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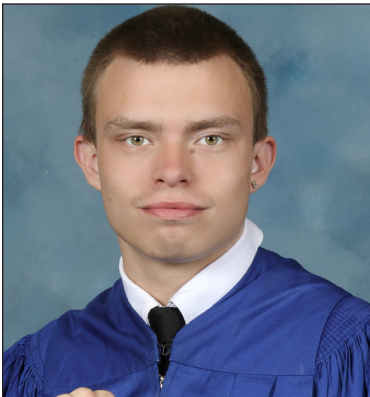
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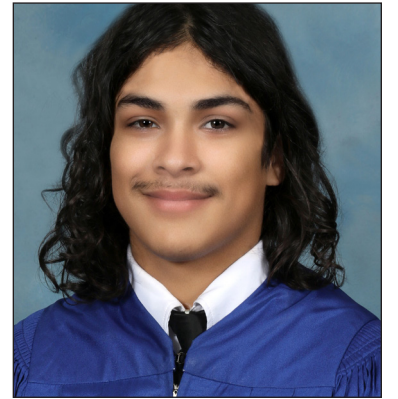
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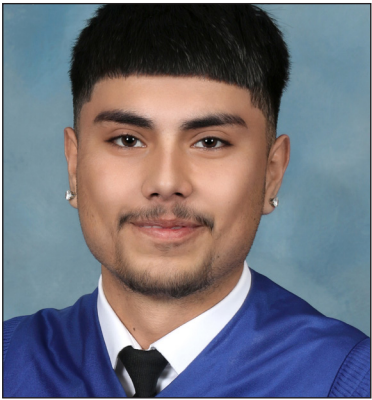
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WHARTON HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN

Juliet Flores

Juliet Flores, the daughter of Roberto and Alicia Flores, has achieved the remarkable honor of being named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2023 at Wharton High School.

Upon graduation she will attend the University of Alabama to study Food and Nutrition. Her hope is to one day work for a private food company and help with their product development.

Throughout her high school career she has been involved in the local Anchor Club of Wharton as President, the Texas District Anchor Club as Treasurer, Workforce Industry Training (WIT) as Vice President, Rocketry with ROTC, FCCLA, National Honors Society and Student Council. Through these organizations, she accumulated 179 service hours and many unforgettable experiences. She has been a 4-year recipient



of the Awards of Excellence, a semi-finalist for the Junior Academic Bowl, received a National Hispanic Recognition through College Board, and placed 3rd for both state and region for the FCCLA cupcake battle. Prior to Wharton High School graduation, Juliet walked across the stage at Wharton Co Jr College to receive her Associates Degree with the ROAR program. Outside of school hours, she enjoys baking, spending time with her cats, and hanging out with friends & family.

