

Congratulations Class of 2023



Wolsey-Wessington High School Class of 2023

HURON

Huron High School announces the 137th annual commencement exercises on Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m. in the Huron Arena.

The seniors have chosen HHS teacher, Mrs. Laura Iverson, as guest speaker.

Participating in commencement are the HHS Concert Band and Concert Choir.

School Board President Garret Bischoff will present the diplomas. High School Principal Mike Radke and Assistant Principal Rodney Mittelstedt will present the graduates.

Class Day, honoring the seniors and other students for their academic accomplishments, will be held Tuesday, May 16, at 8:10 a.m. in the high school auditorium. Senior parents are invited.

Baccalaureate service is scheduled for 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, in the arena, as the seniors in Huron Plainsman vite family and friends to an optional, student-led worship service. The HHS Orchestra and Madrigal Singers will provide the music for the evening. Family and friends are invited to take informal pictures of the graduates after the ceremony.

The following students are candi-

dates for Honor Graduate, as of May 3:

Graduating with Highest Honors are Noah Beck, Mason Davis, Kelby Dickson, Bethany Engelhart, Elizabeth Estrada, Shaidalee Hernandez Torres, Jake Holforty, Bryn Huber, Yen Kyaw, Dylan Lichty, Say Ma, Zoe Martin, Bianca Medina, Sike Ma Noke, Eh Ler Pwe Paw, Olivia Rink, Lillian Ronneberg, Tyson Ruth, Claire Schoenhard, Sergio Torres, Quenton Walls and Reilyn Zavesky.

High Honor graduates are Victoria Buffington, Channelle Coss, Heaven Gainey, Adison Gross, Abigail Hoellein, Karsyn Kopfmann, Ta Kler, Garret Mohr, Hudson Murphy, Sidney Overbay, Emma Ross, Lauy Kue Say, Madyson Schroder, Angela Smith, Breanna Terkildsen, Eh Blut Wah and Calvin Wallace.

Honor Graduates are Isabelle Ellwein, Bree Ann Friesen, Mattlyn Fryberger, Brynn Gose, Htee Htoo, Kristen Janes, Konner Kiser, Samuel Kruse, Cole Ochsner, Ba Blut Doh Paw, Madison Perry, Katelyn Radke, Kenedee Rowen, Kaden Scheibe, Leah Stansfield, Gracee Thompson, Abigail Trandall and Kaydence Tschetter.



Maria Alfaro Diaz
Burnison's Plumbing & Heating



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Center for Independence



Derrick Arevalo
Payday



Bayron Bartolon Lopez
Huron Plainsman



Edwin Bautista Rosales
Farmers & Merchants Bank



Noah Beck
Payday

Class Motto: "The best way to predict your future is to create it" — *Abraham Lincoln*

Class Flower: Tiger Lilly

Class Colors: Orange, Black, and Gold

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Talvin Bolden II
Red Wilk Construction



Victoria Buffington
M-O Federal Credit Union



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Channelle Coss
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Mason Davis
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Kelby Dickson
Bauman Agency



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Payday



Colt Dunkelberger
Montgomery Real Estate



Isabelle Ellwein
Huron Plainsman



Bethany Engelhart
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Carlos Feliciano Vega
Huron Plainsman



Bree Ann Friesen
Center for Independence



Mattlyn Fryberger
Huron Plainsman



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Dakota Provisions



Elvilena Gascoigne
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Aiden Glanzer
Huron Plainsman



Brynn Gose
Avail Wealth Management



Amyah Greene
Payday



Alishaunee Griffith
Huron Plainsman



Adison Gross
Payday



Cian Halbur
Huron Plainsman



Olivia Hanson
Dakotaland Federal
Credit Union



Arlina Happy
Payday



Cheech Harman
Huron Plainsman



Jacob Harms
Montgomery Real Estate
- Shawn Harvey, Realtor



Peyton Head
Dakotaland Federal
Credit Union



**Shaidalee
Hernandez Torres**
Payday



Guadalupe Herrera
Huron Plainsman



Abigail Hoellein
M-O Federal Credit
Union



Jake Holforty
Montgomery Real Estate



Htee Htoo
Huron Plainsman



Tah Hey Lawla Htoo
Farmers & Merchants
Bank



Bryn Huber
Payday



Devin Hunter
M-O Federal Credit
Union



Kristen Janes
Huron Regional Medical
Center



Mar Nae Lay Kae
Payday



Merian Kally
Huron Plainsman



Konner Kiser
Huron Plainsman



Ehler Klay
Payday



Saw Tha Klay
Huron Plainsman



Cecelia Kleinsasser
Payday



Ta Kler
Huron Plainsman



Karsyn Kopfmann
Bauman Agency



Lexi Krueger
Payday



Samuel Kruse
M-O Federal Credit
Union



Lincoln Kubal
M-O Federal Credit
Union



Yen Kyaw
Huron Plainsman



Ae Si Lar
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Dylan Lichty
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Alex Lopez Lopez
Huron Plainsman



Gilberto Lopez Lopez
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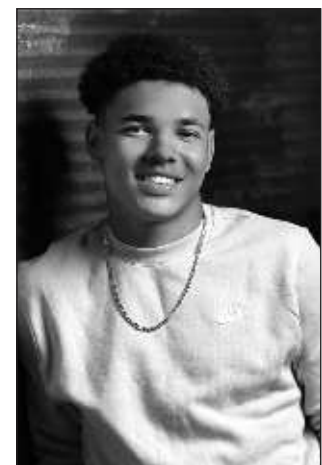
Omar Lopez Lopez
Burnison's Plumbing &
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Jason Lopez Mendez
Payday



