

The Would-Be High-School Valedictorian in His Cap and Gown

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Benjamin Karasik, Student

Congratulations! What are you graduating from? High school. I'm valedictorian — well, not really. My school actually doesn't do that stuff, but if they did, I would be. I had the highest GPA: a 4.0, a 96-point-something. I'm going to Brooklyn College next year as part of the Macaulay Honors College.

Would you ever live anywhere other than New York? Maybe France. I lived there when I was in middle school, in the Charente-Maritime region. I liked the fresh air, and the stars, and the quiet nights. And I loved snails.

Big summer plans? I'm probably going to Russia to stay with my

grandmother, who's a really old-fashioned babushka type of lady, for a few weeks in a small house in the middle of the woods, without internet, without TV. I want to spend some time in nature before college.

Lightning Round Neighborhood: Upper East Side.

Favorite subject: AP English.

Last good book read: *To the Lighthouse*.

Last good movie seen: *Nightcrawler*.

Preferred social media: Snapchat. "You don't have to take the best or most perfect picture, like with Instagram, just what you're doing at the moment; you can just show yourself."

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