

Developing Virtue Girls' School Graduation 2021 in a Hybrid Fashion

培德女中2021年混合式畢業典禮

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On June 4, 2021, Instilling Goodness Developing Virtue Girl' School (IGDVS) hosted their annual graduation ceremony in a hybrid fashion to accommodate the COVID-19 health requirements. Vaccinated and local guests gathered in Wonderful Words Hall with international guests zooming in and projected on a backdrop.

Face-to-face teaching resumed on March 8 for Kindergarten - 6th grade students in Sudhana Center, and April 5 for junior high.

The graduating senior class of 2021 consisted of eight girls: Annabelle Shen, Audrey Chan, Megan Truong, Iris Ng, Moniques Nguyen, Sola Long, Tammy Long and Vy Nguyen.

Dharma Master Jin Jr, principal of the Girls School, shared one of the vows with the graduates

2021年6月4日，育良小學培德中學如期在萬佛聖城妙語堂舉行一年一度的畢業典禮。為了符合新冠肺炎疫情防控工作需要，此次典禮採取混合式，受邀蒞臨現場觀禮的嘉賓，都已經接種了新冠疫苗；而遠在海外的學生和家長則通過遠程視頻觀禮。

育良小學於2021年3月8日在善財中心恢復面對面授課，培德中學也於2021年4月5日在善財中心恢復面對面授課。

2021年培德女中共有八位優秀學生順利畢業，她們是沈芳汀、陳思易、張慧安、吳敏兒、阮妙一、龍海琪、龍婧瑜、以及阮夏薇。

女校校長近智法師送給畢業生《華嚴經·淨行品》中的一願：「若在厄難，當願眾



in the “Pure Conduct Chapter” of the *Flower Adornment (Avatamsaka) Sutra*:

*When in suffering and difficulty,
I vow that living beings
Will do as they wish and attain self-ease
So that whatever they do will not be obstructed.*

She also shared a few lines in the *Three-character Classic* which our school’s founder, Master Hsuan Hua often quoted:

*Diligence leads to achievement,
Playing brings no benefit.
Take care to avoid idleness
And urge yourself to succeed.*

Dr. Victoria Patterson, on behalf of all of their teachers, encouraged graduating students to put into practice the many virtues that they had learned in school such as: wisdom, humility, generosity, honesty, compassion, patience, citizenship, and filial piety.

Fion Seng spoke on behalf of the girls’ parents, and Karmen Yap, an IGDVS alumni, also spoke at the graduation. Then the graduating class gave their speeches.

Audrey Chan began by saying, “Four years of hard work in high school has been unforgettable, I can still see us sitting in 208 after school working on that math equation on the white board. Four years of high school life has left giggles and laughter in the hallway, I could almost still hear them.”

生，隨意自在，所行無礙」，以及本校創辦人宣公上人常引用《三字經》的幾句話：「勤有功 戲無益 戒之哉 宜勉勵」，和同學們共勉。

教師代表維多利亞·派特森博士則以「智慧、謙虛、慷慨、誠實、慈悲、忍耐、愛國愛鄉、孝順」等德行來勉勵同學，期望同學們將在本校所學到的這些德目付諸實行。

家長代表成玉燕、往屆畢業生代表葉嘉雯相繼致辭。每位畢業生也為現場和連線的嘉賓對她們在女校的生活做了精彩的分享。

陳思易首先說：「四年的刻苦學習時光難以忘懷，我還記得在208教室，一起在白板前攻克數學難題。這四年在走廊裡留下的歡聲笑語，我仍然依稀可以聽到。」

接著沈芳汀說：「王老師，您是我遇到過最好的老師。張博士，感謝您成為最好的物理老師。我對學習物理很抗拒，但是在您的幫助下，我覺得物理課變得友好了呢。」

吳敏兒分享了對歷史課的熱愛：「敬愛的派特森教授，我非常感謝能够在您的教導下，學習世界歷史、美國歷史和英文。在您的幫助下，我可以準確地說出哥倫布航海的時間（1492年），也清楚記得在三角貿易裡交換的物品。謝謝您讓我愛上了歷史。」