Samuel Lorenz
Huron Plainsman



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Clark
Payday



Say Ma
Center for Independence



Cody Marshall
Payday



James Martens
Huron Plainsman



Zoe Martin
Ace Realty



Edgar Martinez Juarez
Payday



Noe Martinez Lopez
Huron Plainsman



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Brenna McDermott
Huron Plainsman



Jaden McMonigal
Payday



Bianca Medina
Huron Plainsman



Braxtyn Mendel
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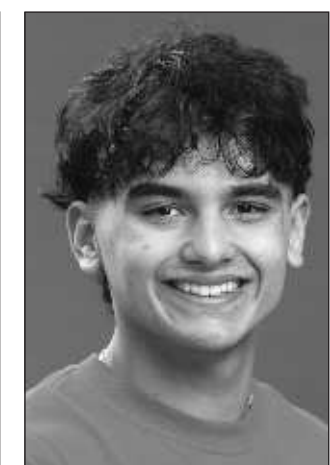
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Huron Eye Clinic



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Ethan Neugebauer
Montgomery Real Estate
- Mary Neugebauer,
Realtor



Sike Ma Noke
Huron Plainsman



Cole Ochsner
Huron Regional Medical
Center



Angel Olivo Porcayo
Huron Eye Clinic



Carlos Orellana
Red Wilk Construction



Sidney Overbay
Huron Plainsman



Hayden Owen
Payday



Ba Blut Doh Paw
Payday



Eh Ler Pwe Paw
Dakota Provisions



Neri Pelico Vasquez
Huron Plainsman



Madison Perry
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Brian Peterson
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Real Estate Connection

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Center for Independence

Levi Preston
M-O Federal Credit Union

Katelyn Radke
Don't Spill the Beans

Azalea Rashaad Nelson
Huron Regional Medical Center

Ezequiel Reyes
Huron Plainsman



Kaylenn Reyes
Payday

Olivia Rink
Dakota Provisions

Wah Sa Ro
Huron Plainsman

Dawsyn Rogers
Dakotaland Federal Credit Union

Lillian Ronneberg
Payday

Emma Ross
Chaos Photography



Kenedee Rowen
Huron Plainsman

Tyson Ruth
Pro Clean Plus

Lauy Kue Say
Payday

Kaden Scheibe
Kent D. Clarke, Insurance

Brayden Schlader
Montgomery Real Estate - Mary Neugebauer, Realtor

Jase Schley
Jensen Livestock, Inc.



Claire Schoenhard
Huron Plainsman



Madyson Schroeder
Payday



Jeferson Serrano Hernandez
Huron Plainsman



Dallas Shannon
Payday



Sha Sher
Huron Plainsman



Kylee Small
Montgomery Real Estate



Angela Smith
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Wah Eh Soe
Huron Eye Clinic



Leah Stansfield
Prime Time Tavern



Jered Steilen
Jensen Livestock Inc.



Yaw Taki Kaw
Huron Plainsman



Hay Klu Moo Taw
Payday



Jaidyn Teeslink
Huron Plainsman



Breanna Terkildsen
Payday



Shwe Tha
Huron Plainsman



Gracee Thompson
Huron Regional Medical Center



Ea Ta Mu Thoo
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Sergio Torres
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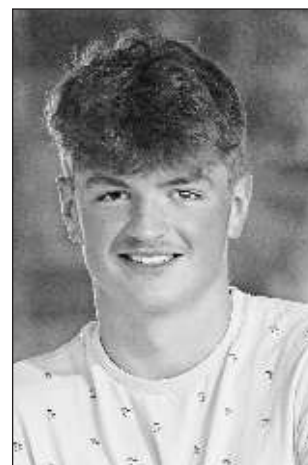
Calvin Wallace
Payday

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Prime Time Tavern

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Huron Plainsman

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Payday

Chloe Watson
Huron Regional Medical Center



Justin Xiong
Huron Plainsman

Reilyn Zavesky
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Julie Anderson



Tucker Anderson



Cori Birkel



Jada Burke



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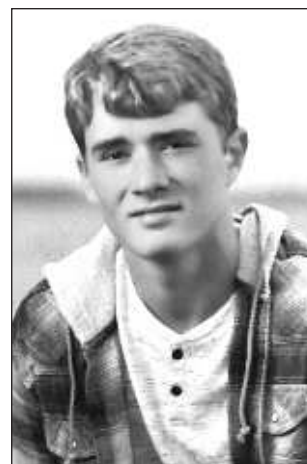
DE SMET

Seniors at De Smet High School will receive diplomas at graduation exercises at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the Armory.

Valedictorian is Cori Birkel and salutatorian is Julie Anderson.

Students graduating with high academic honors are Emma Albrecht, Kasen Janssen, Olivia Johnson and Matthew Rusche.

Graduating with academic honors are Gannon Gruenhagen, Jacie McCune, Leah Millman, Kendra Palmlund, Gabriella Poppinga, Cael Schoenfelder, Emma Sudenga and Damon Wilkinson.



Gannon Gruenhagen



Noah Harrison



Kasen Janssen

Class Motto: "It doesn't matter what you're doing as long as you look good doing it."

Class Colors: Sage green & dusty pink

Class Flower: Light pink pomponi

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Ethan Johnson



Olivia Johnson



Jacie McCune

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De Smet

Huron Regional Medical
Center and
Kibble Equipment





Greeley LaBrie



Teagan Mason



Avery Miles



Julian Remily

DOLAND

Seniors at Doland High School will graduate at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, in the Hubert H. Humphrey Auditorium.

Valedictorian is Avery Miles.

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Doland

Kibble Equipment



Class Motto:

“Believe you can, and you are halfway there.” — *Theodore Roosevelt*

Flower: White Rose
Colors: Red & Black

De Smet continues . . .