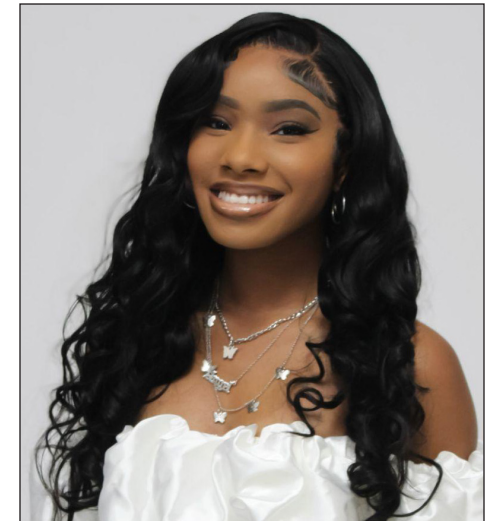


WHARTON HIGH SCHOOL SALUTATORIAN

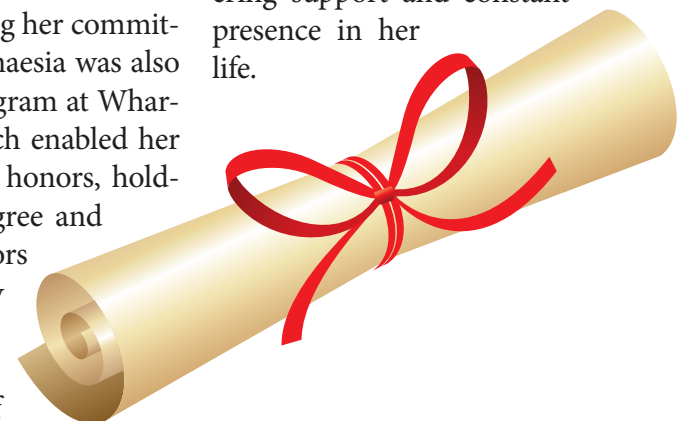
Janaesia De'Shay Sanders

Janaesia De'Shay Sanders, the daughter of Latorya Dickerson and Johnathan Sanders, has achieved the remarkable honor of being named the Salutatorian of the Class of 2023 at Wharton High School.

Throughout her high school journey, Janaesia actively participated in numerous clubs and organizations, including the Spanish Club, Anchor Club, WIT, Student Council, and National Honor Society. In addition to her extensive extracurricular involvement, Janaesia served as an assistant student trainer during her junior and senior years while also showcasing her talents in UIL Reading competitions. Notably, Janaesia assumed the crucial role of lead editor of the yearbook committee, and earned her a floral certificate, exemplifying her commitment to excellence. Janaesia was also part of the ROAR program at Wharton High School, which enabled her to graduate with high honors, holding an Associate's Degree and 61 college credit honors from Wharton County Junior College. With aspirations to delve deeper into the field of



biology, Janaesia has chosen The University of Texas as her next academic destination. With her sights set on medical school, she plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology and subsequently obtain her radiology licensure, aiming to establish herself as a proficient radiologist. Throughout her journey, Janaesia remains immensely grateful to her grandmother, Paulette Dickerson, and her mother, Latorya Dickerson, for their unwavering support and constant presence in her life.



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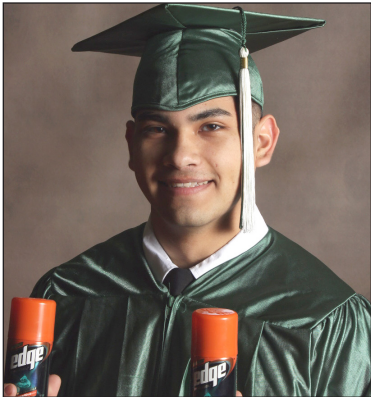
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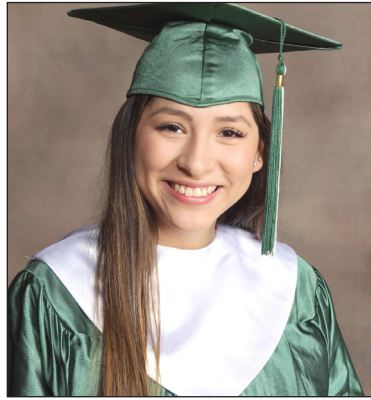
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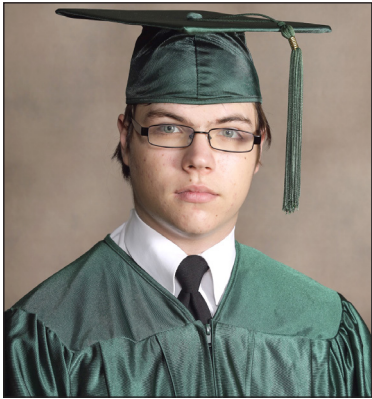


