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My high school career is coming to a close, and my childhood is ending. Once I hit July 27th, I am no longer a kid. The adult world is ready to swallow me whole and consume my life. I see this new chapter as something bittersweet. Yes, I am excited to be done with high school and I'm excited to become an adult, but I'm also scared of the expectations that come with being an adult. There's not been a time when I have genuinely been ready to take on the full responsibility of adulthood. Thankfully, I don't have to get into all of it just yet. However, I will touch on my childhood as it concludes soon. I was incredibly blessed to be given the family and opportunities that I have. My parents did nothing but love me, which I understand not everyone gets. My childhood is filled with barefooted sprints in the grass that filled the backyard of my first house and fireflies being caught and released into the summer night. My childhood plays a major role in the person I am today.

Concerning school, I'm ready to graduate. I'm excited about what college has to offer, especially the new people and opportunities. There will always be a part of me that will love and miss Trinity, but I've outgrown most of the things here, so it is time to go. For me, conclusions are the opener of new doors. "When one door shuts, another opens." There's never going to be a time in your life when a season of conclusions is non-existent. Things end, yes. However, that doesn't mean that something new and equally (or more) exciting isn't on its way. I don't see conclusions as something negative, I take them as a glass-half-full kind of thing. Sometimes you don't even know that the good times are coming to an end and that's okay too! Like Andy Bernard once said, "I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them." Conclusions are bittersweet, but things have to change to make life fun.