Leah Millman



Kendra Palmlund



Gabriella Poppinga



Brayden Roth



Dylan Rowcliffe



Matthew Rusche



Cael Schoenfelder



Emma Sudenga



Damon Wilkinson



Dylan Zell

HITCHCOCK-TULARE

Seniors at Hitchcock-Tulare High School will receive their diplomas at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, in the Hitchcock-Tulare High School gymnasium in Tulare.

Valedictorian is Mason Bottum and salutatorian is Jessica Godfrey.

Graduating with high honors (3.67

or higher GPA) is ThomasJohn Salmen.

Graduating with honors (3.0-3.66 GPA) are Carter Binger, Justine Jacobs, Jacob Michlitsch, Cole Schroeder, Alex Wipf and Caitlin Woodward

Class Motto: "It is what it is"

Class Flower: Blue Rose

Class Colors: Red, White & Blue

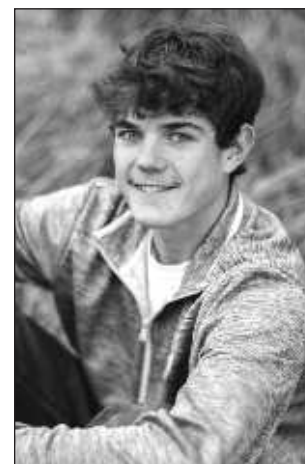
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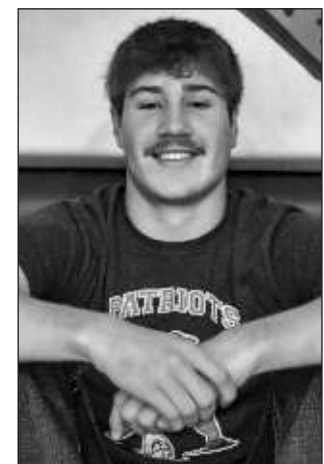
Kibble Equipment
Mid Dakota Rural Water
Bauman Agency
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Carter Binger



Mason Bottum



Riley Fliehe



Jessica Godfrey



Justine Jacobs



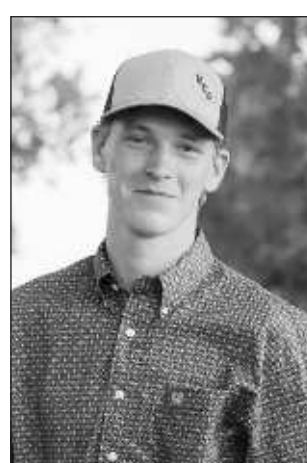
Jacob Michlitsch



Landon Puffer



ThomasJohn Salmen



Cole Schroeder



Kaycee Stoner



Alex Wipf



Caitlin Woodward

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Tobias Arbeiter



Lily Blue



Lexi Burma



Kasey Burmeister

IROQUOIS

Eighteen seniors will receive diplomas at Iroquois School at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20. Honor students are Lily Blue, Lexi Burma, Anna Decker, Logan Pekron and Kaylee Vincent.

Class Motto:

“Tomorrow needs you.”

Class Colors: Green and white

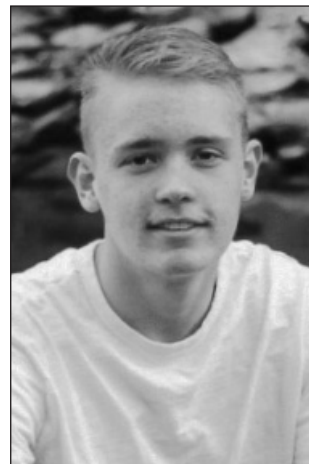
Class Flower: White carnation with green tip



Anna Decker



Say Htoo



Brayden Knutson



Dawson Laible

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Iroquois

Kibble Equipment
Bauman Agency
Center for Independence
Dakotaland Federal Credit Union
American Family Insurance



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Brody Maunders



Jace Murray



Sarah Nelson



Skylar Owens



Logan Pekron



Logan Peskey



Isabel Blom



Jeralyn Fast



Abby Hasart



Lily Hofer



Brennen Hood



Cassandra Stahl



Weston Stahl



Lexi VanDeHey

JAMES VALLEY CHRISTIAN

James Valley Christian School will hold graduation on Sunday, May 14, at 3 p.m. in our school auditorium.

Mrs. Paula Kleinsasser will be the speaker.

Students graduating with highest honors are

Abby Rae Hasart, Lily Ann Hofer, Cassandra Zili Gold Stahl, Landon Micah Wager, Landon Ryan Wallman, Colleen Marie Wipf and Brone Michael Zajicek

Class Moto: “If you don’t stand for something, you will fall for anything.”

Class Verse: “Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future. Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand.” *Proverbs 19:20-21*

Class Flower: Pink Dahlia

Class Colors: Gold and Black

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Kinsey VanDerWerff



Landon Wager



Landon Wallman

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James Valley Christian

Kibble Equipment
Bauman Agency
American Family Insurance
Real Estate Connection
Mid Dakota Rural Water





Eric Ames



Abigail Blake



Ruby Carder



Memphis Frueh



Tyra Gates



Taylen Grage

MILLER

Seniors at Miller High School will receive their diplomas during graduation exercises at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, in the Miller Armory.

Class Motto: “Four years we’ll never forget, even if we did some things we regret.”

— *Unknown*

Class Colors: Green and White

Class Flower: White Rose with Green Glitter

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Abbigail Harvey



Dylan Hass



Dawson Hubbard



Mackenzie Kopecky




Patricia Lammers



Anthony Melendez

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Miller

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 American Family Insurance
 Center for Independence
 Kent D. Clarke Insurance
 Mid Dakota Rural Water



James Valley Christian continues . . .