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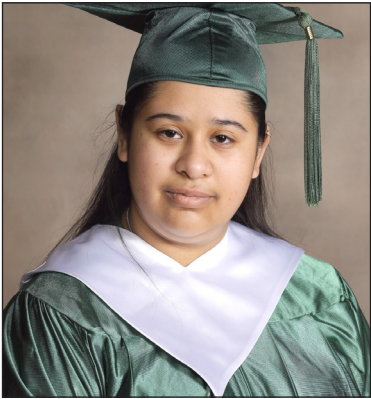
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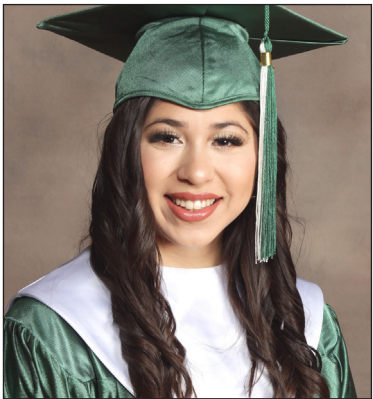
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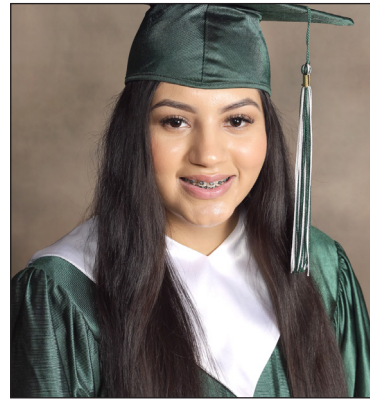
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BOLING HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN

Elise Sharp

Elise is the daughter of Jarrod and Bonnie Sharp. She has been involved in many clubs and organizations over the past four years. This year she served as the FFA chapter president, Student Council Vice President, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Vice President, and National Honor Society Reporter. She was also the FFA Area Association President and the Wharton County Youth Fair Jr. Fair Board Vice President. She was a member of Varsity Volleyball for three years and Varsity Powerlifting for two. Aside from her in-school activities, she has been dancing at Lynn



Bates for the past 15 years and has also served as the Junior Deaconess at her church. She will be attending Texas Tech University in the fall to pursue a major in Agricultural & Applied Economics. Her current plan is to pursue a career in Ag Law.

BOLING HIGH SCHOOL SALUTATORIAN

Franklin Gavranovic

Franklin Gavranovic is the Valedictorian of the Boling High School Class of 2023. He is the son of Daniel and Gladys Gavranovic, and the grandson of Frankie and Meta Gavranovic. Franklin was a three sport Varsity athlete, and was 1st Team All-District Center in football. He is also involved in NHS, Band, FFA, and WIT. After graduation, Franklin plans to



attend Texas A&M and major in Crop and Soil Science.

