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Biridiana Rodriguez

1. "Go to LBCC (Long Beach Community College) and become a registered nurse and then become a travel nurse."

2. "Go to amusement parks — Six Flags, Knotts Berry Farm."

3. "Mr. (Steve) Hoffert. He helped me a lot in understanding math."

4. "Moving here. This is my first year here, and meeting new people was fun."

5. "Get better grades so I could be on the honor roll."

6. "Yes. It's very peaceful here. I like it."

Chase Knutz:

1. "Play football in college and become a teacher. I'm going to Golden West College and will then transfer after that."

2. "Work somewhere. I have no clue where yet."

3. "Ethan McDonald (history). History is my favorite subject. He's a good teacher, and he knows how to teach so the students pay attention."

4. "Winning the state championship in football."

5. "My whole sophomore year. It was just a bad year for me."

6. "Oh yeah. I think I'll come back here one day when I'm older. I just kind of like it. I like that it's a smaller agriculturally based town."

Yessica Roman

1. "Right now, EMT-training at BMCC, and then I'm going to go back to school to become a physical therapist."

2. "I'm working at the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center as a lifeguard."

3. "Mr. (Dave) Rohrman, civics and history, because he isn't like other teachers. He actually

made the class fun instead of boring because history is very hard to make fun."

4. "Meeting all these people. When I moved here, that was very memorable."

5. "Getting way better grades and signing up for National Honor Society. I think that would have helped push me."

6. "Yes, I really liked it here when I moved here, and I still really like it here."

Milton Paredes

1. "Go to college at EOU to become a dental hygienist and try to get back to my community."

2. "Work at Fiesta Foods and be with my family and just try to enjoy my summer."

3. "Mr. (Brandt) Lind, math. He was just really encouraging to me and always tried to help me out."

4. "Hang-out with friends."

5. "My soccer season because I had a lot of fun with my soccer teammates."

6. "Maybe, if my parents decide to stay here and live."

Kalene Wheeler

1. "I'm going to OSU to study ag business management and eventually get a job in that field. I really have no idea where. I'm just ready and open for everything."

2. "I'll be working on a farm to get money to pay for college."

3. "Mr. Roger Berger, accounting. He was always there for us and always was super-concerned with getting us to where we needed to be for after high school."

4. "Probably Leadership. It helped me connect with a lot of kids and really experience high school."

5. "Probably to be more active, just so I could have more experiences."

6. "Definitely. It's a great community to live in, and I'd be happy to come back and raise a family here."



Rodriguez



Knutz



Paredes



Wheeler



Roman

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"Collectively, the class of 2015 qualifies as one of the finest in Hermiston High School history," she said.

Abigail Drotzmann farewell remarks excerpt:

"Today will be hard to say farewell. Most of us have been here at HHS for all four years, and some of us have been going to school with the same people for over 13 years. Today we say goodbye to all of our classmates. Some of us we won't see until our 20-year reunion when we either have a beer gut or a mom butt."



Former Hermiston High School graduate Coty McNeal, facing front, hugs 2015 HHS graduate Ben Parsons after Saturday's commencement ceremony.

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Valedictorian Taylor Katsel Bradshaw welcoming speech excerpts:

"I congratulate you on all your achievements. All of you have earned this because, no matter what people say, graduating high school is hard. ..."

"Dear freshmen, thank you for being the slowest walkers on earth. I congratulate you on your achievements, but honestly, I have a class to get to. ..."

"Dear coffee, you're my real rock. ..."

"Dear Netflix, thank you for being so enticing when I know, deep down, I have three essays and a PowerPoint presentation in the morning. ..."

Stuart Allen, Distinguished Alumnus keynote speech excerpts:

"Have you all wondered what your life would be like in 35 years? Do you think your plans are going to change over time? Do you think if you don't have a plan that's going to be a problem? You're going to remember this day for the rest of your life. I sat in your shoes 35 years ago, and I'm just really thrilled to receive this award and to be here today. ..."

"OK, so now it's time to plan. Webster defines plan as a strategy. You're going to need to have a plan to lead a meaningful and successful life. Believe me, you can do anything if you plan. At your age, I really didn't have a plan beyond just graduating high school. ..."

"I loved growing up here. It was a different time, though. Disco was all the rage. We wore bellbottom jeans. We wore silk shirts, lots of bad hair cuts. There were no cell phones, no computers. ..."

"Yes, it was a different time, but after graduation I still needed a plan. My plan was to attend the University of Oregon until I realized I really didn't have enough money, so I went to Blue Mountain, commuted every day, back and forth, continued to work, studied accounting, and then I finally earned enough money to transfer to the University of Oregon my sophomore year."

"I also encourage you to plan financially for college. It's probably the most important part, and constantly work on your budget, how are you going to get through it all. Being strategic is very important. ..."

"Whether you're headed off to college or trade school or the school of life, don't take short cuts. You'll not only regret it, you'll miss the journey and you'll miss out on learning so much about yourself and the world. Don't ever, ever be afraid of failure. It's merely an opportunity to grow and to learn. Disappointments and shame happen way more often when you take the short path and abandon your ethics. ..."

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