



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

Dear North Shore Alumni:

Congratulations on your recent graduation! This is truly an accomplishment and the School Counseling Office was honored to have shared this experience with you. The class of 2018 is our newest alumni class. Can you believe it? You are now alumni and we are so excited to see all that you will accomplish. Although you are no longer in the building you will always be a Viking and you will likely interact with the Counseling Office over the next few years. Therefore, we wanted to provide you with some information that you may find useful.

- **Transcript Requests:** FERPA is the federal law that protects your rights as it pertains to your records. At the point of graduation, the legal right to your records and other school information transfers to you. This means that your parent(s) can no longer request that your transcript be sent or view your records without your written permission. Of course, we encourage you to keep talking with your parents about future decisions. They are a wealth of information and have your best interest at heart. However, in compliance with law, we will ask you to sign any paperwork releasing records. Should you need to send a transcript, please come to the office with your identification or go online to the North Shore School District web page, select high school and then select Counseling Office where you will find a tab that says alumni, then select transcript release. Complete the transcript release form and email it to counseling@northshoreschools.org or fax it to the number listed on the form.
- **Resources:** Of course we hope that our college bound students are pleased with their college selection. However, if you find yourself in a position where you want to transfer schools, please know that you are welcome to use our resources at any time to help you search for a new college.
- **Visiting the school post-graduation:** Since you are no longer a current student the procedure for entering the building has changed. When you visit any district building you will need to have an appointment, sign in and bring identification with you. You are welcome to visit, but the procedures are a little bit different.
- **Stay in touch with us and each other:** Included in this mailing is a great way to share your new post-graduation experiences with us and your classmates. Please take a photo of you and the enclosed Vikings mascot on your college campus, military post or place of employment. We will share these photos with our school community!

Please take care of yourself and each other as you embark on this exciting new journey. Remember ... once a Viking always a Viking!

Best Wishes,

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