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## Graduation Day

### Seniors, retirees commence new lives

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The sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" have faded. And finally, the seniors of Harrison High School have graduated and wait to begin life in the "real world." But the memories of Sunday's commencement at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor will linger in their minds forever.

However, the seniors aren't the only ones leaving Harrison High. Principal Clayton Graham, counselor Ann Aresin, English teacher Joyce Caplan and social studies teacher Richard Steele prepare to retire.

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Clayton Graham  
retiring principal

For Graham, who has worked at all three Farmington high schools in his 38 years, this commencement held some special meaning.

"You can't help but reminisce a little bit," said Graham. "And think about other commencements and good times I've had."

Class president Wendy Leland acknowledged the retirees in her speech, as did members of the

board of education. Despite this recognition, Graham did not make any comments during the ceremony as he felt that commencement is really for the students.

Adding a touch of class to the event was the new location of Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor. The new site helped keep Graham's mind off of his retirement as he tried to make everything perfect

for the ceremony.

"The department of high school seniors is always exemplary at commencement," said Graham. "It ends up being a dignified program."

About 80-85 percent of the graduates plan to go on to higher education. But this, according to Graham, is not the important statistic. What is important is whether they finish.

For now Graham is proud to have so many honor students, including four with a grade point average of 4.0. And, he added, to have them honored properly at commencement put the finishing touches on his career.



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Goodbyes: Above, Graduate Marc David Ferguson (right) shakes hands with Harrison principal Clayton Graham. At right, Lynne Pearce cheers as she hears her son, Brett, have his named called during the ceremony.

## Chamber honors Botsford official with Athena Award

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce honored Linda S. Mlynarek, administrator of Botsford Continuing Health Center (BCHC), with the annual Athena Award, applauding the achievements of business and professional women.

Its recipient is selected not only for the excellence she has displayed in her chosen field, but also for her efforts in furthering the accomplishments of other women.

"We are pleased to recognize Ms. Mlynarek as the first recipient of the Athena Award," said Jody Soronen, executive director, Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. "Her efforts and achievement exemplify excellence and she serves as a role model for many other professional women."

Nominations for the Athena Award are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Demonstrates support of the goals of professional women and provides unselfish assistance in their behalf.

- Provides valuable service:
  - a. to business or profession.
  - b. to the community.

- Exhibits initiative and creativity enhancing:
  - a. the efficacy of business or profession.
  - b. the stability and improvement of the community.

- Demonstrates excellence in business or profession.

Mlynarek was nominated by her executive secretary, Kimberly M. Petersen.

Petersen states in her nomination, "(Mlynarek) does not selfishly hide behind her personal success. Rather, she reinvests her time and talent by encouraging her staff to pursue professional and personal goals — education, advancement, community involvement and various team efforts."

Beginning her career as a nurse assistant at BCHC in 1972, Mlynarek has held a wide variety of positions at the facility before becoming its administrator in 1987.

Under her leadership, the center received the Health Care Association of Michigan's (HCAM) Calvin H. Monfils Facility Excel-



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All smiles: Linda Mlynarek, administrator of Botsford Continuing Health Center, is the recipient of the Athena Award.

lence Award in 1992.

In addition, Mlynarek also serves as president of Botsford Continuing Center Corp., the organization responsible, in part, for the development of Botsford Commons.

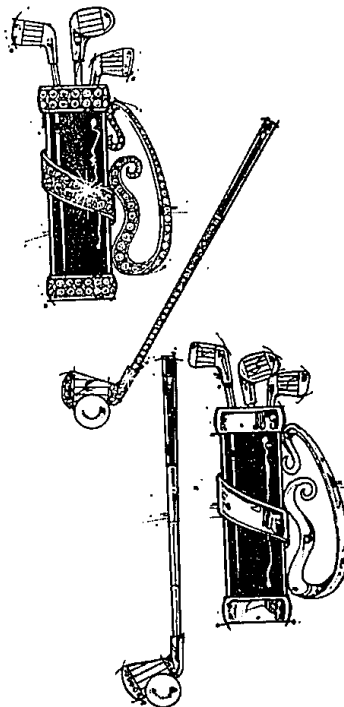
Bob Saks Inc. and the Oldsmobile Division of General Motors sponsor the Athena Award to recognize the expanding role of women in business and industry, and believe that the Athena Award is the best way Oldsmobile can salute them.

"We appreciate the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of individuals that strive for excellence," said Marilyn DeMag-

gio, spokesperson for Bob Saks Oldsmobile. "The Athena Award represents the successful women within our community who have seized the opportunity to overcome obstacles to be the very best."

Botsford Continuing Health Center is an award-winning 179-bed extended care facility.

In addition to providing extended care, the facility provides hospice care, short-term respite care for families that need relief from daily caregiving activities, and a variety of support groups as part of its community outreach program. BCHC is a Medicare/Medicaid certified facility.



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