



You are graduating from Woodward High School during one of the greatest crises that has ever confronted us as a nation. Our very life and liberty are at stake in the titanic struggle that is raging in all parts of the world. Greater responsibility than ever before rests upon the shoulders of every man, woman, and child throughout the land.

You, graduates of the class of 1943 of Woodward High School, have grave duties ahead of you. You must help in every possible way to save and preserve our greatly cherished liberty, which was obtained at the price of much bloodshed and hard toil by our forebears. And after the fighting is over and peace once more reigns over the land, you will have to aid in bringing about a wise and lasting reconstruction, which will be for the best interests of the whole nation.

In the past Woodward graduates have played a very prominent part in national affairs in times of peace and in times of war. Never have they shirked their duty and responsibility.

You, the members of this year's graduating class, will also go forth and take your stations wherever duty may call. Of this I am sure. With this assurance, I bid you Godspeed.

Your sincere friend,
WILLIAM G. CRAMER.