

Grace Holle Speech

Well, guys, we did it. We graduated. The pandemic robbed us of our last couple of months together, but here we are. This has been a crazy end to our high school career. It has been tough for me, and I know it has been tough for many of you to miss out on spring sports, competitions, concerts, and many other lasts that we never got to experience. Thank you teachers, staff, coaches, and parents for helping us throughout the years and during these trying times. Most high school classes do not have to deal with something like this. None of us realized when we walked out of the door the Friday before spring break that our days of walking the halls as a student were over. I'm really glad we got to get back together here to see each other one more time as Marysville High School's class of 2020. We've gotten through this, and I'm sure we will make it through many other trials in the future. Now that our high school days are in the past, let's talk about our futures.

I want you guys to fail. You heard me right. I want each and every one of you to fail. Not ultimately, of course, but I want you guys to take risks. Whether it be asking out that special someone who you think is way way way out of your league, or going for a promotion, I want you to go for it. Sometimes you'll strike out, and sometimes you'll hit that ball out of the park. You'll never know if you don't try. I don't want you to live with regret not having tried. Of course, when I talk about taking risks, I mean calculated risks. Don't take foolish risks. Like, make sure you look before you cross the street, don't stick a fork in a toaster, and whatever you do, if you are unsure if that thing on your back is a parachute or just a backpack, don't jump out of the airplane. With all of you going into the workforce, military, or continuing your education, I wish you all the best and I hope you aren't complacent with life, and instead continue to grow as people and make great memories.

Everybody will remember us for how our high school days came to an end, but they'll also remember us for all the things we achieve in the future.