Colleen Wipf



Brone Zajicek



Abrianna Zuccaro

Miller School continues . . .



Ally Mullaney



Breanna Phinney



Briggs Runge



Shayla Seidel



Spencer Fernholz



Adam Turner



Andrea Waldner



Jaden Werdel



Trevor Werdel

HIGHMORE-HARROLD

Seniors at Highmore-Harrold High School will receive their diplomas during graduation exercises at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Hyde County Memorial Auditorium.

Valedictorian is Jeff Zeigler and salutatorian is Gunner Brueggeman.

Graduating with Highest Honor are Bryce Bourk, Tate Hoffman and David Stagg.

Graduating with High Honor are Ethan Fyler, Mason Knox, Treyton Knox, Tucker McCauley and Johnessa Mitchell.

Graduating with Honor are Coby Aasby and Dawson Hale

Other 2023 graduates are Phillip Glines, Allison Peoples and Ely Wangsness

Individual class photos are unavailable

Class Motto: "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."

Class Flower: Rose

Class Colors: Lapis Lazuli, Black, White

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Highmore-Harrold

Mid Dakota Rural Water
American Family Insurance



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Reflections on friends, hardship and four years of high school

BY JEFFREY PIERRE

This year's high school graduates were born after the dawn of the new millennium. Some have dealt with school shootings. Others helped organize demonstrations to speak out against gun violence or climate change. We've reported on how college students are becoming more "nontraditional" than we think, but high school students — through social media and their experience — are also becoming more nontraditional.

So what's on the minds of these 18-year-olds gearing up to face the adult world? Many of them — valedictorians, class presidents and others — talked about their hopes and dreams in the speeches they made at graduation.

In 2019, the NPR Ed team — and member stations across the country — traveled throughout the U.S. to hear those speeches from the final moments of high school. Here's what some of them had to say.

Paulette Olivas

Salutatorian, Trevor G. Browne High School, Phoenix, Ariz.

Olivas, a DACA student, plans on attending Phoenix College in the fall, where she wants to study health administration.

Can I please have you raise your hand if at any point someone doubted that you would graduate? Keep your hand raised if the person that doubted you at some point was yourself.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is the reality of many of these students lives. I want to congratulate every single one of you for completing high school and defeating all stereotypes and prejudice that others had of you.

Some thought you would drop out, others thought you would be working 12 hours a day, but here we are proving that we made it and no one can take that away from us! I am still overcoming my own hurdles as Arizona legislation has made it almost impossible for DACA students like me to afford to go to college but I will not give up. I will go to college, I will graduate, and I will succeed as long as I always have God on my side.

Keaura Brooks

Class President, Woodland Hills High School, Churchill, Pa.

Students at Woodland Hills High School, outside Pittsburgh, have seen their school in the news multiple times over the years. Last year, the school settled a lawsuit that alleged "white school administrators had engaged in discriminatory behavior against the black students." Students there also organized rallies after one of their classmates, Antwon Rose, was shot and killed by



NEETA SATAM FOR NPR

Students cheer their class of 2019 at Jennings High School, during their graduation ceremony at the Chaifetz Arena in Saint Louis, Mo.

a white police officer. (A jury acquitted the East Pittsburgh officer in March of 2019.) Brooks touched on these themes in her graduation speech.

I won't claim to know each and every one of you personally because I don't. But that doesn't make us complete strangers. Maybe we only sat next to each other for three weeks in sophomore etymology. Maybe your best friend is the sibling of my cousin's ex-boyfriend.

Maybe we only walked past each other once in awhile in the hallway and never spoke. But one way or another, our paths have crossed. Although it has its problems, this school is a family. This building is a home. No we don't always get along and God knows we didn't always want to be a part of it. But that doesn't mean we loved it any less.

That is what I've taken away from my time at Woodland Hills: to accept people as they are, no matter where they've come from because everyone deserves a chance.

As you go forward in your life, whether you're heading to a trade school, a university or simply wherever the wind takes you, remember to do so with an open mind and a full heart. Be ready for whatever the world throws at you and keep going because contrary to what the world keeps trying to tell you, you don't need to have all the answers

right now. It's probably better if you don't.

Life is a learning curve, not a test. So spend however much time you need figuring out what you really want. The world will change you in ways you would never expect, but you shouldn't fight it. Let it help you grow. We have been through so much in our years here, so don't let that weigh you down. But let it push you forward and be what helps you make this world a better place.

Taziree Smith

Valedictorian, Arvada Clearmont High School, Clearmont, Wyo.

This year's graduating class was seven students strong. The district — which covers a huge area, around 1,300 square miles — also has the smallest enrollment in Wyoming, about 90 students in K-12. Many students have a daily commute of 40 minutes to an hour on the bus.

But in her speech, Smith didn't talk about a life of isolation, but looked forward to what lies ahead.

There is no easy path without obstacles to achieve your dreams and goals; however, don't worry or fret about those obstacles. Embrace

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them. Dive into them headfirst because you have nothing to lose.

Don't back down from the bullies, stand up for yourself. They're going to be bullies that try to tell you that you can't achieve your goals but ignore them. Try and prove these individuals wrong.

Also, if you're the type of person that's afraid to ask for condiments at a restaurant, you'll never get what you want. If you always back down, then you'll never reach your goals as easily as if you'd stood up for yourself — so stand up for yourself and share your ideas opinions and beliefs with others.

Jasmine Richardson Valedictorian, Jennings High School, Jennings, Mo.

Richardson says she understands that college isn't for everyone. But since she started high school almost four years ago — through internships and extracurriculars — she has been preparing for that next step after high school.

After high school, Richardson planned to work in a lab through a collaborative internship between her high school and the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She planned to attend St. Louis University in the fall of 2019, where she planned to study chemical biology and pharmacology.

