

Grads urged to never settle for the ordinary

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FARMINGTON HIGH

Farmington High School's Class of 2000 filed out of Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township after recent commencement exercises, with words of encouragement and empowerment undoubtedly ringing in their ears.

The professional and recreational were performed by the FHS orchestra, under the direction of Norman Logan. Beginning the program was Verdi's *Grand March From Aida*, while the recreational was *Pomp and Circumstance* by Elgar.

The Madrigal and concert choirs, directed by Evelyn Schuette, performed the national anthem and additional vocal selections.

Make a contribution

"At around the kindergarten roundup time, you drew pictures and wrote stories about your dreams of growing up to be just like your favorite role models at the time, including your parents and teachers," Webb said from the stage. "Now, after 13 years of formal education and your exposure to many more learning opportunities, your dreams and role models have been brought into sharper focus."

Words spoken at Farmington High School's 111th commencement were as prominent as the words sung. Besides Webb, senior class president Jennifer Tosolan addressed grads and their families.

Webb implored the Class of 2000 to be driven to achieve greatness, but for the right reason. She defined "success" more by how they benefit themselves and others than by ego or their accumulation of wealth.

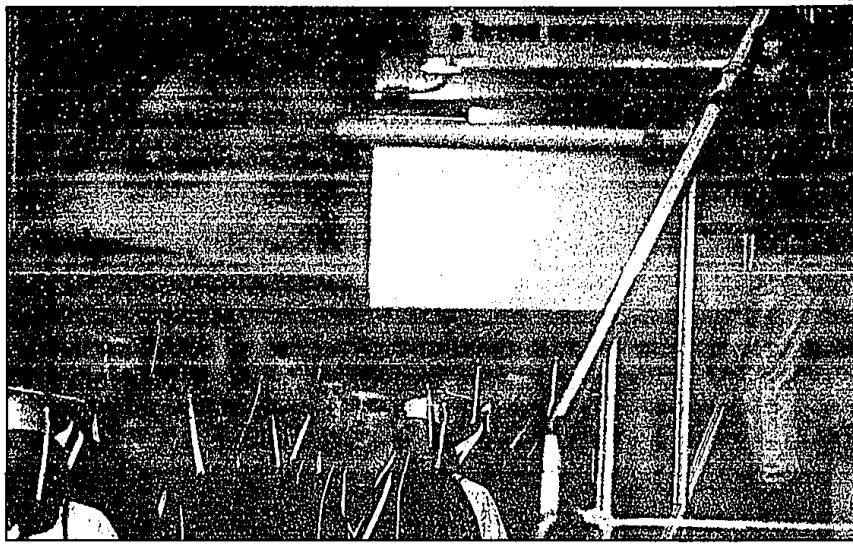
"You become valued through contribution, not through possessions or position," Webb continued.

"Right now, you are empowered to become a 20-something Internet millionaire to a fundraiser for a charity, (to) an Olympic Gold Medal winner to coach of a children's soccer league, or elected president of the U.S. to president of a PTA. The possibilities are endless for your important contribution to our world."

To illustrate, the veteran board member spoke about how Michigan State University basketball coach Tom Izzo turned down a multi-million dollar contract to coach a National Basketball Association team.

Izzo decided to stay at MSU because, noted Webb, he "put legacy and loyalty over an offer that would have both boosted his ego and his income."

Music filled the arena throughout the program, the finale of three held Sunday, June 4, at the facility.



Peeking: A young spectator decided to get a close-up view of the graduates walking out of the tunnel at the start of commencement.

Webb ended her speech by challenging the graduates to excel throughout life. "Never settle for ordinary, continue to be extraordinary."

Class facts

A glance at the FHS graduation program indicated that many members of the Class of 2000 already are so dedicated. There were 69 students who graduated with high honors, amassing grade-point averages of 3.5-4.0.

Many more graduated with honors, attaining a grade-point

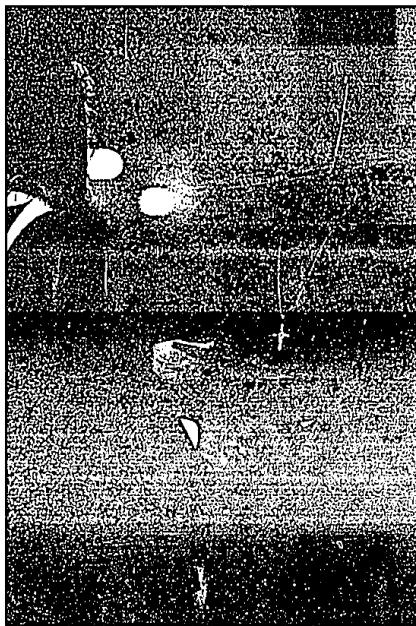
of 3.0-3.49.

