

**GRADUATION:** Class of 2016 has been sent on its way

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form of error, and every adversity will only hide, for a time, your path to peace and fulfillment.”

Hosang proceeded to honor salutatorian Rory Petterson, who will attend Brigham Young University next year, with a gift before giving up the microphone to the three valedictorians.

Bethany Bachmeier, who plans to attend Oregon State University, shared a heartfelt thanks to the staff and faculty of Sisters High School. She started by acknowledging the custodians as the “unsung heroes” of the school who also often let her into the gym to shoot her basketball. She noted that no matter how early she arrived at school or how late she left, teachers and counselors could be seen in their rooms.

“Our staff cares about the future of each student, and as such are the foundation of this school,” she said. She concluded by acknowledging the confidence the class has gained, saying, “We were never taught to give up. This is who we are.”

Tara Greaney will attend Dartmouth University in the fall but remarked that no matter where the members of the class of 2016 venture in the future “in our hearts we will still be the kids from a small mountain town, because this is our home and we will always be Outlaws.”

The final speaker, Michaela Miller, focused on the class motto: “Believe in the promise of tomorrow, but live today to the fullest.”

Due to her grandfather’s influence, Miller’s belief is that “happiness is a choice; a choice that breeds success” and she said, “My wish for all of you is that you find contentment and joy.”

Seniors Ross Grant, Noah Eckstine, Megan Ellsworth,

Jessica Shepardson, Cody Martin. Sedona Baer and Nina Horner provided special music and the group knocked it out of the park with their rendition of Green Day’s “Time of Your Life.”

Another pair of traditions followed as seniors presented flowers to mothers and mentors and then the seniors turned their seats around to see the screen in anticipation of the musical slideshow featuring senior pictures paired with baby pictures. Technical problems hijacked the show within the first two minutes and could not be overcome. However, the slideshow “Class of 2016: Then and Now” can be viewed in its entirety here: <https://vimeo.com/169494307/beb44adb45>.

Recovering from the technology setback, the seniors turned their chairs back around and prepared to receive their diplomas. Superintendent Curtiss Scholl greeted each graduate with a handshake, and Principal Hosang delivered



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Tara Greaney spoke at graduation.

the diplomas.

Moments after the final name was called, Hosang presented the graduating class of 2016. Tassels were moved from right to left,

mortar boards flew and the newest Outlaws alumni sped out of the gym to the appropriately titled senior song by Rusted Root: “Send Me On My Way.”

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