



Evident: Jonathan Zald shows his feelings on his cap. "Thank God"



His turn: Brandon Adena gets his diploma from Farmington Board of Education President Priscilla Brouillette.

# North grads say adieu

Editor's note: Please see the June 11 and June 16 issues for coverage of the Harrison and Farmington high school commencements.

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North Farmington High School's graduation ceremonies weren't in "prime time" Sunday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Nearly 300 members of the Class of 2000 received their diplomas during the middle of three programs, which began in late afternoon.

But North's was the only graduation to feature a bona-fide Hollywood star. Earning the Distinguished Alumni Award was Pam Dawber, a veteran of television and movies and a 1988 graduate of the high school. Dawber spoke to the students about reaching for the stars — as long as they look within themselves and understand what personal goals mean the most to them.

Of course, the brightest spotlight was on the Class of 2000 itself, which was led by class president James Gabriel, who gave the class address. Other officers were vice president Brian Watha, secretary Meredith Reilly and treasurer Carly

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**Siskind.** Seventy-four class members graduated with high honors, for achieving a grade-point-average of 3.5-4.0.

Of those 74, there were a dozen students who were billed as being the Top 10, for perfect grade-point averages: Christopher Erickson, Daniel Freeman, David Harris, Kelly Karakashian, Brian Lafor, Michael Levy, Ryan Lewis, Miriam Lieberman, Sheela Rajdev, Daniel Shumer, Charles Stambouljan and Holly Stockton. Principal Rick Jones, who officially presented his first graduating class, said there actually were 12 students designated for the Top 10 because of deadlocks.

### Think for yourselves

Before Dawber spoke to the graduates, Farmington school board President Priscilla Brouillette offered up congratulations and words of advice for the young people as they move forward toward college and careers.

"Because you have come to know people of different backgrounds as individuals you will have no patience with intolerance," Brouillette said. "Your ability to work with and treat

people of all backgrounds with understanding may be your greatest strength as you build your futures."

Brouillette, who gave the same speech at the Harrison High School commencements, talked about how the world has changed since June 4, 1970 — the day she graduated from her high school, exactly 30 years earlier. The way in which "the great American marketing machine" has picked up blinding speed in the past three decades is one of the most obvious changes.

There is no indication that machine will slow down anytime soon.

The great American marketing machine would like to dictate what you value," Brouillette said. "It would like to dictate what you wear, what you eat and what you love. Make those decisions yourself. Turn off the television. Shield your time from those who do not appreciate its worth. Spend it instead on ideas, people and activities that will feed your soul."

Brouillette also urged the grads to cherish life, work hard at marriage and parenting, become involved citizens who regularly go to the polls and "expand our circle of caring to include other people's children."

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play, and wound up getting one of the lead roles.

From North, she eventually wound up on the TV sitcom. But Dawber told the students that when she reached that pinnacle she realized that what seemed like success to her was far from the heights to others.

She then underwent a deep self-assessment, and ultimately determined that the definition of "successful" is something all individuals need to find out for themselves — not what others might think.

## ALUMNI

Her message to graduates was to set their own goals and motivations, basing those on inner values and knowledge about themselves.

Even though Dawber later acted and produced a second hit TV series, *My Sister Sam*, and performed in 14 movies, she is building an impressive resume away from the screen.

She is the national

spokeswoman for "Big Brothers and Big Sisters" and is vice president of the L.A. Guild of "Big Sisters of Los Angeles." Dawber also regularly reads to third graders in the Santa Monica Schools and is working to plan and organize an educational theater program for the L.A. Unified School District.

Dawber's family includes actor husband Mark Harmon and sons Sean and Ty. Her parents still reside in Farmington Hills, and both were on hand for the award presentation.



Saying goodbye: Graduate Katie Brown hugs Principal Richard Jones.

## 2000 NORTH FARMINGTON GRADUATES:

Below is a list of North Farmington High School students who graduated in June 4 commencement ceremonies, Harrison and Farmington graduates will be highlighted in Sunday and the following Thursday Observers.