East Bernard High School



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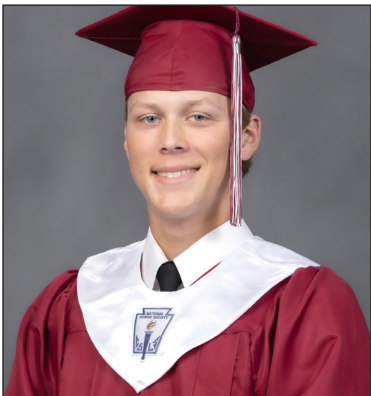
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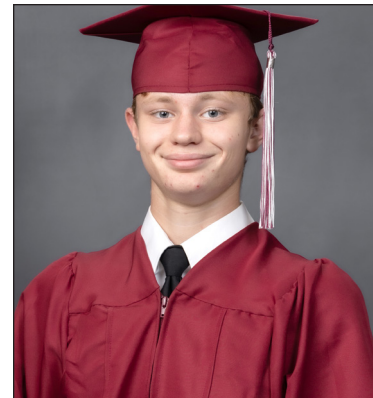
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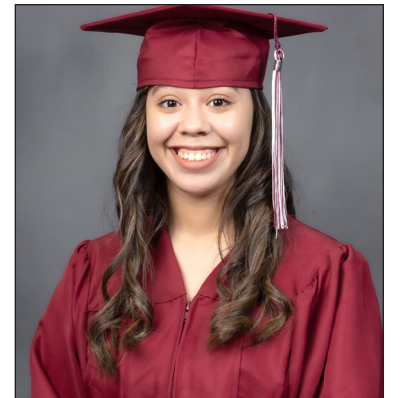
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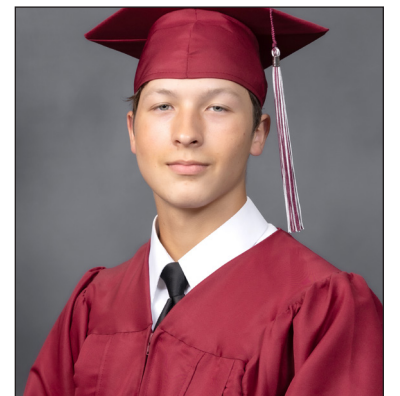
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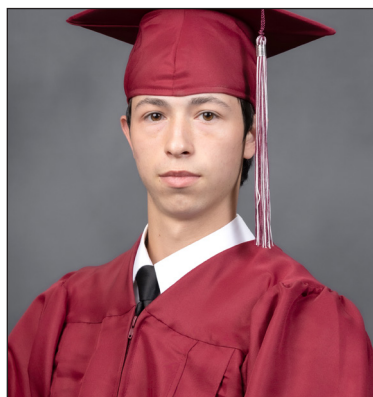
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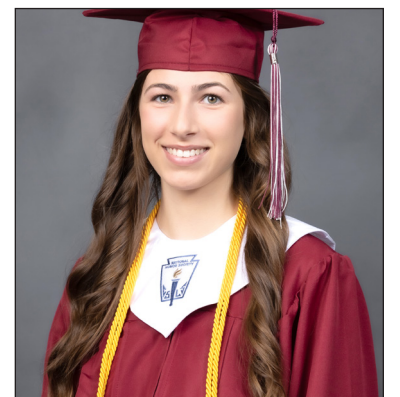
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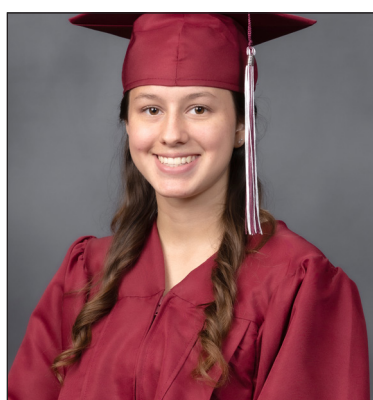
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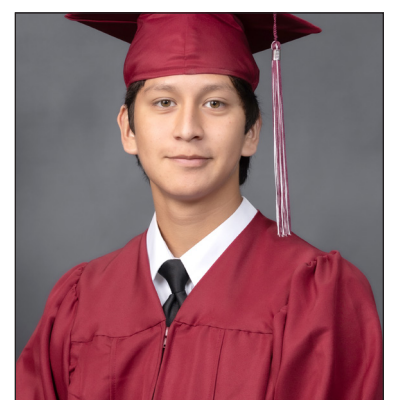
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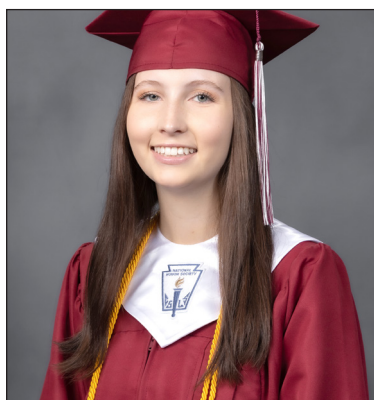
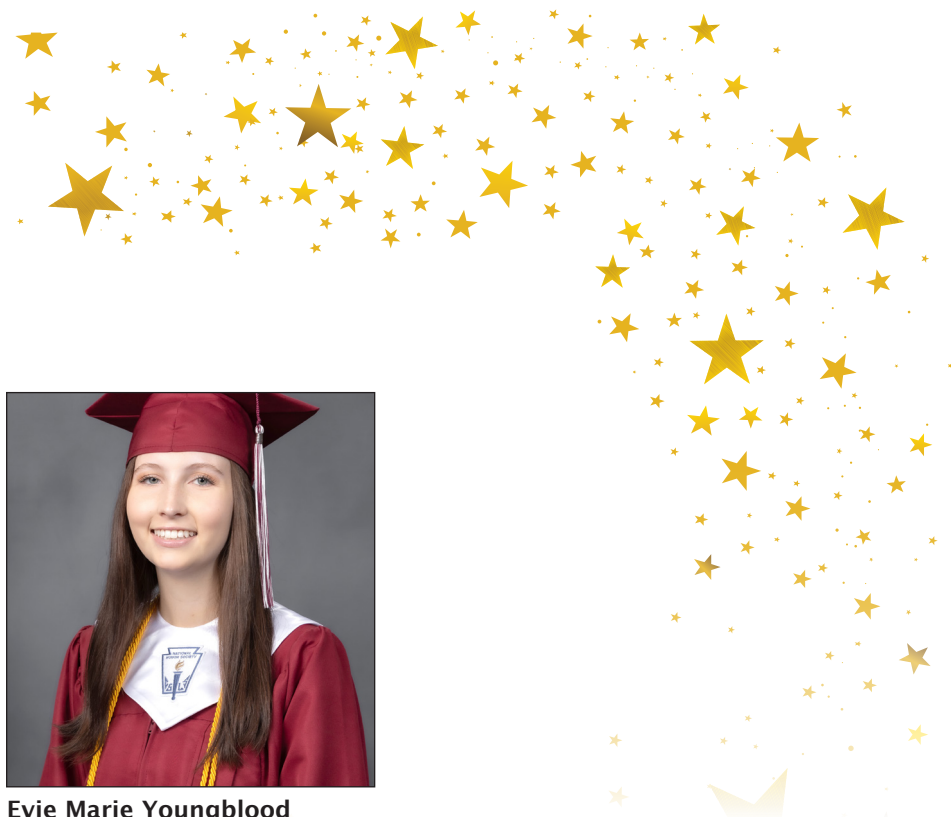
EAST BERNARD HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIAN

