

Happy grads:
FHS gradu-
ates JoAnne
Childress
(left) and
Angela
Jacobs look
pleased with
themselves.



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Farmington's grads commence as friends

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Farmington High's graduating seniors reached the pinnacle of their 12 years recently with a little help from their friends.

Their class song — by the same name — characterized the teamwork that many learned and practiced as they prepared for their diplomas. Commencement for Farmington High School took place June 5 at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.

"This is a special class, because we embarked on a journey together," said principal James Myers. "In 1990, they came to us as freshmen, the same year that I came to Farmington High School

as a new administrator. We have spent four years together, growing, working and studying, increasing our knowledge and building our characters."

This togetherness was noticed by Susan Lightner, trustee on the Farmington Board of Education.

"Of the three schools, Farmington High was the most lively," she said. "They applauded each other."

Myers went on to stress that commencement is both an ending and a beginning.

New Farmington school superintendent Bob Maxfield delivered the greetings and introduction to the 230 seniors, including Laura McWilliam, the class secretary

who graduated with high honors. For McWilliam, Crisler Arena was a good setting.

"It was neat," she said. "A bunch of us are going to the University of Michigan next year. It was kind of a foreshadowing."

Students selected navy blue, silver and white as the class colors. The white orchid was the class flower.

An idealistic motto by Louise May Alcott culminated their high school days: "Far away in the sunshine lie our highest aspirations. We may not reach them but we can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and follow where they lead."

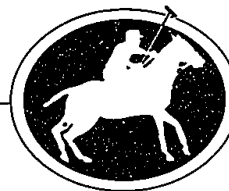


Fun and games: Matt Sproul engages in a spirited game of post-graduate Hacky Sack outside Crisler Arena.



Capped and gowned: Sarah Weber and Chris Meller graduate from Farmington High School with high honors.

The big day: Like the seniors at North Farmington and Harrison high schools, Farmington High's graduates crossed the stage at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor.



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