張慧安分享了在聖城的成長歷程：「我來聖城之前，一直是藏在爸爸身後不敢和陌生人說話的害羞女孩，很明顯的，我在心理上（也包括我的身高）成長了，我不再那麼害羞，而且認識了很多我將永遠珍惜的朋友。」

阮妙一滿懷感謝地說：「我要感謝的人很多……當然包括全班同學，還有其他國家的朋友，以及幾個小時（車程）以外的朋友。有一天我們終將見面，屆時我就可以當面向大家道謝。」

龍海琪對學妹們喊話：「培德女中的

Following her, Annabelle Shen, mentioned in her speech, “Ms. Wang, you are the kindest teacher and person I have ever met. Dear Dr. Zhang, thank you for being the best physics teacher. I used to be resistant to learning physics, but with your help, it is more friendly than I imagined.”

Next, Iris, brought up her love for history by saying, “Dear Dr. Patterson, I am super grateful for learning U.S. and World History along with English from you. Because of you, I know the exact date when Columbus sailed the ocean blue (in 1492,) and remember distinctly what was traded in the Triangular Passage. Thank you, Dr. Patterson, for helping me fall in love with history.”

Megan recognized her growth at CTTB by saying, “Even before I came to CTTB, I was a shy little kid who hid behind her father, with my face hidden behind his back so as to avoid conversation with everyone I didn’t know. Clearly, I’ve grown in up in maturity (as well as height) so that is no longer necessary. Being here has enabled me to develop relationships with many people that I’ll always cherish.”

Next, Monique thanked her friends by saying, “I have so many people to thank— my classmates (of course!), my friends in other countries, and those friends even just a couple hours away from me. We’ll see each other again one day, and I’ll get to thank you in person.”

Afterwards, Sola addressed the younger students by saying, “To my younger classmen, DVGS doesn’t only stand for Developing Virtue Girls’ School, through my four years, I have found that it also means Determination, Vibrance, Girl-power and Selflessness.”

Next, Tammy quoted the philosopher and historian Will Durant, “Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.” She went on to say, “I remember we once had a guest speaker in the Wonderful Words Hall telling us that graduation is not an end, but a new beginning. Let us commemorate our time in high school and look forward to the future.”

And last, but not least, Vy concluded her speech with these words, “For the underclassmen, just remember to turn in your assignments no matter how late they are and take up any opportunity to take care of yourself. In memory of this crazy year and the class of 2021, peace out y’all.”

These girls have been accepted to Cal State LA, UCLA, Xiamen University Malaysia, UC Irvine, Cal State Sacramento, University of Toronto, and NYU to pursue their future majors in business, biology, physics, mathematics, communications, and nursing.

Lastly, congratulations to all the 6th grade and 8th grade graduates, and thank you to all of teachers and kitchen staff for a wonderful year despite being amidst a pandemic. ❀



英文縮寫不僅代表我們的校名，我在這裡的四年中發現，其實也代表決心、活力、女孩力量、以及無私。」

接下來，龍婧瑜分享一句格言：「教育就是逐步發現你自己的無知。」並說：「記得我們有位演講嘉賓曾在妙語堂說，畢業不是結束，而是新的開始。讓我們紀念高中時光，並且前瞻未來。」

阮夏薇在致詞最後對學妹們說：「各位學妹，無論多遲，都要記得交作業，也要掌握機會照顧自己。紀念這狂亂的一年以及我們這一班，大家珍重再見啦！」

今年培德女中畢業生獲加州州大洛杉磯分校、加州大學洛杉磯分校、廈門大學馬來西亞分校、加州大學埃爾文（爾灣）分校、加州州大沙加緬度分校、加拿大多倫多大學、紐約大學、加州大學戴維斯分校等大學錄取，未來將主修企業、生物、物理、數學、傳播、以及護理等專業。

最後恭喜所有六年級和八年級的畢業生，也要感謝這一年在疫情中，各位老師和齋堂工作人員的付出。❀