Mount Mercy Academy held its 112th graduation ceremony on May 24th. Fifty-two members of the class of 2017 received their diplomas from Margaret Staszak, the Mount Mercy principal.

Salutatorian Colleen Finn (Buffalo) welcomed and addressed the audience to open the ceremony. Samantha Budzinski (Williamsville), the valedictorian, delivered the valedictory address.

MaryLynn Ryan, a 1979 graduate of Mount Mercy, was the commencement speaker. She is currently the Vice President and Bureau Chief of the Southeast region for CNN/U.S. She commended the graduates for their accomplishments, their service to the community and the scholarships the class earned. She told the Class of 2017 that she would not be where she is without Mount Mercy. She urged the graduates to continue what they started at Mount Mercy and to work outside their comfort zones.

The graduating class of 2017 from Mount Mercy Academy earned nine and a half million dollars in college scholarships and merit based grants.