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Valedictorian

Good afternoon, thank you all for coming out today to help us celebrate. It's finally here. This day felt like it would never come but all of a sudden here it is. The last thirteen years of school have been leading to this day when we finally graduate.

We wouldn't be where we are today if we didn't have people that helped us get here. So I would like to take a minute to thank everyone who helped get me to where I am today, friends, faculty, and family. I would not be here if it was not for the support and help from these people.

Our class is a very diverse group of students. It is full of future engineers, doctors, lawyers, business owners, artists, trade workers and so much more. Some of the people in this room may one day change the world. Most of us know what our next step is but some of us still have to decide what that next step is. No matter what we decide to do I know we will all be successful because we have been taught that even when we make mistakes or something does not go as planned to keep trying and not give up. We are all hard working and innovative people. As we head off in our different directions, some to the military, some to college, and some straight into the workforce, we will always remember the people we spent the last four years with.

This is a sad, but happy day at the same time. People we have seen every day for the last couple of years, will all of a sudden not be there. We are moving on to bigger and better things in this world. We have such a bright and amazing future ahead of us. All though we may be headed in different directions we will always remember our time being a Westville Blackhawk. This may be the last time that all of us are in one room

together but we will always remember each other and all the memories we have made together. In the future, we will look back on these memories and remember all the good times we had.

When we receive our diplomas we are officially high school graduates and the real world begins. We have all grown so much the last couple of years. From now on we get to make the decisions and decide what we are going to do with our lives. I don't know what is going to happen in our futures, but I know that we will all succeed if we try our hardest at everything we do and never give up. We have many choices to make now and I know that we will all make the right choices and be successful. There will also be many challenges ahead of us but I know that we will overcome all of them. Our class is full of extraordinary people and I am proud to have been a part of it. I wish you all the best in everything you do in the future. Congratulations, Westville High School class of 2017. We made it!