I never knew that I would be here standing before you to give this speech because at times, things felt almost impossible for me.

As we prepare to go our separate ways, I would like to leave you all with three lessons I've learned throughout my high school journey.

The first one is be patient. Let's face it, we all know that after today most of us will not see each other again, and once that reality hits, you'll realize that you should've stopped and smelled the roses. All of



us emphasized how ready we were to leave school and move on to bigger and better things, but the truth is those are years we are never going to get back and memories we won't experience again.

The next lesson is to never let anyone else define you. No one has the authority in your life to tell you what you can and can't do. Nobody knows what the future holds for you and who you may influence along the way.

Every last one of us is unique and that means we will take on different paths, lifestyles, and obstacles to reach success. I'm here to tell you it doesn't matter how long it takes or what order you do it as long as you get it done for yourself. Yes you are going to have failures along the way but that is just pointing you in a new direction to accomplish your goals.

Your next job in life is to figure out what you like and what your calling may be.

Yes, it's nice to have someone on your team, but the most important thing you can do for yourself is be your own cheerleader, encourage yourself and give yourself motivation to keep pushing forward even if the world may seem against you. Oprah Winfrey once said, "Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher."



Volunteer opportunities for recent graduates

During the months between graduating high school and beginning college, or between getting a university degree and entering the workforce, graduates may want to explore the personal growth that comes from volunteerism.

Volunteering provides various benefits. Some of these rewards include networking with an entirely different group of people. Volunteering also can help a person realize greater happiness by doing selfless acts for others, while they also can help one to realize a new passion. In the future, volunteering with an organization also may help with a student's job search.

There are many arenas where young people can focus their volunteer efforts. Here are some ideas.

- **Animal shelter:** Animal shelters rely on volunteers to help with their operations. They can be a good fit for anyone with a pas-

sion for animals and animal rights activism.

- **Public service sectors:** AmeriCorp and Peace Corps have scores of opportunities for volunteers. AmeriCorp focuses on domestic issues, while the PeaceCorp is a branch of the U.S. government that engages volunteers in international service work. Community involvement, health care, agriculture, homelessness, and combatting hunger are top priorities for these organizations.

- **English as a second language:** Volunteers can spend time abroad teaching English to students. Others may want to volunteer domestically by helping non-English-speaking individuals improve their language skills.

- **Community government:** A person may choose to sit on the board of a school, a neighborhood housing association, or even explore volunteerism with a township municipal office.

This will provide valuable hands-on experience and may help one lend a voice to issues that affect his or her living situation.

- **Religious groups:** Churches, synagogues and mosques may have volunteer opportunities focused on community outreach or programs affiliated with local nonprofits.

- **Conservation groups:** Volunteers can work on conservation projects across the country. From wildlife management to trail restoration to invasive species eradication, there are a wide variety of conservation-based volunteering opportunities.

- **Tutoring:** Graduates can volunteer to tutor students in local schools or overseas.

Volunteerism can fill gaps years or add to résumés for recent graduates.

Quick Study: 10 Quotes for Graduates from the Famous (And Not So Famous)

“A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that individuality is the key to success.”

– *Robert Orben*

“Don’t be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can’t cross a chasm in two small jumps.” – *David Lloyd George*

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

– *Nelson Henderson*

“Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out.”

– *Art Linkletter*

“Everything’s always ending. But everything’s always beginning, too.” – *Patrick Ness*



“Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.”

– *Babe Ruth*

“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”

– *A. A. Milne*

“No matter where you’re from, your dreams are valid.”

– *Lupita Nyong’o*

“Keep in mind that neither success nor failure is ever final.”

– *Roger Babson*

“It’s always a good move to listen to that inner voice... if it doesn’t lead to a crime.” – *Lisa Kudrow*

College savings strategies

Enrolling in a trade school or college is widely considered the next step after a student graduates from high school. College is especially popular, as the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that 62.7 percent of high school graduates went on to colleges and universities in 2020.

Finding ways to pay for higher education has long been a goal for students and their families. PrepScholar, a college testing preparation resource, calculates that, by 2033, students can expect to pay around \$237,000 at in-state public universities and \$464,000 at private colleges or universities for four-year degrees. That high cost is why so many families take proactive steps to set aside funds for college soon after their children are born. No matter the situation, taking the steps to plan and save helps to make schooling more affordable.

529 college savings plan

A 529 is a specialized savings account for college and university costs. Most plans can be opened by a U.S. citizen or resident alien age 18 and older. The individual opening the account can be a parent, grandparent, cousin, or even a friend. The student is the beneficiary of the account. Four-year schools, community colleges and vocational/trade schools accept 529 accounts as payment sources. The only requirement is that the school must participate in the U.S. Department of Education student financial aid programs.

Education savings account, or Education IRA

The financial experts at Ramsey Solutions say an ESA works like a Roth IRA but it is designed specifically for education expenses. Individuals can invest up to \$2,000 (after tax) per year, per child. The account grows tax-free. The rate of growth varies based on investments in the account. Ramsey estimates that at an average return rate of 12 percent on a \$36,000 investment (\$2,000 per year for 18 years) would grow to around \$126,000 by the time the child starts college. An ESA also can be used to pay for K-12 private school tuition, school supplies, tutoring, or textbooks. It also can be transferred to a sibling if the money is not needed for a particular student.

UTMA/UGMA plan

This plan is different from ESAs and 529s because it is not specifically designed for college savings. The Uniform Transfer/Gift to Minors Act is in the child's name but is controlled by a guardian until the child reaches age 18 or 21. This mutual fund account can be used to save for college with reduced taxes, or funds can be used for other expenses, such as a car or housing.

