Kyleen is a 2014 graduate of St. Michael's Academy. She recently graduated from Springfield Central High School and plans to attend the University of Maine located in Orono, Maine.

After spending five years at St. Michael's Academy, Kyleen has many personal strengths that she attributes to her time spent at the Academy.

"I developed independence at St. Michael's. I am capable of managing myself and not being afraid of standing up for myself or what I believe. I have a strong sense of right and wrong and a defined moral compass that I discovered through my experiences there. These characteristics carried through all my high school years," said Kyleen. "I learned not to back down from my beliefs. It is okay for others to disagree with me or to believe in other things as long as I know who I am and who I want to become."

Kyleen's fondest memory of her years at St. Michael's was the eighth grade class trip to High Meadows. She still has pictures hanging on her wall of the trip. Her favorite project was the School of the Future project. She felt the project helped her explore her creativity and helped her realize her potential in the art field.

Moving on to college, Kyleen will be majoring in Physics and Astronomy and plans to obtain a graduate degree in astrophysics. She would like to work in aerospace as an astrophysicist.

And her advice to others when considering St. Michael's Academy? "Don't be afraid of being a little different. The environment can be very welcoming when you give it a chance. Don't waste time being afraid."