

One score and two years ago, seven of us started our journey here at Richard Winn. As the years passed, we gained a few, and lost a few. But we were always eager to learn and ready to please. We had a dream, and that was to graduate. And here we are tonight in this moment truly. "living the dream." Before I begin, I want to thank our parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, of course, our friends for guiding, cajoling, imploring, and sometimes, pushing with all your might to get us to this point. On behalf of my RWA class of 2013, we thank you.

Those of you who know me understand that creativity is not my strong suit, so when I was advised for this speech I should bust a rhyme, it was "old school" that came to mind... So here it goes...

Now this is a story, all about how
Our lives got flipped, turned upside down.
I'd like to take a minute
just sit real tight.
And I'll tell you all about this class here tonight.

There you have it, my rapping debut and retirement, too.
Now I'll continue this tale before you all bail.

Seems only fair to start with first in the class.
Blake Little for whom great things I forecast.
When she's not busy making straight A's,
She's cheering for the Eagles on game days.
She is also a great pianist to boot.
Next year we will find her in some Erskine group.

This next one always strives for perfection.
It's **Kristin Irby** who's up for reflection.
She's kind of heart and shines like a star,
But crashing into that church took it too far.
Though next year ought to be sweet.
When she's part of the Erskine Flying Fleet.

Sidney Edenfield is our very own class clown;
His jokes and his laugh won't let you down.
Sports and women are definitely his forte,
But without milk and cookies he would not be okay.
A "legend" he became at football camp.
Go on now... to Midlands, you champ.

Brittany Yongue who is always lending aid,
Has been with us since the first grade.
She loves all animals big and small.
A veterinarian is what, one day she will be called.
She is a very friendly person to be around.
After this, Tri-County is where she will be found.

Next up, the "handy-man" which is no pun
It's alright, **C.R. Caudill** told me to say that... for fun.
C.R. is the only one who has been here all 15 years.
If he's not at school; check the farm, he's bound to appear.
If you have any questions about faith, he has the solution,
So P.C. seems to me like the perfect institution.

David Walling is another helpful hand at school.
But to challenge him to a video game takes a fool.
He's just a guy who found his passion,
In defeating bad guys without compassion.
At UAT just keep us in mind,
As you make your mark in game design.

Next is **Ron Price** who steps up to the plate.
And as a baseball player, he's pretty great.

Although he looks quite small,
In his army truck he's unusually tall.
Ron is a guy whose priorities are right.
And at Lander I know he'll shine bright.

Hard to understand, speaking a language all his own,
It's **Quintin Byrum**, behind that inaudible tone.

This kid is rather tall and downright lean,
And on this country- he's quite keen.
Soon he will be preparing for combat,
And wearing a Navy uniform- you can bet on that.

Reigning from Chester and a proud southerner,
This girl's accent is like no other.
All her complaints, she doesn't hesitate to tweet,
But don't judge her, she's really quite sweet.
Ms. **Codie Revis**, a teacher she will be.
After her education at USC.

The last girl of whom I will speak
Is **Pauline Craig** who is anything but meek.
She works at Sonic all the time.
And she's not afraid to speak her mind.
We all know her as Casper,
And it's a Midland's education she's after.

Alright stop, everybody listen,
Check your pockets, pennies may be missin'
Zelick Levy, though somewhat challenged by height,
On the soccer field, this kid's dynamite.
With his sarcasm you don't know what's true.
But it's to Lander he's headed to.

Now **Reid Johnson** is a big, tall guy.
The girls go crazy, for his signature butterfly.
He's always got a smile on his face,
And leaves his mark all over the place.
This dude's athletic; at anything he can compete,
So watch out, Limestone, this is the one to beat.

Even though **Corey Davis** plays three sports,
It's only to Emily he reports.
He's got the best beard in the school.
And can do math like it's cool.
If it's Corey you wish to see.
You'll find him in Columbia at USC.

Taylor Ingle is a mellow guy.
He makes a hole-in-one seem easy as pie.
With John Mayer as his guiding light
His guitar playings are out of sight
One day he will be a millionaire,
Soon after finishing USC Lan-cast..are.

Now for me, you will see
I typically have a type B personality.
To some, I'm quiet, reserved, almost aloof,
But meet me somewhere else, that may not be the truth.

And after tonight, I'm also a poet,
And you all know it.

A scholar with a rapper's heart, I leave you with these words
Sugar Hill Gang:

Sit down, friends, I "wanna" talk to you.
And don't say a word until I'm through.
Now, there's a time to laugh, and a time to cry.
A time to live and a time to die.
A time to break and a time to chill.
To act civilized or act real ill
But whatever "ya" do in your lifetime
I know up is where you'll climb.

- Logan Gibbons, Class of 2013 Salutatorian