Advanced placement classes

AP classes allow high school students to take college-level courses that can be converted into college credits. Each AP class reduces the need to pay for a class in college. This can add up to some significant savings. In addition, performing well in AP classes may make students more attractive to colleges and universities, helping students to earn academic scholarships.

Saving for college can start early and there are various vehicles for families to explore.

What's the difference between valedictorians and salutatorians?

Being named a valedictorian or salutatorian is a significant achievement. Some students may not fully understand what these titles represent. Every school has its own qualifications, but in general, valedictorians and salutatorians are those individuals who have reached the very highest levels of academic success.

Valedictorian

PrepScholar, a standardized testing preparation company, indicates that the valedictorian is the student who graduates with the highest cumulative grade point average of his or her class — the average of every year's final grades. Grades from advanced placement classes are weighted to account for their rigor and extend extra points toward the GPA. Some schools do not immediately award the title to the highest-ranking student. They may ask students to apply for review and then consider various factors, including grades, level of academic program, essay submission, and even contribution to school and community life.

Salutatorian

Certain schools may have one salutatorian, while others may have two or more. The college guidance resource Transizion says the salutatorian is usually the individual ranked second in the graduating class. A salutatorian will deliver the salutation, otherwise known as the opening speech of the graduation ceremony. The valedictorian speaks later in the program.

High-ranking terms

In addition to valedictorian and salutatorian, students also may become familiar with other terminology, including class rank and "cum laude" recognitions.

Class rank refers to a student's GPA in relation to other students in the same grade. Class rank may be an actual number, such as ranked 30 out of 900 students, or a percentage like the top 5 percent of the graduating class.

Cum laude is a Latin phrase that means "with praise/honor." Educational institutions use one of three phrases



to signify academic degrees that were awarded with honor. The phrases usually are utilized by colleges and universities. Schools have different criteria that must be met for these honors. Summa cum laude is the highest level of distinction, magna cum laude is next and that is followed by cum laude.

It is a great honor to be named valedictorian or salutatorian, and it is an honor worth celebrating at graduation and beyond.



Zach Akin



Ashtin Arthurs



Gradyn Binger



Riley Brabant

REDFIELD

Seniors at Redfield High School will receive their diplomas at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at the Kenneth Greeno Physical Education Building.

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Redfield

Kibble Equipment
Center for Independence



Class Motto:

“If you put the effort in, you’ll get what you want.” – *Kim Kardashian*

Flower: White Ranunculus

with Blue Baby’s Breath

Colors: White and Gold

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Ashlyn Clausen



Orlando Cruz



Hayleigh Davidson



Tyler Esser



Elizabeth Evans



Gracie Fast

Iroquois continues . . .



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Annie Smith



Mallory Smith



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Marie Weller



Mason Whitley



Kyle Woodring



Bryson Zens

**Celebrating
Our Graduates**
Congratulations & best wishes!

A large graphic celebrating graduates. It features the text 'Celebrating Our Graduates' in a large, bold, serif font, with 'Congratulations & best wishes!' in a smaller, italicized serif font below it. The graphic is decorated with several graduation-related icons: a mortarboard cap, a rolled-up diploma, and two silhouettes of graduates in gowns. One silhouette is on the left, holding a diploma, and another is on the right, holding a mortarboard cap and a diploma. There are also decorative floral-like shapes in the background.

SANBORN CENTRAL

Sanborn Central High School will hold graduation exercises at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at 4 p.m. in the Sanborn Central gymnasium in Forestburg.

Honor students include Ellie Evans, validictorian, and Kenlie Fridley, salutatorian.

Class Motto: "It will never be perfect ... make it work."

Class Colors: Red, White and Royal Blue

Class Flower: White Carnations



Jaxson Applegarth



Casady Dean



Ellie Evans



Kenlie Fridley



Michael Hoffman



Averie Johnson

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Toby Kneen



Jessie Krueger



Brady Larson



Sidney Salas



Cole Brenden



Madison Burke



Chase Chambers



Kaplan Felberg



Braeden Johnson



Hobie Johnson



Mitchell Larson



Alicia Vig



Jeb Wilen

WILLOW LAKE

Seniors at Willow Lake High School will receive their diplomas during graduation exercises at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 14, in the Willow Lake Auditorium.

Guest speaker will be Terry Schlager, a lifelong Clark County resident, auctioneer and farmer.

Valedictorian is Madison Burke and salutatorian is Alicia Vig.

Other honor graduates are Cole Brenden, Chase Chambers, Kaplan Felberg, and Mitchell Larson.

Class Motto: "If you have a dream, chase it.
Because a dream won't chase you back."

— *Cody Johnson*

Class Colors: Purple and Gold

Class Flower: Purple Calla Lily

The Following Business
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Willow Lake

Kibble Equipment



WOLSEY-WESSINGTON

Graduation exercises at Wolsey-Wessington School will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, in the school gymnasium in Wolsey.

Co-valedictorians are Leah Williams and Mya Boomsma; and salutatorian is Sarah Fuerst.

Guest speaker will be Joe Hover-son.

Other honor students are Kaleb Cleveland, Maela DiVito, Elena Fiochi, Keegan Haider, Blaze Herdman, Taylor Horn, Joey Hoverson, Kaitlyn Kahre, Riccardo Maurovic, Mallory Miller, Shealay Smith, Summer Stahl and Emree White.

