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Where are they headed?



Seniors say they are going places. Where exactly? Even though people changed their minds, there were very few states where the Class of 2006 was not represented. The grade (42 not represented) as of May 2006, was dispersed as above throughout the entire world.



Final lap of our race

'And we are all standing in the winners' circle!'

By: Tamar Ingber

June 4th at 4, the crowd had dispersed. The grandparents slid unnaturally back into the family SUVs. Friends returned to their normal Sunday routine, but the Class of 2006 had graduated. Although the commencement ceremony began with the traditional procession of "Pomp and Circumstance," speakers and singers spiced it up.

"Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light. What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?" said **David Morton, 12**.

For the first time, a distinguished alumni award was presented by Dr. Karen Mantia, her last public act as Superintendent.

"Why not take a crazy chance? Why not do a crazy dance? If you lose the moment, you might lose a lot. So why not? Why not?" said **Brant Osborne, 12**.

It was a good year, according to Student Council president **Kristen Barngrover, 12**, with **Ryan Knowles, 12**, senior class president, while **Gloria Burkhart, 12**, and **Amber Jolley, 12**, later sang "For Good"

from the musical "Wicked" with music and lyrics by Steven Schwartz.

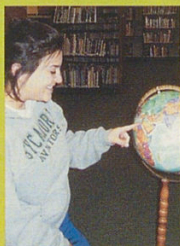
Meetra Mehdizadeh, 12, followed with her student address comparing life's events to egg rolls, more importantly life to a "buffet line, which you only get to go through once."

The choirs bid their farewell to the seniors with "Song of Farewell;" however, the seniors could not leave until they accepted their diplomas with the help of **Knowles**. "100 Years" by Five for Fighting was a duet by **Alan Dicken, 12**, and **Nathan Kaplan, 12**.

"I always thought I would be really excited, and I am, but I am also sad to say good-bye to people I grew up with," said **Allison McGuinness, 12**.

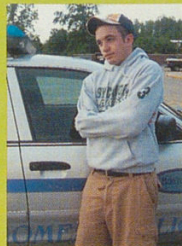
After the names were called, it was done by 3 p.m. and, given an hour to find one's crowd, by 4 p.m. it was back to the real world. For the Class of 2006, their perspectives were then of a graduate.

So, as a grad, what is next?



"Year Course, a program through Young Judea, my camp. I will live, work, and study in Israel for a year. I am kind of nervous to be on my own in a different country, but I'm excited!"

-Caryn Ben-Hur, 12



"The Baltimore Police Academy to join the SWAT team (Special Weapons and Tactics). Though training was hard physically and mentally, I ended up being one of the best trainees."

-Daniel Goldsmith, 12



"International Business major at Ohio State. I speak five languages-Chinese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish, and English. In the future I will study French, German, and maybe Italian."

-Nanxi Shi, 12