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Happy grads: Above, Harrison gradu-ates Jon Krause (right) and Matt Zimmerer share smiles and a handshake. At left, Stephanie Williamson wears a cap, a gown and a big smile for her graduation at Crisler Arena.

Harrison graduation message: Value family

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Students come first at high school commencements, but parents and family members certainly weren't for-gutten at Harrison High School's

recent ceremony. Cathleen Webb, president of the Farmington Board of Education, made sure Harrison's

202 graduates remembered how they got there in remarks she made at the Crisler Arena grad-uation. "My message was for them (graduates) to focus in on their parents and their families," Webb soid, "and to realize that they didn't get to this spot on their own, that their parents are their most important teachers -

and always will be. "I read the Mark Twain say-ing: When i was a boy of 14, 1 thought my old man was so igno-rant that I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I turned 21, I was amazed at how much the old man had learned in seven years. "They (kids) all kind of laughed. I told them that, as they

approach the age of 21 and be-yond, and as parents keep getting smarter, they should make use of their parents wisdom and advice." Parents and family members were then asked to stand and be recognized.

nice group of kids to deal with," Horn said. "I really enjoyed be-ing there." Horn said a speech by Tracy Porker, president of the HHS Class of 1994, "really hit home with a lot of the kids." "She (Parker) talked about them and how they proceeded through school and the chal-lenges that are shead of them,"

Horn said. "She challenged her classmates to accomplish things. I think that's what touched me." Other class officers were Annada Effick, secretary: and Sheri Stolnack, treasurer. Susan Rennals and David York, trustees on the Farmington Baard of Education, presented the diplomas.