Avery Stolle

My parents' names are Chris and Meg Stolle. I plan on attending Texas A&M University in College Station, majoring in Business Administration. I strive to receive a bachelor's and master's degree. I am the Co-Editor-in-Chief of the high school newspaper, social coordinator of Student Council, student advisor of Workforce Industry Training, and an active member in the National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America. Last year, I competed at State Academic UIL in Copy Editing. This year, I received first place in Copy Editing, News Writing, and Editorial Writing at district. I placed first in Editorial Writing at regionals,



and I will once again compete at state in Austin on May 17. I am certified in Adobe InDesign and Floral Design. This year, I received the College Board Rural and Small Town Recognition for my achievements on the PSAT. God is my foundation, and I am incredibly blessed to have the title of 2023 East Bernard Valedictorian.

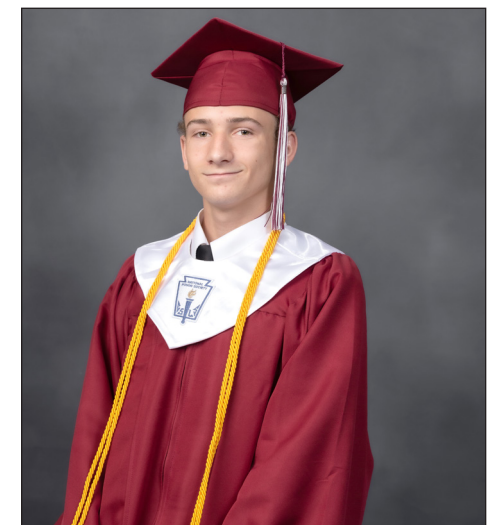


Evie Marie Youngblood

EAST BERNARD HIGH SCHOOL SALUTATORIAN

Colby Kurtz

I am the son of Darrell and Cindy Kurtz. Over my four years in high school, I have had success both academically and athletically. I have been a varsity athlete for all four years in both cross country and track and field, qualifying for the state meet all four of those years in cross country, and two years in track and field. Academically, I have competed in multiple events for UIL, advancing to regionals every year that I competed, and advancing to state in headline



writing my sophomore year. Following high school, I will be attending Houston Christian University where I will continue running and studying Computer Science.