**A** Linda J. Abro, Jennifer L. Acrich, Richard J. Adams III, Brandon B. Adena, Matthew S. Adler, Jenna N. Agosta, Julie A. Allen, Stefania E. Allen, Mark A. Alperin, Pranathi Amorwal, Brett C. Anchill, Sara E. Armstrong, Tinelle T. Asmar, Lindsay A. Austin, Edward F. Azar

**B** Susan B. Bartus, Jamie J. Baughman, Anthony D. Beal, Laura E. Beon, Nilsen Ben-Gal, Bridget Whendler, Heesa N. Bonhoff, Lindsay B. Borbiglia, Lisa M. Boronholz, Alana S. Berlin-Herman, Patricia L. Berry, Nina Bianchi, Jessica L. Bigelman, David I. Bodzin, Brent R. Bortman, Brian A. Bortman, Daniel R. Bowman, Cristina Bosintan, Adrian D. Bridges, Scott M. Brilla, Katie E. Brown, Brian O. Buehl

**C** Sherice D. Carter, Adam M. Casini, Allen Y. Chen, Debby S. Chen, Esther H. Choi, Trevor J. Clarke, Christopher L. Clayson, Dayna N. Clements, William C. Cobbe IV, Carrie J. Coon, Samantha E. Cohen, Jessica A. Colman, Stephen R. Colquitt Jr., Jacqueline N. Cottreau, Sarah M. Cullins

**D** Kelly L. Dempsey, Gjon Djokaj, Kelly C. Downey, Brady P. Dwyer

**E** Allison M. Edwards, David M. Ehrlich, Stefania E. Elson, Christopher L. Erickson

**F** Pedram Farnia, Michael Faulk, Katie S. Feldman, David A. Fienman, Lindsey J. Fink, Meredith A. Fleming, Robin Floutier, Gregory L. Fox, Ann T. Frank, Heidi E. Frank, Daniel J. Freeman

**G** James S. Gabriel, Michelle T. Gabriel, Annette M. Galda, Jennifer Galbraith, Evan L. Garofoli, Vanessa V. Ghevara, Andrew C. Golaszewski, Jillian D. Gold, Jared J. Goldman, Jared A. Gorbach, Louise J. Gore, Paula M. Graff, Ajitpal S. Grewal, Tara K. Gridler, Edward J. Grossi, Rimma Gutman

**H** Emily R. Halberg, Ryan M. Hale, Christina M. Hanna, Shannon L. Harney, David A. Harris, Jamie E. Harris, Whitney T. Hawkins, Shawn H. Head, Ilana B. Hearshon, Adam C. D. Henderson, Kathleen M. Holmes, Gretchen E. Hols-Pitluk, Brian W. Horr, Erin E. Hughes

**I** Shawn K. Jackson, Rocky S. Jarbo, Ronda W. Jarbo, Stacy L. Jarbo, Eric D. Johnson, Mary E. Johnson, Nicholas C. Johnson, Jordan G. Johnston, Michael N. Jonna

**K** David W. Kaczmarek, Kathryn A. Kadrunas, Paul J. Kammer, Kelly D. Karakashian, Nawar A. Karro, Lisa S. Kashat, Brandon T. Kassab, Marlo R. Kasahamoun, Rachel E. Kasuboski, Arvin Kaeyouhanann, Isaac Kaufman, Kristie L. Keenan, Nathanael L. Kenan, John M. Kern, Robert E. Kerwin, Alison S. Ribler, Jeffrey M. Kingsbury, Jessica N. Kirma, Robert A. Kligon, Melissa S. Klein, Brian M. Krieger, Tall P. Krizer, Robert J. Krochmal, Tracy J. Krochmal, Jarret B. Kruso, Brian W. Kuhn

