

# Mount St. Mary Academy

## ALUMNAE UPDATE



Dear Sister Alumnae,

Please welcome the Class of 2016 -- the newest addition to our alumnae family!



These amazing young women graduated on Sunday and proudly sang out "The Bells of St. Mary," an apt reminder for all of us that you can come home to MSM again!

Our Class of 2016 heads off to college with over \$18 million in scholarship awards. Ninety-one percent received scholarships and over 80% reported that they will be attending their first choice school. Talk about a bright future!

Ting Gao, our 2016 valedictorian compared these young women to stars. After all, says the future biomedical engineer, they are made of the same elements that compose the stars.

"We are all worthy, successful and brilliant in our own way -- because we are all *inherently* stars," said Gao. "Our light lingers; our impact, our individual mark, is everlasting -- and we make our imprint on this world through our kindness, our trust, our love."

These young stars were encouraged to reach for their goals by Dr. Davina Moss-King '86, president and founder of Positive Direction and Associates, Inc. and our 2016 commencement speaker.

"There are many short-term goals, hurdles and hoops to jump through before you get to your long-term goals," Dr. Moss-King cautioned. "If you end up going in a different direction than you planned, it's ok. It's just a small delay on the way to your long-term goal."

We're confident these bright young women will reach their goals and we're thrilled to welcome them to our alumnae sisterhood!

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The Class of  
**2016**  
earned over  
**\$18,000,000**  
in scholarships



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