

Happy Harrison grads: Julie Kietls (left), Jenny Brookhaus and Derek Lenz crack huge smiles at the Harrison High School graduation Sunday at Cobo Center.



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Harrison High commencement: a class act

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One of the most academically talented and culturally diverse classes in Harrison High School's history received their diplomas Sunday.

Two hundred and thirty Harrison seniors received diplomas at the ceremonies held June 7 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

"They just accomplished so much — and they came from one of the most diverse backgrounds of any class," principal Clayton Graham said about the

school's 20th graduating class. "It was just a very talented, talented class."

Graduates showed what a diverse area Farmington Hills can be. Only a handful of seniors were Farmington natives. A total of 170 were from other Michigan cities, 38 came from other states and 12 were natives of other countries, Graham said.

The Harrison Class of '92 also received the highest amount of scholarship awards in the school's history — a total of \$489,000, Graham said.

The Harrison High School symphony band and

choir performed during the ceremonies and remarks were offered by class president Alisa Koval, English teacher Laura Sparrow, board of education president Jack Cotton and superintendent Michael Flanagan. Board members Susan Rennels and Helen Ditzhury presented diplomas while assistant principal David Poedige read the class roll.

After diplomas were awarded, the seniors continued a Harrison tradition by singing their class song "It's Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday."

Overall, the day was special, Graham added. "Each one gets better."

Harrison class officers included president Alisa Marie Koval, vice president Benjamin Alan Pinsky, secretary Theresa Ann Kurlo and treasurer Charles Allen Ornstein.

The class colors were teal and silver and the class flower the orchid. The Class of '92 chose "Corpe Diem" as their motto.

Graduation ceremonies for Farmington High School, North Farmington High School, and the adult education class will be featured in future Observer editions.



Horn man: Patrick Rowland, dressed for the day, plays the French horn during the Harrison High graduation ceremonies.



Graduation fun: Harrison graduates Molly Horton (left) and Missy Slain enjoy their big day.

Graduates face challenges

The following students graduated from Harrison High School:

Nicole Addis, Duane Anderson, Frank Ankawa, Theodore Attallah, Jennifer Bahns, Amari Bahrer, Alisa Baumbach, Randall Barber, Jennifer Bates, Johanna Barsamian, Michelle Benadict, Stephanie Bernick, Fred Bidawid, Steven Blackenship, Christine Burrowski, John Bowen, Kimberly Branch, Jennifer Brockhaus, Eric Brown, Amy Brun, Steven Bruni, Nicholas Bulor, Andrew Bulinda, Julie Burke, Melissa Bykowski, Pamela Byrd, Susan Calder, Sarah Cannon, Sami Carothers, Stacey Cemborski, Kelly Chinski, Alice Chu, Julie Citrin, Amber Cloutier, Jason Cole, Kieran Collins, Rebecca Collins, Heather Conley, Deron Cook, Kelly Corr, David Crisp, Kelley Davis, Michelle Davis, Sherita Dean, Michael Deans, Jayson Dettore, Erik Dillard, Thomas Donagrandi, Jason Dreyer, Sean Dreyer, Shira Drissman, Amy Dunbar, Craig Durant, Michelle Dutton,

Thomas Dwyre, Cullen Dwyer, Michael Ellerholz, Matthew Enders, Chad Engelhardt, Todd Farabee, Andy Fitzpatrick, Angelina Fleming, Nema Fowler, Ellina Frankel, Vicky Gazdous, Lisa Gaury, Teri Genschorek, Paul Gileys, Marc Gliner, Jason Gloetzer, Michael Gloetzer, Ellen Goldstein, Matthew Gordon, Kimberly Gottsman, Karen Graham, Roy Granger III, Kristin Green, Christine Grichel, Charles Gross, Michael Gundler, Vasily Gurchumelidze, Amanda Gurwin, Joanna Gutav, Farrah Hall, Chad Haney, Marc Hanosh, Amy Heintz, Cullen Heinemann, Matthew Heinemann, Thomas Hensel, Dan Hight, Steven Hillaw, Molly Horton, Zena Ioshak, Thomas James, Leon Jefferson III, Lesli Jensen, Matthew Jensen, Jill Johnson, Robert Johnson, Shakita Jones, Robin Kay, Stephanie Keele, Janine Kohl, Diane Kempe, Michael Kennedy, and Rachel Kern.

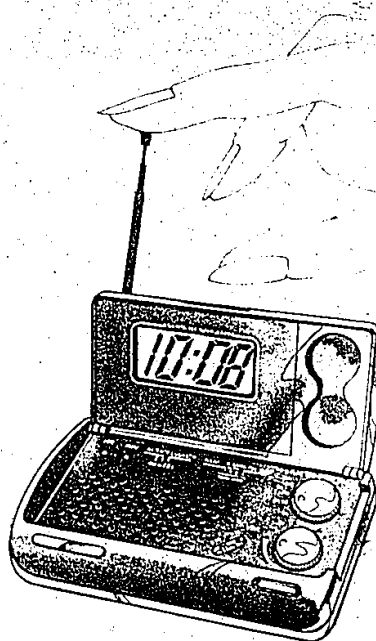
Also graduating are: Julie Kietls,

April Kinkade, Katharine Kinny, Fred Klutzy, Stacey Kruse, Chris Krizanek, Christopher Krolecki, Andrea Kurek, Kimberly Kurliak, Michele LaFlour, Robin Lafluer, Pat Larson, Lisa Lebow, Shawn Legas, Derek Lenz, Melissa Lieberman, Julie Longworth, David Lurie, Chad Mack, Jamie Mackie, Kelly Manzella, Kathleen McAskin, Erik McAdams, Karen McCann, Julie McGinnis, Loreto Mele, Joseph Melnik, Daniel Miller, Jill Minewasser, Charles Mirach Jr., Adam Mura, Jenny Mortenson, Katie Mulligan, Christopher Murphy, Sheila Murray, Andrew Najarian, Dawn Neff, Nadine Nichols, Rachael Nichols, Stephanie Niemczyk, Margaret O'Sullivan, Elizabeth A. Paleta, Mark Passerman, Donald Paulino, Meredith Perish, Dylan Perkins, Michael Pesci, Heather Phares, Lisa Pike, Tracie Ping, Denise Pini, Raymond Pittera, Jeanette Platt,

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