Class Motto:

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have imagined.” — *Henry David
Thoreau*

Class Colors: Black and Gold

Class Flower: White Rose with Gold Tips

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Wolsey-Wessington

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Ace Realty — Laurie Smith
Mid Dakota Rural Water
Blue, Wheeler & Banks, LLP
281 Travel Center
Huron Regional Medical Center
American Family Insurance
Bauman Agency
Kent D. Clarke Insurance
McGillvrey Heating & Cooling



Kevin Ardon



Sterlin Bonin



Tenneyson Case



Kaleb Cleveland



Maela DiVito



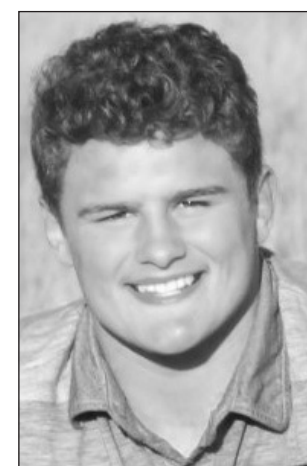
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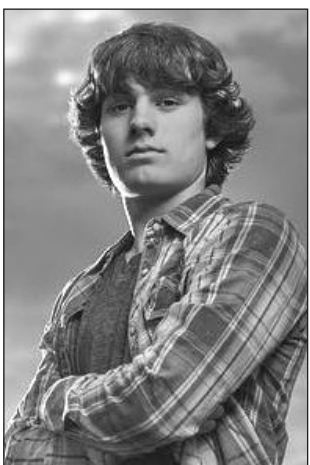
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Hunter Peterson



Daelyn Rainford



Caleb Sargent



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Shealay Smith



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Mikalea Trowbridge



Emree White



Leah Williams



Chris Wuestewald



Hayden Beigh



Sierra Cernick



Kailynn Eggleston



Natalie Evans



Bailey Feistner



AnnaBella Fry

WOONSOCKET

Woonsocket High School will hold graduation exercises at 7 p.m. Friday, May 12, at Woonsocket High School.

Class Quote: “Don’t fear failure, fear not having the chance.” – *Cars 3*

Class Flower: White Tulips
Class Song: “Life is a Highway” by Rascal Flatts

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Woonsocket

Kibble Equipment
 Huron Regional Medical
 Center
 Home Instead Senior Care



Westin Hagman



Michaela Hensler



Blake Howard



Tristan Jensen



Camden Jost



Carver Lindsey



Brody Miiller



Jeslynn Moody



Acaiya Schultz



Hannah Terkildsen

The history of the graduation cap

Graduation ceremonies are a tradition that dates back to the first high schools and universities. While many aspects of graduation ceremonies have evolved over the years, the graduation cap has remained a hallmark of such ceremonies.

Graduation caps are one of the most visible aspects of graduation dress. Many scholars believe the mortarboard style cap graduates don was developed from the biretta, a similar-looking Italian hat worn by Roman Catholic clergy. In the 12th and 13th centuries, students and teachers typically wore clerical clothing because the church was highly influential at this time. Medieval universities helped inspire academic dress, including the familiar graduation cap.

Mortarboards are shaped like a square, perhaps to give them a scholarly appearance like a book or to represent the shape of a quad on the campus of England's Oxford University, where many graduation dress customs are believed to have originated. Others theorize that the mortarboard, which is named after the flat board used by bricklayers and masons, represents the skill of a master workman.

Many graduation caps were initially black or gray. According to the graduation information site Graduation Source, when color photography became the norm in the 20th century, schools began to use gowns and caps in different shades because they would show up in photographs. Schools often coordinate caps and gowns so their colors reflect their official school colors.

While certain degrees warrant different styles of gown, cowls and hoods, mortarboard caps are relatively standard. In addition to the cap, there is a single button at the top. Tassels hang from these



buttons. At commencement, tassels are traditionally worn on the right side of the cap and then moved to the left once graduates receive their diplomas.

Graduation caps are part of the larger scope of academic dress that comprises school traditions.

Millions of graduates across the globe will don their caps and toss them into the air later in celebration of their hard work.

*The best is yet
to be!*

What to know about taking a year off school

Over the last few years, people from all walks of life have reevaluated their priorities in the face of a global pandemic. That reevaluation has led some students to take a break from school.

While taking a break can be the right choice for some students, certain variables should be considered before pressing pause on education. Here's a deeper look into taking a break from school.

A chance to mentally recover

Many students try to press through courses even when they are unwell or trying to recover from a significant condition. This can put students at a disadvantage that could adversely affect their academic performance, which may have an effect on their graduation prospects and future success. A break gives students a chance to get their health, including their mental wellness, in order and then return to their coursework fully focused.

Enjoy a renewed vigor for academics

Some students may begin courses without a solid plan for the future. In such instances, students could be paying tuition for courses they're not interested in. A break can offer students an opportunity to reassess the direction they're going in and come back to school with a fresh approach for the future.

Student loan grace period

College students who have federal student loans in the United States are entitled to one six-month grace period during which payments will not be required, according to Forbes Advisor. After a student drops below part-time status, the grace period begins. Someone who takes a semester off from school may trigger that grace period clock. When the student returns to school and then graduates, or if he or she chooses to leave again, repayment of the loan will begin immediately, as a second six-month grace period is not permitted.