East Bernard High School
2023 SALUTATORIAN SPEECH
By Colby Kurtz

Seniors. I want you to take a good long look around at each other. Now I know what you're thinking. Get on with it. Well, just stick with me. In kindergarten, when I was first told I was the class of 2023, I didn't think I would ever get here.

Graduation always seemed like something that would always be somewhere "in the future" and I'm sure a lot of you felt the same. Well, now we're here. And looking back, it seems like it was just yesterday that I first heard "Class of 23". Time flies when you're having fun, and whether you would call it fun or not, it definitely flew.

From the color songs in kindergarten to never-ending notecards in Mrs. Janeczek's, it was all a blur, yet we can still probably all sing the "Fifty Nifty United States" song.

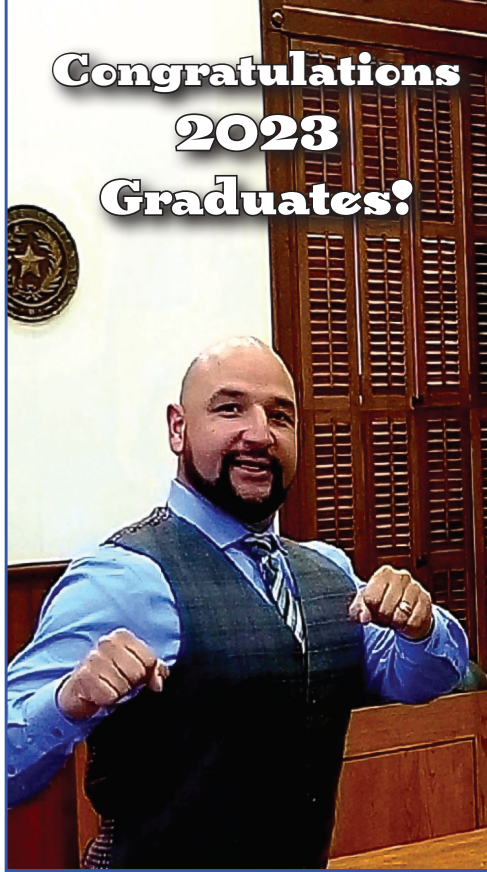
Because no matter how fast it felt, the one thing that we can all take with us are the memories.

So seniors, I want you to take one last look around. These aren't just the people you're graduating with, but the people who have made up your lives for the past 13 years. The people who have populated your memories. The people you grew up with. And while there's still growing to do, we're all the way up, and there's no going back. So when you walk across the stage, don't look back, but think back. To everything and everyone who helped you get to that stage. Because even though you'll hear that we're starting a new chapter a million times, we can't forget about this chapter that we are leaving behind.

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2023 VALEDICTORIAN SPEECH

By **Avery Stolle**

Good evening. I am blessed to stand before you tonight as the valedictorian of the East Bernard Class of 2023.

A year ago, I started journaling to gain focus and understanding in my life. I would like to share a quote with my classmates by Rick Warren that I read in my journal. "Humility is not putting yourself down or denying your strengths. Rather, it is being honest about your weaknesses. Our strengths create competition, but our weaknesses create community."

Many of us have gone through various trials in our lives, and now I challenge each of you to love others not so they will like you, but because Jesus first loved them. I hope this inspires you as it has inspired me to be kind.

As we entered high school, we each had different paths ahead of us that we could choose. Some of us decided to pursue a path to achieve athletic excellence; others pursued a path that led to excellence in theater arts or band, and some of us, like me, chose to focus on our academic studies. However, I didn't do it to get better grades. My goal was not to compete. Instead, my goal was to work as if I were working for the Lord, who traveled through this high school journey with me. As I move on to be a Texas A&M Aggie, majoring in Business Administration at Mays Business School, I strive to follow the path God has created for me. And I encourage each of you to do the same — whatever that path may be.

Like many of you sitting here with me tonight, I wouldn't be here without the people who have shared their love and support.