Other class of 2000 facts include:
■ Officers: Tosolan, president; Lauren Kleiman, vice president; Lyn Harvie, secretary; Melissa Smart, treasurer.

■ Class colors: Blue, for peace, friendship, creativity, patience and wisdom; silver, for encouragement, optimism and energy.

■ Class flower: Blazing star.
■ Class song: *Here I Go Again*, by Whitesnake.

■ Class motto: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step," by Lao-Tzu.



Congrats: Michael Addison receives his diploma.



Ceremonial: The Farmington High School Madrigal and Concert Choirs sang the National Anthem.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2000 GRADUATES

Below is a list of Farmington High School students who graduated June 4 commencement ceremonies:

A Andrea Michelle Abbate, Diane Joehar Abo, Michael Bernard Addison, Adam Fox Alapach, Jennifer M. Altshul, Nicole Ann Amato, Todd E. Anthony, Brian David Atkins.

B Taubon Robert Baessler, Sarah Elizabeth Bajok, Christopher Ray Baker, Jason Christopher Barrogato, Steven Michael Bender, Brandon Michael Bernier, Lindsay Ann Betts, Nicholas Scott Beverly, Mihai Valentin Bogdan, William Frederick Boskey, Katherine Mary Bosler, Christine Marie Boujoulain, John Damian Boychuk, Joshua James Boyd, Schyler Keith Boyd, Nichole Elise Bracey, Anton Stuart Bricker, Brian Edward Brindan, Abigail Leigh Brown, Beverly Marie Brown, Jessica Suzanne Brown, Tracy Ann Brown, William Giles Bush III, David Brian Buttigieg.

C Tina Marie Cavicchioli, Stephanie Joan Chamberlin, Lynelle Lala Cichosz, James Phillip Clarahan, Jr., Thomas Robert Close, Sarah Victoria Collins, Kurtis Robert Corwell, Bary Joseph Crittenden, Devon Leigh Criskey, Abbey Rock

Cullon, Christopher Michael Cwirka.

D Melissa Anne D'Arcy, Danielle Nicole-Vivonne D'Orsi, Brian K. Davies, Sarah Marie Davies, Aaron Jack Davis, James Davis, Rebecca Anne DePoter, Nicholas Ryan Derocher, Steven Timothy DeVos, Robert Schafer DeVries, Jennifer Lynn Dickey, Paolo Stefano DiClemente, Kristin Nicole DiGiovanna, Radulka Dilat, Kyle Gene Domagnalski, Christa Lynn Marie Doot, Jeffrey Brian Duncan.

E Jenkins Naamdi-Ebitari Ebiwara, Laura Ellean Eldridge, Thomas E. Elliott, Corey James Engel, Thomas H. Ensor, V. Kathryn J. Escott.

F Kendal Lynn Fabian, Kristy Lynn Figol, Michelle Kristen Firestone, Eric Alan Firth, Keith Scott Fleck, Christina Marie Ford, Justin Conrad Frechette, Jeffrey Michael Frederick, Heather Marie Froman.

G Angelo Marie Garafola, Alexander D. Guy, Justin Thomas Gerwatowski, Garlin Dorrell Gilchrist II, Laura Marie Giovannini, Nikki Andrea Giroux, Annie Michele Gourley, Lauren Elizabeth Graham, Mark Eric Green, Lindsay Leigh

Greenberg, Dustin Adam Gress, Kristian Marie Greyson, Denyse Donnylle Guth, Matthew John Phillip Gwynn.

H Stacey Leigh Haberstroh, Erik Joseph Hartley, Lyn Carole Harvie, Elizabeth Corinne Haymond, Leslie Allyn Helisek, Shelby Ann Henry, Brett Michael Hentnik, Brent Ryan Heraghty, Ryan Wayne Higgins, Gabriel Bryan Holland, Ji-hyun Hong, Devin Michael Hopper.

