my first year at ISA, I was already one week late and I had a load of missed quizzes to take, but thanks to Ma'am May Ann Farillon, who had been my adviser and mentor for three year, I was able to cope with the adjustments I had to make in my new school. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to her for always being fair, supportive and understanding. I also appreciate her effort in helping me join the Search for Outstanding Elementary Pupils in Iloilo organized by the Outstanding Students Circle of Iloilo (OSCI). I'm so grateful to Ma'am Gay and Ma'am Shannon who had been with me especially during the ABS-CBN Interschool News Casting competition. To Ma'am Dionavie and Ma'am Michelle in the MTAP Mathematics Challenges. I thank you for honing my skills in math. I also want to express my gratitude to Sir Rodgen for his active encouragement during the Regional School Press Conference, and to Sir Andie who has always been patient and considerate in handling us despite of our unruly class. To Ma'am Mae Shielou, thank you for widening our skills and knowledge in the English subject as well as in journalism. To all other facilitators who have spoken a word or two of encouragement in my endeavor, I thank you and recognize all the efforts you have done for me.

Iloilo Scholastic Academy has become a venue for me to grow as a person in a holistic way. It is where we are given opportunities to develop our skills and talents in Music in the caring hands of Ma'am Diane, in literary, journalism and especially in academics. ISA also gave me the chance to engage in sports. This surely became an advantage in refining each ISAer physically and mentally. It has taught me to be positive towards life. Thanks to the help of my coach, teammates and most especially to my partner, Mary Elizabeth Chua, who contributed the most during our games. I could not have gone to the Integrated Meet without them.

To my parents who have been patient in giving me the moral support I needed the most, and to all my grandparents who have taken great joy and pride in every achievement I make, I am so thankful to have you all these years. To my friends and classmates, who gave me company, I will never forget you. Most of all, to our God Almighty, who has given us the confidence in every endeavor we engaged in and made us what we are now, I give reverence.

Now, as we graduate and prepare for high school, one chapter ends in our journey in life and another will start to open more new challenges to conquer, new stars to reach and new dreams to hope.

And I believe, being ISAers, we are ready to face them all.

Thank you!