Message to 1999 grads: Leave the world a legacy

raduates of Farmington's three high schools were urged Sunday to go out into the world and leave a lega-

Cathy Webb, president of the Farmington Board of Education, gave speeches to the graduating classes of Farmington, Harrison and North high schools during three separate commencement

Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.
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successful or unsuccessful they thought they were, ... expressed a hunger to leave a legacy. They wished they could have made a difference. Each of you has at legacy to do what the people interviewed in the book wished they had done."

Graduates listened as Web offered some tips toward leaving that legacy. "As you set new goals, consider first setting your priorities around fulfillment and value and success will surely follow."

Earlier in her speech, Web also thanked parents of carcers, about important earlier important each error with the people interviewed and important sort to the proposed and instrators or events and administrators or events and edinistrators you'll file. "Your memories of teachers and edinistrators you'll the your most important teacher."

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and (the) rehab home I learned a little bit about it," Garr, 18, said Friday. "And I want to give back to society the help that I

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Garr miraculously rebounded from the closed-head injury sustained July 23, 1997, at the Farmington Glen Aquatic Center in Farmington. That day, while Garr was abuy-sitting children at poolside, a heavy tree branch inexplicably broke and struck her on the head.
Garr nearly died. But lifeguards Laura Hryczyk and Molissa.

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In order to catch up on courses missed during her prolonged absence, Garr did work last summer and after school during the year, not to mention a couple of correspondence classes.

About being able to graduate, the teen was ecastic. "L's wonderful that this day actually canot true."

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For the festives, sine win dur-pages at the piano for her moth-er during a performance of the Farmington Community Chorus. This fall, Garr hopes to begin her career quest with classes at Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge campus in Farm-ington Hills.

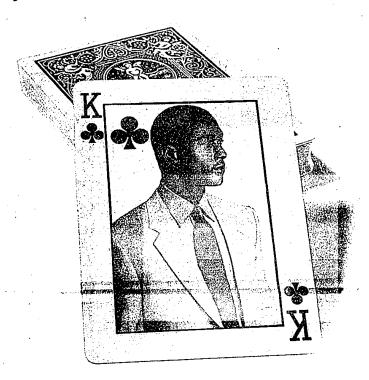
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cation, whose president Cathy Webb later made remarks. Vocal selections for the afteroon were offered by Lindsey noon were offered by Lindsey Dyrkosz, Ashely Weber, Kim Yoder and the Madrigai Choir, directed by Evelyn Schuette. Diplomas were presented by school board member Jack Inch

and Frank Reid.

For a list of the graduates and more photographs of the gradua-tion, please turn to page A10.

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