And there is no way I could be standing before you tonight without the help of these incredible people encouraging me through life's obstacles.

To my mom and dad, who are also hearing my speech for the first time, Thank You. Thank You for standing by my side with encouragement and guidance from the beginning. Even though you might not have known a single thing about AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, or College Government, you sure did manage to inspire me and show me how to have a significant relationship with Jesus. To my sister, Lauren, who has truly inspired me to love others and lead them to Christ — Thank You. I am extremely blessed to call this group of people my family.

As we look to the future, college will be the path for some; for others, it may be the military, or for others a work vocation, but whatever your path may be, I believe in your dedication and your drive to succeed. I want each of you to know that I have confidence in you and that I love each one of you.

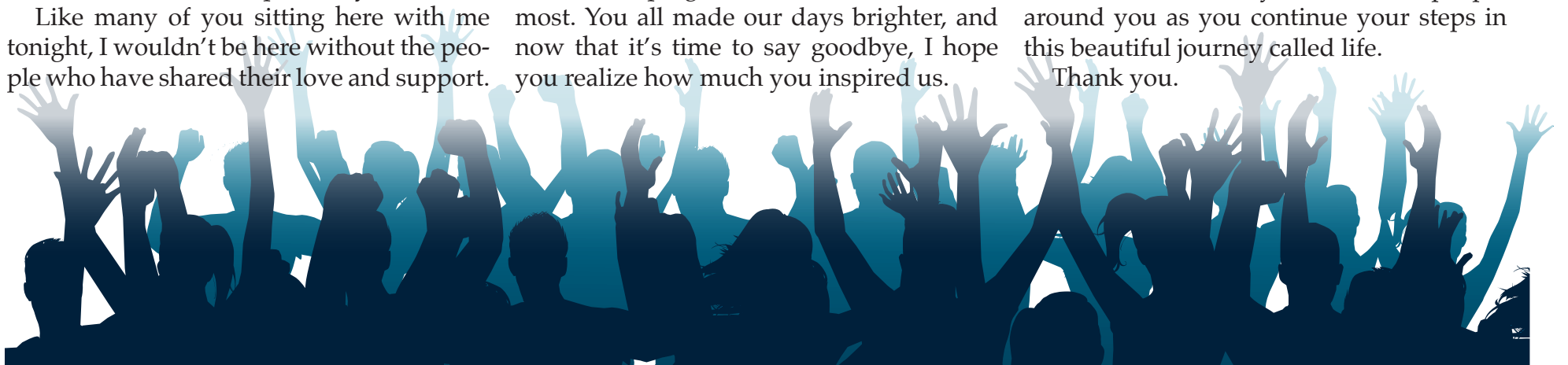
During these past four years, we have been pushed beyond our estimated capabilities. So, to all of our mentors for preparing us for the next chapter of our lives and for truly believing in us: Thank You.

Speaking on behalf of my entire class, I also cannot express how blessed we are to have these amazing administrators and teachers helping us whenever we needed it most. You all made our days brighter, and now that it's time to say goodbye, I hope you realize how much you inspired us.



As I conclude my speech, I want to share a valuable quote with my classmates. Someone once said: "If you had 86,400 dollars in your bank account and someone stole 10 dollars from you, would you get upset and throw the remaining 86,390 dollars away? No. Of course not. See, we have 86,400 seconds EACH day. Do not allow a negative 10 seconds ruin your entire day." When I found this quote last year, it changed my perspective. If you did something you deeply regret, you do not have to drown in it! Because if it never happened, you wouldn't have begun to grow. Cherish the life lessons. Those moments begin your journey to better yourself. Those moments lead you to love the people around you as you continue your steps in this beautiful journey called life.

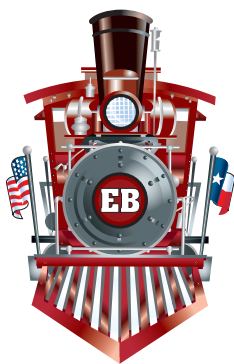
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