I Barbara Domenica Iuliani

J Andro Lawrence Jackson, Fallon Lee James, Lona Diana Janiklan, Brian Richard Janke, Tatum Aubrey Jermon, D'Elmore Samuel Johnson, Francis Joseph Judge, Victor H. Juncia.

K Jonathon R. Kambouris, Alex Kaplan, Nader Samir Kuttan, Andrew David Konerson, Lauren Elizabeth Kleiman, Patrick John Klein, Amalia Anne Koczura, Blake Allen Koenig, Michael E. Konopinski, James Michael Koursaris, Tricia Rae Krause, Joseph Michael Kremer, Samuel Thomas Kromer, Shannon Louise Krist, Jeffrey Paul Kroeger, Adam John Kronk, Robert James Kubajko.

L Aaron Michael Lako, Paul Michael Lambroff, Marsha Elizabeth LaPlante, Scott Lennon Lorente, Nicole Jade LaVake, Matthew Alexander LeBlanc, Aaron Michael Lee, Marya Kathrine Link, Kimberly Ann Livingston, Stacy Robyn Lorfel, Phillip Charles Lubliner, Elizabeth Jane Luckschaiter, Lisa Renee Ludke, Benjamin James Lukus.

M Julia Giffard MacMillan, Thomas Michael Mahon, Jaime Lynn Marble, Catherine Marie Martin, Sarah Helaine McCullin, Marymargaret McCullough, Jessica Elizabeth McEvoy, Thomas James McGee, Matthew Michael McGrail, Ebony Monique McLeod, Jamie Renee Millitello, Sarah Elizabeth Miller, Justin Robert Milus, Jamie Andrew Miracle, Lindsey Marie Misch, Scott Christopher Montgomery, Renee Elizabeth Morse, Igor Muminovic, Aaron Robert Muncey, Sean Patrick Murphy, Paul Davis Myers, Melissa Lee Mytty.

N Christopher Edward Nigrant, Brandon J. Nelson, Melissa Louise Nino.

O Kristian Lee Olsson, Asad Omar, Meghan Ann O'Rear,

Hilary Jacqueline Ormond, Ryan Patrick O'Rourke, Meghan Anne Osborne, Mark Andrew Ostach, Meghan Courtney Ostach, Mickey Dean Owen.

P Stephanie Elise Pakula, Aleksandra Emilia Palmer, Heidi Marie Paquette, Thomas David Pascaris, Rachit Pasricha, Joseph Cooper Pauley, Elizabeth Marie Paulson, Krista Lee Pockham, Frank Robert Polomsky.

S Kenneth Elliot Bradley Scales, Candace Danielle Schaofor, Aaron Wade Scheidies, Daniel Bryant Schroeder, Chad J. Seaborn, Aaron James Sever, Joseph Morgan Seymour, Gregory Lee Shaver, John F. Shan, Ian Daniel Shook, Erin Kathleen Shuster, Emily Suzanne Sikora, Sarah Michelle Sikora, Jonathon Robert Simmons, Carolyn Eve Skimin, Melissa Joy Smart, Erik D. Southward, Jeffrey Alan Stanbury, Maria Ann Starling, Kristen Elizabeth Steger, Christina Lynn Stevens, Christopher A. Stockert, Jeffrey

Timothy Swanson, Margo A. Szydzielski, Travis Randall Szudajski.

T Yi Ren Tan, Patrick Lee Taylor, Bradford Berratta Tierney, Jennifer R. Tosolan, Ryan K. Toth, Ryan Michael Turk, Daniel Scott Turkovich, Kara Ann Twendey.

V Michael A. Vader, Lindsey Cathleen Venetis.

W John Theodore Waisanen, Ann Elizabeth Walker, Dana Lynn Wantin, Erin Rhea Ward, Nicholas Craig Ward, Ashleigh Jessica Webb, Matthew Edward Webb, Grant Joseph Weber, Jennifer Beth Weiland, Michael Dean Wells, Kristin Nicole Westlund, Patricia Renee Wheeler, Clarence Ernest Whitfield, Arrion Lamar Williams, Kristin Rose Wimmer, Kevin Wong, Sergio Mario Wright.

Y Amy Tamara Yee, Benjamin Douglas York, Gregory Bradshaw Young.

Z Jacqueline M. Zablocki, Eric Adam Zelmann, Roxann Ruth Zimmerman, Jason Robert Zink