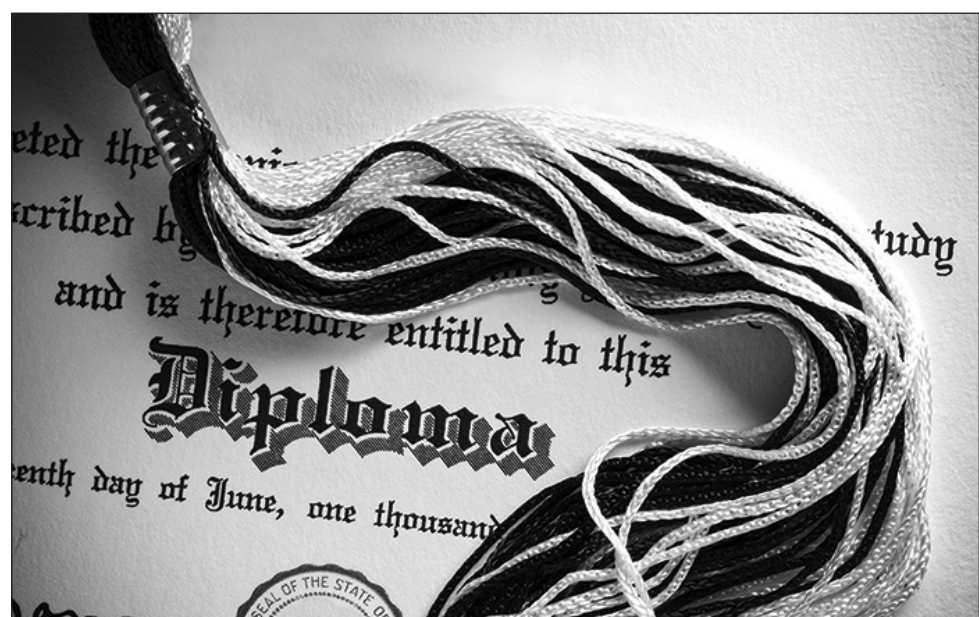
Internships

Some students take a break from school because an internship opens up outside of the time parameters set by some schools. Internships tend to occur in junior or senior years of college and could earn students college credit.

Scholarship eligibility

Leaving school before the year is over may affect scholarship eligibility, as scholarships often are contingent on students attending school full-time. A student can speak with his or her school's finance office or bursar to see if a prorated repayment may be necessary and/or to defer an upcoming semester scholarship until they return.

There are many reasons students might want to take a break from academics. Before pumping the brakes on school students should be confirm the long-term effects such a break will have on their academic standing.



Diploma display ideas

Graduation day is one of the proudest moments in students' academic careers. Diplomas are symbolic of hours spent honing skills and working on assignments and, ultimately, success in the classroom. High school diplomas represent an opportunity to go on to higher learning or a trade, while college degrees indicate young people are ready to begin their professional lives.

Many graduates are excited about the prospect of receiving their diplomas. Once in hand, the document can be put on display. The following are some unique ways to showcase diplomas at home or at work.

Framing

One of the classic ways to display a diploma is in a frame. Many businesses offer customized framing where the frame material and the matting can be chosen. Some grads may want to include a photograph of the school or a picture of the graduate above the diploma. Graduates also may want to select a frame and mat that coordinates with school colors.

Create a shadow box

Consider displaying the diploma with other mementos from school. A shadow box is a large, deep display frame that can house items that are thicker than photographs or papers.

Items such as a graduation tassel, medal or other award, a varsity jacket patch, or a program from a school performance or awards ceremony can be placed in the shadow box.

Create a photo wall

Display the diploma among other framed photos from school activities. This can elicit a trip down memory lane every time the wall is viewed. Some families may want to display their diplomas together, especially if multiple family members attended the same school.

Make a work of art

Various online art vendors can turn the diploma into different works of art. For example, engravers can laser engrave the diploma onto a wooden plaque. Then the diploma can be displayed in one location and the wood plaque in another.

Place it under glass

Display the diploma beneath the glass top of a coffee table. When entertaining guests, the diploma can make for a unique conversation piece.

A school diploma is worthy of recognition. There are various creative ways to display these documents that reflect the hard work and success of their recipients.

Popular graduation traditions

Graduation is steeped in tradition. Come the day of graduation, many grads-to-be might be focusing on receiving their diplomas and then celebrating after the ceremony. The hard work students put in affords them every right to celebrate once they're officially anointed as new grads, but before the party begins it can be fun to reflect on the many traditions associated with graduation ceremonies.

Cap and gown

Graduation ceremonies simply wouldn't be the same without caps and gowns. The tradition is anything but new, as Columbia University notes caps and gowns have been linked to academia since the 12th century. Back then, students wore gowns and hoods to emulate the clergy who taught them, but also to stay warm. Many universities dressed their scholars in gowns from the 1700s onward. In 1786, one school, Brown University, even mandated that degree candidates be clad in flowing robes and caps at commencement ceremonies. Though educators and students may no longer wear caps and gowns when attending class or around campus, the tradition of doing so at commencement ceremonies has endured.

Tassel turning

The tradition of turning the tassel does not have the lengthy history of the cap and gown, dating back only decades rather than centuries. Graduates typically turn the tassels after everyone has received their degrees during the ceremony. The turn is symbolic of their transition from student to graduate. Tassels start on the right for high school students and college undergraduates and are then turned to the left, while recipients of master's degrees and doctorates keep their tassels on the left throughout the commencement ceremonies.

Tossing caps in the air

The tossing of graduation caps in the air is believed to date back more than 100 years. Prior to



1912, graduates of the United States Naval Academy had to serve as midshipmen for two years before they were commissioned as officers. As a result, they still needed their graduation caps. But beginning with the class of 1912, graduates were automatically commissioned as officers, so they no longer needed their hats. That led the graduates to throw them in the air, thus beginning one of the more fun and photo-worthy graduation traditions.

"Pomp and Circumstance"

This tradition marked by the playing of "Pomp

and Circumstance" is rooted in the work of William Shakespeare, which makes it seem like a perfect fit for graduation ceremonies. Sir Edward Elgar composed "Pomp and Circumstance" in 1901 and the title for the song was inspired by a line in the bard's "Othello." Elgar received an honorary degree from Yale University in 1905, and during that ceremony "Pomp and Circumstance" was played. The song apparently made a strong impression, as it soon began to be played at various commencement ceremonies, a tradition that continues today.

**Congratulations
Class of 2023 Graduates!**