**L** Angela K. Labergo, Brian A. Lafor, Yazad S. Lala, Patricia E. Land, Joseph K. Landis, Lia L. La Pat, Steven-Paul Lapid, Seth J. Larson, Julie E. Lofton, Evan J. Loibhar, Jonathan D. Lente, Zachary M. Lessway, Jeffrey B. Lev, Carrie B. Levin, Julie R. Levin, Amit Levran, Michael Levy, Ryan A. Lewis, Miriam L. Lieberman, Craig A. Lipson, Michael Livermore, Tierra J. Logan, Ryan L. Long, Jessica L. Lossia, Lorne Z. Lubin

**M** Zachary J. Mail, Julie H. Maltzman, Rana Mansour, Rana M. Mary, Kevin P. Masters, Brian P. McClary, Kelly M. McKoon, Logan D. McLean, Emir Medunjanin, Manas Mohandru, Kyle A. Meteyer, David J. Mikhailov, Michael H. Millat, David D. Miller, Andrew J. Moll, Robert D. Mooney, Sharece L. Muldrow

**N** Raymond F. Naglik Jr. Amy L. Newman, Richard S. Norsington

**O** Laura E. O'Steen

**P** Jonathan G. Panush, Ross J. Patterson, Elizabeth B. Pearce, Todd D. Ponnala, Igor Petrovski, Eric D. Phillips, Steven W. Plunkett, Daniel J. Pollack, Catherine M. Powell, Michael R. Primeau, Amy E. Prout, Kathleen Purcell

**Q** Joseph Qarann, Reem S. Qaranna

**R** Sheela H. Rajdev, Ilana S. Rapoport, Shivani Raval, Melissa A. Reaume, Kelli A. Redmon, Meredith L. Reilly, Kristy A. Reinhardt, Krystle A. Richeson, Stephanie B. Richmond, Adam E. Riemer, Daniel L. Robin, Kristie R. Romaya, Stephanie L. Rosen, Jared B. Rothberger, Jonna K. Rowison

**S** Julia I. Salamon, Robert M. Salter, Bradley J. Scheinker, Kathryn A. Schertel, Stephen P. Schlaff, Steven D. Schullist, Shroya A. Shah, Alexander E. Shallal, Vanessa M. Shammass, Steven P. Shamoun, Benjamin A. Shapiro, Brian A. Shapiro, Brian M. Shapiro, Rachel E. Sherman, Stacy B. Shild, Nicholas R. Shindel, Brian E. Shulman, Daniel E. Shumer, Joan J. Shunja, Sean A. Shunja, Joshua A. Sikora, Mindy R. Silberman, Anthony Simons, Lauren A. Siriani, Carly E. Siskind, Vincent F. Sitto, Todd J. Skowronski, Marissa K.

Sloan, Stuart M. Solomon, Jeffrey A. Sonne, Rachel A. Soper, Alison B. Spalter, Christopher D. Spencer, Derek D. Spicer, Charles E. Stambouljan, Jacalyn L. Stein, Holly L. Stockton, Geoffrey D. Streit, Brian H. Sturman, Jeffrey S. Swinger, Julio S. Szlamkovic

**T** Eri Takahashi, Ryan S. Tappor, Jacqueline P. Tate, Nicole A. Taylor, Courtney L. Terrian, Alanna K. Thompson, Ryan N. Thompson, Jennifer L. Timper, Jessica S. Topper, Lauren A. Turner

**U** Breanne N. Ulewicz

**V** Kara R. Varileno, Jordan K. Vedder, Jonathan A. Vincent

**W** Brian Watha, Daniel H. Weckstein, Matthew L. Weinhaus, Eric I. Weles, Hayley R. Weiss, Emily C. Whitten, Matthew T. Wigan, Nathaniel C. Williams, Omid A. Wilner, Jacob L. Winston-Galant, Eric J. Wisniewski, Katie R. Wolk, Caroline A. Womack, Jessica L. Wood, Joshua J. Wool

**Y** Irene V. Yasenetskaya, Daniel E. Yashinsky, Gabriel M. Yashinsky, Leanna J. Yatomaa, Alexandra H. Young, Candice N. Yousif

**Z** Valerie Zager, Safia Zahoor, Jonathan D. Zald, Emily M. Zanotti, Sarah L. Zicherman