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## McNary presents Class of 2016

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Kacey McCallister and Serena Dufour challenged McNary's Class of 2016 to try new things because failure is inevitable.

"What good is life if you never try to do something remarkable?" asked McCallister, a 2004 graduate who delivered the keynote speech. "Get out there and be successful."

McCallister used his own examples of failing in cross country and wrestling at McNary before learning from his mistakes and winning district titles in both sports.

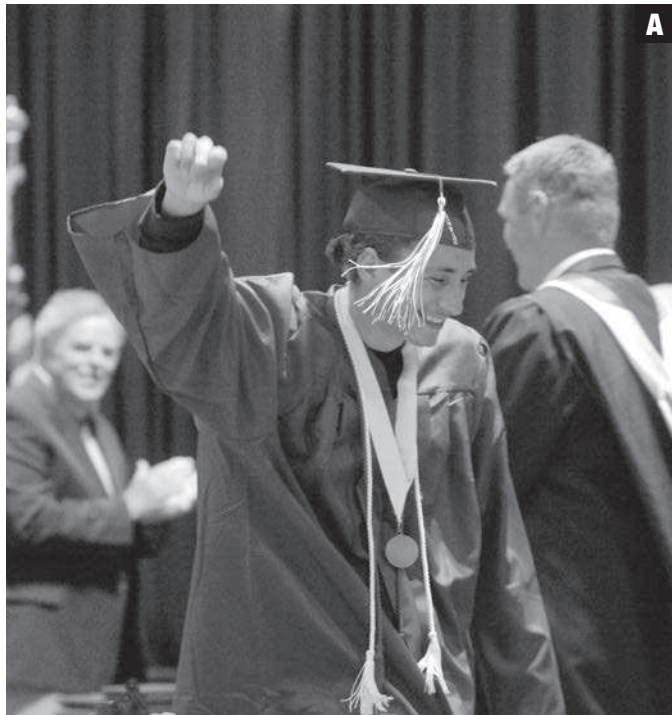
"Congratulations on the completion of a journey," said Dufour, who was one of two student speakers. "One chapter closes and the next one opens and whether you are an attorney or the one that bags my groceries, my one wish for you is to enjoy life, to fail and mess up and try again, so that when another opportunity knocks, you open the door. Try things you've never tried before."

Dufour added that the mistakes and accomplishments made in high school do not define who one will become.

We are still the future generation," she said. "We are still young. We will grow and change and expand and experience failure and success."

The other senior speaker, Malcolm Salazar, compared high school to a movie and graduation marked the ending.

"This day is the beginning of our ending," he said. "Because of this many of us are worried about our next movie—the future, what college we will go to, what career we will pursue, or what person we wish to become in the future. And it is reasonable and wise to ponder on these



A: Anchor Victor Arista-Medina celebrates receiving his diploma. B: Jaret Brown, Alicia Capuchine and Landen Van Dyck lead graduates in the Celtic cheer. C: Alex Taylor, Kimber Freeburn and Leah Shockley. D: DJ Tartios with mom Nadia and grandmother Juliet. E: Michaela Sanchez, Jaslima Sidhu, Grazela Rueda and Janie Jarmin walk to their seats for the 2016 graduation ceremony. KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley



things. But we must be careful not to fall into the trap of 'in the future I will' or 'someday I will.' Starting now we have to begin shaping and molding our personality, who we will be or how we will be known, because the person we are right now is going to make us the person we wish to be in the future."

On behalf of the Class of 2016, Salazar thanked his teachers [production crew]

and family. "I want to thank moms, hi mom, I know you're over there somewhere, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandmas, grandpas, family friends or best friends, thank you," Salazar said.

"Thank you for your support. Thank you for your encouragement. Thank you for your motivation and most importantly, thank you for your love."

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